



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ruppert called the meeting of Monday, October 28, 2019, to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Ron Ruppert, Vice Chairperson Amy Arnold, Commissioners Don Doty, Jerry Gorrell, Sharron Grzybowski, Natalie Varela, and Youth Commissioner Hayden Arnold.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Daniel Fecteau and Sharon Morgan.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin and Executive Assistant Jamie Salentine.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no comments from the citizens present.

4. DISCUSSION ON TOWN'S FACEBOOK PAGE TO HIGHLIGHT EMPLOYEE POSITIONS WITHIN THE TOWN

Vice Chairperson Arnold reported that she has met with Communications and Marketing Coordinator Grace Rodman-Guetter regarding the Facebook page employee highlight, however, has not heard anything since they met and will follow-up at the next Commission meeting.

5. UPDATE FROM WORK GROUP ON THE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

Vice Chairperson Arnold reviewed the meeting with her, Chairman Ruppert, and Darla Armfield, Former Supervisor for Mesa Parks and Recreation, on public pools. She noted that Ms. Armfield has 45 years of experience with Mesa public pools and would be willing to be a consultant for Fountain Hills. She pointed out that all of Mesa's public pools are amenity driven and on school property. She stated that all the pools have Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) with the schools. **(See Attachment 1)**

Vice Chairperson Arnold highlighted the cost of a pool is approximately \$5 million and that a pool deck lasts about 3-5 years. She noted that the programs drive the design of the pool. She added that the goal for the Town is to attract younger families to Fountain Hills.

Chairman Ruppert clarified that this will be a slow process prior to obtaining a feasibility study. He noted that the next step is to visit a variety of pools with different demographics which is one step of many.

6. UPDATE FROM WORK GROUP ON THE RESEARCH FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Commissioner Doty stated that Senior Services, Inc. (SSI) applied the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation grant for sidewalks in front of the community garden and has been denied.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin commented that the Town has five (5) identified grants that they are pursuing of which four (4) of the grants are in the Community Services Department. She pointed out that tourism has moved from Community Services to Economic Development and that the Volunteer Coordinator position has moved into Community Services. She noted that the Fort McDowell grant to promote marketing on golf has been awarded \$10,000 in funding.

In response to a question posed by Vice Chairperson Arnold, Ms. Goodwin explained that Prop 202 has all grant applicants file through the Town and then filtered to Fort McDowell even though the funding would not be given to the town such as the SSI applying for the grant for sidewalks on Town property they would of received the funds if they had been awarded the grant.

Ms. Goodwin explained that the Salt River Pima grant awards \$35,000 of funding for Special Events that support events such as Music Fest and marketing throughout the town. She noted that she needs to confirm that this grant has been awarded. She stated that Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA, Prop 302) grant is based on the community's bed and tax income and believes the Town will receive around \$42,000 which funds advertising on billboards, Facebook posts, etc. She added that AZSTA grant for the basketball court has been filed and will know more at the end of November.

In response to a question from Commissioner Doty, Ms. Goodwin reported that unfortunately she is unaware of other sources for grants. She added that is why the workgroup was created, however, a report may not be needed every month due to limited amount of grants offered.

Discussion ensued relative to grants through the state and trails.

Ms. Goodwin mentioned that the Diamondbacks grant has been filed and still has not heard anything.

7. UPDATE FROM WORK GROUP ON COMMUNITY CENTER AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

Commissioner Varela reported that a table with a puzzle on it is in the seating area as a test to see usage. She noted that if adequately used an official puzzle table will be donated as well as updated chairs in the seating area.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Doty, Commissioner Varela responded that additional games have been discussed, however, concern is losing game pieces. She added that she will look into.

8. UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH TOWN EVENTS

Commissioner Grzybowski stated that volunteers are needed for home delivered meals and Save our Sculptures (SOS) which meet once a month for one (1) hour on a Saturday. She noted that Halloween in Hills is needing volunteers for cleanup after the event from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. She added that there are two (2) opportunities to volunteer for Turkey Trot; Wednesday prior to the Turkey Trot and the morning of race day. She commented that Community Center takeover is also looking for volunteers that is on February 7.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin reported that an additional volunteer opportunity will be on December 7 for Stroll in the Glow which the Town will be celebrating 30 years of Incorporation and cake will be handed out.

9. UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin reported on Make a Difference day that was held on October 26, 2019 and thanked everyone who participated.

Ms. Goodwin emphasized the need for volunteers for Turkey Trot and variety of assistance needed.

Ms. Goodwin reported on the upcoming special events:

- Halloween in the Hills, October 31, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. – Avenue of the Fountains
- Turkey Trot, November 28, 2019 at 7:15 a.m. – Avenue of the Fountains
- Movie in the Park, November 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. – Four Peaks Park – **NEW LOCATION**

Ms. Goodwin stated that overseeding is currently happening at the Fountain Park, which occurs at this time every year.

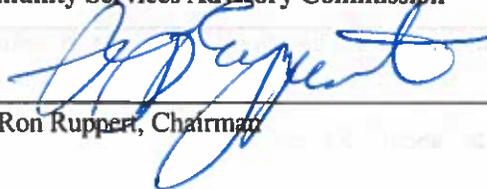
10. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gorrell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Doty; passed unanimously by those present (7-0).

The Community Services Advisory Commission adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

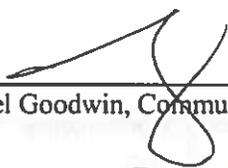
Community Services Advisory Commission

By:



Ron Ruppert, Chairman

Reviewed by:



Rachael Goodwin, Community Services Director

Prepared by:

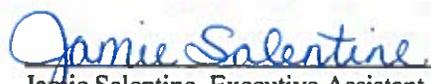


Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Commission Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2019. I further certify that the meeting as duly called and that a quorum was present.

By:



Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

Attachments - 1

Date: 10/28/19

Present: Ron Ruppert, Amy Arnold, Former Supervisor for Mesa Parks & Rec Darla Armfield

Notes from Meeting:

Darla has 45 years of experience with Mesa public pools. Ron asked Darla if she would be willing to be a consultant for Fountain Hills and she said yes. It is her passion!

Darla was Linda Ayres supervisor. Linda handled programs for 7 years. She said Linda would be a good resource for the programs.

Mesa had 13 public pools.

There is only 1 pool left that was built in the 1960's.

Mesa currently has 9 public pools.

All of the pools are amenity driven.

All of the pools are on school property.

All of the schools pay for the utilities.

All of the pools are heated, but only 2 of the pools are heated year round.

All of the pools have IGA's with the schools

City of Mesa paid to have the pools built. About \$5 million each, unless with a lazy river then about \$6.5 million.

Pool decks last about 3-5 years.

Salt based pools cost more than regular pools.

Maricopa County health permits - we need to talk to them - we need a permit to open and a permit to maintain the pool.

There will be regular inspections by the county.

If the pool is built with an IGA with the high school, then it must have an 8-lane competition pool at a depth of 6 meters and a diving well of 13 meters deep.

If you are going to build a splash park as part of the aquatic center, put it in the pool, not separate from the pool. If you build it separately from the pool it won't get used.

If therapy pool, then it has to be indoors unless shaded/canopy area for the elderly (because elderly are sensitive to the sun).

A therapy pool should be 90 degrees.

Whereas, a regular pool should be 78 - 82 degrees.

So a therapy pool must be a separate pool.

None of the Mesa pools are indoors. Too many problems with having indoor pools and indoor pools are more expensive to build.

Mesa pools built for multi-functionality to be used simultaneously.

Maybe get the water donated by EPCOR?

Can recover half of the costs yearly. For example, the 9 pools in Mesa cost \$2.4 million annually, but \$1.2 million is recovered with revenue from fees, etc.

Mesa's aquatic center operating budget is paid from the general fund. It is roughly \$350,000 per pool per year. The improvements come from a "cip or enterprise" fund.

Important: Programs drive the design of the pool. What programs do we want to offer? Determine that first and then design the pool.

Cameras can be used for crime prevention.

Pools can be used for water safety and drowning prevention. The earlier children learn to swim the better off they will be.

I explained our goal of attracting younger families to Fountain Hills. An aquatic center would definitely add to the appeal of younger families who are considering moving to Fountain Hills. All of the surrounding communities have public pools. If a family finds out that FH does not have a public pool they may choose to move elsewhere.

Darla Armfield quote, **"Aquatics add value to a community."**