

MINUTES

**The Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting was held on August 28 2017 at 6 p.m.
at City Hall Council Chambers, 118 Arizona St., Bisbee, Arizona.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CADO DAILY, CHAIR AT 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cado Daily-Chair - PRESENT
Kay Lynn Cummins/Vice Chair - PRESENT
Audrey "Luche" Giacomino - PRESENT
Peyton Deane- PRESENT

COUNCIL LIAISON: Gabe Lindstrom: PRESENT

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 July 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING. Unanimously approved.

New Items:

NEW BUSINESS

1-Discussion and Possible approval on Adopt a Park-C. Daily

Daily was approached by a resident living adjoining a park, who commented that there is dangerous trash at the park that now is being developed for a volleyball court. Daily presented a blank city application for Adopt a Park to the committee and asked if any parks have been formally adopted. She knows that the Cummins look out after Higgins Hill Park, and was told a woman picks up trash every morning on a section of Vista Park. Haratyk said no-one has formally filled out an application to adopt a park. He suggested we reach out to community members to adopt a park as it would be a help to the parks as staffer Tom Kopal has 15 parks to maintain. Giacomino suggested the Kiwanis Key Club youth may be interested. Haratyk said at a minimum, cleaning once a quarter would be great, monthly better. Citizens would benefit from participating as they would have some "buy-in" with the park. Those currently helping with the parks are greatly appreciated.

Park cleanliness/ improvements:

- Javelinas getting into the trash at Garfield is a problem

- New park garbage cans cost \$600 each
- Haratyk is costing out bathrooms for Garfield. \$14,000/2 stalls
- New parks staff hire will be 19.5 hrs/week and tasked with cleaning the parks on the weekends

Park financial support

- At 2018-19 budget time, P & R Committee needs to schedule a work session with City Council to discuss the park's financial needs. Prior to, a special session with P&R Committee will be scheduled to identify needs

2-Discussion and Possible approval of the Art and Monuments in Public Space Application- Carrie

Working with Carrie Gustavson, Katherine Hagstrum has submitted an application to display a bronze statue created by her husband, the late Al Sandler, a long-time Bisbee resident and artist, in the flower bed area in front of the bathrooms at Grassy Park. The statue was made by Al for his brother. The statue will be secured to deter vandalism. The committee has not seen the application for review and couldn't vote on the request. The request was tabled for a vote until a special session could be held. The committee did express informally support the request.

3-Discussion and Possible approval on no glass at the Parks-Andy

The committee unanimously approved a "no glass" policy in city parks.

OLD BUSINESS

1-Discussion on Volleyball Court-Deane/Haratyk

- A public meeting was held on August 16th at the Copper Queen Library with all the appropriate posting, but no-one came. Staff and Deane felt the public process for the court has been satisfied
- Neighbors informally talked with Deane: the main concern was the existing trash in Garfield park, and use of the park after hours for undesirable activities. A neighbor put in spotlights from their yard to light up a dark corner of the park to stop illicit activities. Additionally, a handicap person living near the park wants to make sure the additional parking will not impact their ability to access their living space
- Idea: Can the volleyball group Adopt that park?
- The park improvement should be complete by Jan or Feb, 2018

2-Discussion on Pool Cleanliness- Daily

Daily said this could be discussed in Item #3.

3-Update on Pool-Haratyk (comments by Haratyk unless otherwise noted):

- Pool will close for season on Sept 15
- Solar pool heating system will not be operational by the end of the 2017 season. The installer's engineering designs still have not be received for submission to the county for approval. The warranty on the panels will not go into effect until the panels are operational.

- Giacomino: Haratyk needs to check with risk pool because the “two little girls sitting there lifeguarding all day long in the hot sun” isn’t allowed. Cummins: Red Cross was asked about length of time guards sit, and there is not a regulation on guarding time. Certainly the ideal is for the guards to not sit for long periods of time. Additionally, the guards can sit in the shade of the building if they want, and there are umbrellas over the chairs.
- Haratyk: Pool repairs:
 - Peter Van Gunlach recommends the pool “shoulder” (the place in the pool where the shallow end goes into the deep end) be repaired before the 2018 season as there is a crack in the concrete. The pool will need to be drained. The city has the money to fix it.
 - The coping (the brick work at the edge of the pool) also needs to be repaired. This will be a 2019 project.
 - The deck will be replaced in 2020, but those funds will need to be put in the budget.
- Cleanliness: The pool water has met the chemical standards but it needs to be cleaned more often and better.
- Management: If someone wants to manage the pool next season, please come and talk with Haratyk
- Applicants for guards: Cummins will respond to those who applied for the extended season and thank them and encourage them to apply for the 2018 season. The applicants weren’t needed this year.
- Cummins: The cover has been put on the pool and it made a difference in the water temperature.

4-Return of the Turkey Vulture Weekend Update- Daily

The Return of the Turkey Vulture Committee met and are planning several activities for the weekend of March 9-11, 2018:

- Parade on March 10
- Rescue vultures at the Farmer’s Market and Convention Center
- Kite making and flying at the Farmer’s Market
- Street puppet workshop prior to the parade
- Bobble head vultures made in Mexico of natural materials to be sold to benefit the pool
- A Buzzard Bash at the Bisbee Royal with environmental film series

Haratyk asked if a budget was available as he has set aside funds to help with the event. Daily does not have a budget at this time but will submit one.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Lindstrom: Can’t get in touch with Dickenson at the Copper Queen Hospital regarding the wellness initiative fitness path for seniors at Vista Park.
- Daily: Met with a resident living near that area who expressed concern that the wild and natural area of the park would be eliminated by the development of the fitness area. The resident said there are few if any (there is one – Laverne Williams Botanical park) that are nature watching parks. Daily encouraged the concerned resident to attend the next Parks and Rec meeting to express her concerns.

Haratyk: Parks are meant to be used.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Fitness path at Vista Park.

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING ADJOURNED BY Cado Daily at 7:10 PM.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIR