

MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Committee Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 118 Arizona St., Bisbee, Arizona.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CADO DAILY, CHAIR AT 5:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cado Daily-Chair - PRESENT

Kay Lynn Cummins/Vice Chair - PRESENT

Audrey "Luche" Giacomino - ABSENT (called in to say she may not be able to make it)

Payton Deane- PRESENT

Richard Jorgenson: has not been sworn in therefore he is not a member of the committee until that occurs.

COUNCIL LIAISON: Gabe Lindstrom: ABSENT. Informed Chair Daily via email that he cannot make this meeting due to the 5:30pm time.

CITY LIASON: Andy Haratyk- PRESENT

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, AND/OR DECIDED UPON DURING THIS MEETING:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. Unanimously approved with changes.

1. Discussion on watering parks (Haratyk)-

Vista Park: Every year the bill runs between \$5-7,000 for Vista Park at this time.

Goal is to have grasses green for the 4th of July. Watering stops after that. Last year more spring rains. Discussion: Deane: Can treated effluent be used for watering the parks? Haratyk: Qualitatively yes for landscape and non-potable uses, but practically, no. Logistics of uphill delivery expensive. The Vista is not watered by a truck. Open meter with WVista/Hoatson. If streets department used the water connection, then streets will reimburse parks. He will inquire. Other: The city uses the Old Bisbee pump house water for some uses, but pumping it up from Purdy Ln. would be prohibitively expensive. There is a City well on top of Garfield Park and its water supply will be considered for landscape use to replace some supplied water.

Higgins Hill Park: Irrigate around basketball court and new pickle ball courts but with a non-irrigated buffer of 6ft. from edges of courts to keep water off the courts. Existing system will be modified.

Grassy Park: Now that the plants have become established water use has leveled off to normal watering amounts to keep it green. May's water bill was approximately \$500. The grass is overseeded with winter rye in the winter.

2. Discussion about the Bisbee Unified School District and city of Bisbee agreement to use Middle School Park area.

Haratyk is looking forward to moving ahead on this. No other news.

3. Discussion on current and upcoming activities/changes/improvements in city parks.

Garfield Park: Volleyball Court. Deane will put together a subcommittee asap.

Haratyk will post a public hearing date to start the public comment process.

Vista Park: Haratyk: 4th of July: "Water World"

Higgins Hill Park: Haratyk: Pickle ball Court: Will be posting rules. PB and basketball courts need brooms. Brooms have been ordered but not sure how to make them accessible and safe. Can check out pb rackets at the library, details still need to be worked out. Water fountains will be installed. Daily: can public restrooms be installed or made available for park users? Haratyk: Would need a grant. Each newly built two stall restroom would cost approx. \$65,000. Perhaps a grant to the Cochise Community Foundation?

All downtown Old Bisbee Parks: Haratyk: Bisbee Pride coming up weekend of June 16 and all parks will be taking a hit.

Grassy Park: Daily: What about rainwater tank? Is it ready for the monsoon season?

Haratyk: Parks field staff is down to one with DOC help. Daily will look at tank and report back to Parks.

Daily: when are 2 new ½ time Parks staff, as budgeted for in '17-18 budget, being hired? Haratyk: hopefully by September they will be hired and ready to work.

4. Update on Pool

Haratyk: Goal was met to get pool open for 2017 swim season. The water is clean and pool meets Arizona water quality standards. Cost of running the pool: the strategy is for this swim season to run it bare-bones within safety standards. This will be how staff will know what the bottom line cost is to run the pool. Haratyk wants to be frugal so can keep the pool open. There will be no concessions sold except water and Gatorade because to have an active concession stand will need the attention of the lifeguards. Presently, the pool has the minimum needed for swimmer safety and can't spare (or pay) any more for the concession stand. Lifeguards are now \$10/hr with the new minimum wage. No swim lessons for now, but after two months (August), should have a better idea of the cost of running the pool. Larry Phillips (public comment): had food cart at swimming pool a few years ago and worked a 10 hr day just to make \$30. Just wasn't profitable. Suggest to advertise for vendor, do it as a private enterprise. Presently, there is a private vendor who has contacted Haratyk about selling with his cart outside of the pool Friday- Sunday. Solar panels get installed on June 19th. Deane: Volunteer teachers for swimming lessons? Deane has been getting inquiries. Haratyk: wants the swimmers to be safe so is requiring Red Cross (RC) certification for teachers. Daily: was told that the \$200 to Red Cross is basically just to use the name. In the past, the instructors were not RC certified, but adhered to RC standards and was OK with parents. Haratyk again stated that he wants the public to be assured that the pool is following the safest standards possible, so is will get the teachers RC certified. Will see if older lifeguards want to be certified. When can the lessons be offered? Really busy at the pool now. Maybe Friday mornings after school goes back into session and before lap swim. The water should be warmer because of the solar panels. If the kids can have lessons on Friday, then

maybe they will want to come swim on the weekends. For lessons, can take city bus to the pool. Maybe Boys and Girls Club can help get kids to swimming lessons. Handicap chair in shower: the old one was discarded being very poor condition. New handicap stool(s) will be put in shower. Screening around pool periphery will be installed next week. Daily: has been asked about shade over the pool in the baby area. Now there is shade in the sitting area but not over the water. Haratyk: if someone donates a shade cloth, the city will install. Cummins: Plants in planter on outside of pool building? Can use low to no-water use plants. Need to pull out junipers. Deane will help with labor. Cummins, Daily and Haratyk will come up with plant list. Haratyk can provide a soil mixture (not commercial mix).

OLD BUSINESS: none

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

STAFF COMMENTS: None

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Changing the meeting time to 6pm will be on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING ADJOURNED BY CADO DAILY AT 6:37 P.M.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIR