

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order by **Cado Daily**, Chair, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were: Cado Daily, Chair, Kay Lynn Cummins, Vice-Chair, **Peyton Deane**, Audrey “Luche” Giacomino, Gabe Lindstrom, Council Liaison and Andy Haratyk.

Parks and Recreation Chair Daily welcomed **Peyton Deane** to the committee as a new member. New member Richard Jorgenson was absent.

Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1-Discussion of the purpose and responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Committee-

Daily read “Section II Purpose” of the Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaws to the committee to clarify the role of the committee. She also requested that the Public Works Department inform the committee on significant park changes in a timely manner so as to allow the public ample opportunity to be informed and provide feedback prior to any major park changes.

##### 2-Discussion on plan for Health Path at Vista Park

The Copper Queen Hospital (CQH) has funds to install a Health Path in Upper Vista Park. Council liaison Lindstrom asked about the focus age group and age appropriate activities. Public Works Director Haratyk thinks the target age group is 50 and older. Lindstrom would like to include a younger age group. The City would also like to include a younger age group. A pathway can

have stations; can be a jogging path – a “training circuit.” Discussion included rejuvenating the shuffleboard court for older adults. It is understood that CQH Director Dickson wants the University of Arizona to design the Health Path. The city already has a design. The CQH will decide the paths parts and pieces. The city has designed an outline for the path which will be asphalt. Daily requested a presentation to the committee when the plans get more solidified. The City has no money at this time for the path. The city will be responsible for labor and maintenance, the CQH will pay for equipment and installation. This has **been** a plan for 18 months **and Council Liaison Linstrom has not been able to meet with CQH Director Dickson due to Dickson’s difficulty making meetings.**

3-Discussion on possible agreement with Bisbee School District concerning use by City of Melody Lane School for recreation Center- Lindstrom and Haratyk: The city is considering taking over the playground with an MOU with the school district. Mayor Smith is initiating the discussion. The city will carry the liability for the play area. Neither Lindstrom nor Haratyk had much information for the committee. The area is in terrible condition. Can there be an exercise path at the Senior Center? San Jose Senior Center? Use the fields behind the Senior Center instead? Haratyk: The school is the easiest place for a park, but maintenance will be costly. No other options in the San Jose area are more affordable than the school playground at this time.

4-Discussion on joint meeting with Infrastructure and Streets Committee to new items

Haratyk: Steve **De**y, member of the Streets and Infrastructure Commission, an organic farmer and chemist who is against the use of toxic chemicals, gave a presentation on weed control for

road surfaces. The target area is 1 ft. on either side of the road to get rid of Bermuda grass which is destroying the newly laid asphalt surface. Can't use salt or vinegar, will destroy asphalt or doesn't work to kill roots. Steve recommends the city use a low concentration of glyphosate. Some organic chemicals are so toxic they require hazmat suits because of the high concentration of the chemicals that would need to be applied. There will be a work session in June with the council for this discussion. There isn't an Herbicide Ban in Bisbee, only a gentleman's agreement not to use pesticides.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1-Discussion and possible approval of the Parks and Recreation By-Laws-

Final approval with some minor changes

### 2-Discussion on update of the Pool-

Haratyk: Met with newly hired lifeguards. Shade cloth is over the baby pool, deck furniture has been installed, solar panels will be up in 3 weeks. Baby pool has its own circulation system now. The new pump is fenced. Committee member Giacomino would like to see better security. What about the snack bar? Pool will be unofficially open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday free of charge.

Councilmember Cummins: Volunteer help with coordination with Head Lifeguard "Addy.". Haratyk: Volunteers are an add-on. Swimming lessons may not be offered. Pool will be closed on Monday as a cost savings.

### 3-Discussion on update on Park improvements and/or changes-

Volleyball 12 met with city to create a volleyball court by School House Inn. The Volleyball 12 group wants to go through a 90 day hearing process so to involve the public as there has been

discussion about taking out the basketball court at the site and use it for parking. A unisex bathroom would be nice at Garfield Park. Committee member Deane will form a subcommittee to begin the Public Hearing process. He will keep the P & R committee informed.

#### 4-Discussion on the Return of the Turkey Vulture weekend-

Daily: The RTV weekend was a lot of fun, went smoothly, lots of smiles on faces. Haratyk: suggests RTV be a Parks and Rec Committee function. Daily will form a planning subcommittee for this annual event.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Cummins: spread the word that the pool will be opening. Lindstrom said he would do that on social media.

STAFF COMMENTS:

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Meeting was adjourned by Cado Daily at 6:13 p.m.

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Chair Signature