

MINUTES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CADO DAILY, CHAIR AT 5:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cado Daily-Chair - PRESENT

Kay Lynn Cummins/Vice Chair - PRESENT

Audrey "Luche" Giacomino - UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

Peyton Deane- PRESENT

Jane P. Gaffer - PRESENT

COUNCIL LIAISON: Gabe Lindstrom: PRESENT (1/2 hr late, no notice)

CITY LIASON: Andy Haratyk- PRESENT

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

NEW BUSINESS

1-Discussion and update on the volleyball court (Andy)

The revamped volleyball court in Garfield Park will be starting in about 2 weeks. The work will include:

- New drinking water fountain
- Parking area is complete
- Tree trimming
- Turning net direction
- Taking out some concrete
- New sand in playing area
- Will take 2 work weeks to complete

2-Discussion on update on Solar Panels (Andy)

- Heliocorp came, left today. Panels should be hooked up.
- All permitting has been completed and can "flip switch" on the panels to start them circulating the pool water.

- The plan is to keep the solar blanket on and run the solar heating system through the coldest and warmest months to see what the heating parameters are so to know how best to use the panels.
- The Friends of the Bisbee Pool (FOBP) are waiting to know when the system is functioning so they can launch their 2018 fundraising. Andy will tell Kay Lynn when they are ready.
- Warranty on the panels will start when the panels are hooked up.
- The panels were an outright donation by the Copper Queen Hospital. No MOU was signed by the city and hospital. There is no written obligation by the city to keep the pool open.

3-Discussion on posting for lifeguards and pool manager positions

- Andy and Bisbee Personnel Director met with the SV Pool staff. Sierra Vista pool can train lifeguards for less than Bisbee can train. Training starts mid-March. Bisbee gov will pay for training up front with a new policy that if the hired lifeguard leaves their job before the end of the job, the guard will have to reimburse the city for their training.
- Advertising for positions: March 1. Need 4 weeks to hire and train. When open pool? May 1? May 15? Can the head lifeguard position be hired early so to get up to speed quickly? We need to find some guards who can work when school is in session.
- Pool manager doesn't have to be a lifeguard.
- Kay Lynn requests that hires be local persons if possible.
- No snack bar will be run by the city. Perhaps Project Graduation would like to do it, but they must commit for the season the kids are out of school (June-July). Andy will talk with them.
- Does the title of the Pool Manager/Head Lifeguard affect the cost of the position? Yes. Andy will talk with Kay Lynn (the FOBP city liaison) before posting the position.

4- Discussion on donations for upgrades at parks

- Andy has a private donor to help him upgrade some city parks, a commitment in theory.
- Andy wants to create "experiences" at parks.
- Upper Vista: Andy will start at the top of Vista Park, by the gazebo. Was thinking about an "outdoor gym" station.
- Much discussion ensued about the donation the Copper Queen Hospital would like to give for exercise stations or other specific exercise activity/center in parks. Gabe met with Mr. Dickson (CQH) who told Gabe he would like the exercise center to be at the Senior Center (originally it was thought the CQH would like it to be in the Upper Vista).
- A walking path will be put in at the Upper Vista, ADA accessible and for walkers. Path needs to be 12 ft wide.
- If an outdoor gym can't be put in the Upper Vista Park, it can't go in any other location. Since the CQH would like their funds to go to an exercise activity/center at the Senior Center, then an outdoor gym will not be going in at Vista Park.
- Middle Vista: Splash pad by volleyball court, and playground system. All will need to be fenced in for safety.
- Lower Vista: 10 ft fence" architectural style"- functional and decorative around rose garden. Bocci ball courts and a gazebo will be constructed.

- Andy would love to see a Frisbee Golf course throughout the entire Vista Park.
- Irrigation system will be upgraded.
- Victorian lights will replace existing lights. – same as what is in Goar Park. The city is a “dark sky” city, so light pollution will be minimized.
- Jane: Can lights be directed downward? Andy: lights will be in compliance with dark skies parameters.
- All work will be started after the 4th of July.
- There will be a public presentation and public process.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Peyton: we need a final vote on the Grassy Park flute player.

Kay Lynn : we need to discuss members with unexcused absences.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Andy is applying for a \$70,000 (maximum) grant from Arizona State Parks for AmeriCorps volunteers to map city trail systems and do trail maintenance, starting with LaVerne Williams Botanical Garden.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Flute player, Grassy Park. Unexcused absences by members.

ADJOURNMENT: MEETING ADJOURNED BY Cado Daily at 6:55 P.M.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIR