

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
September 22, 2016
6:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by David VandeVelde

Members Present: David VandeVelde, Laura Bella, Carolyn Bartell, Nancy Peterson, Sandy Wine and Lyla Heigl.

Members Absent: Dempsey Haller (excused), Lori Jendre (excused).

Visitors Present: Lloyd Canty, Ahnis Gothe

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers, Secretary

Dave moved c) Membership, under up on the agenda.

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Dave asked to discuss how the commissioners wished to address attendance at the Parks Commission meetings. Sandy updated the commissioners on Dempsey's health and said she would talk to him regarding his ability to be on Continue with the Parks Commission and report back at the next meeting. There was discussion.

Citizen Comments

Ahnis Gothe introduced herself as a resident of Phoenix and thanked the commissioners for the work they put in towards the parks in Phoenix. She explained she was interested in putting a bench in one of the parks as a dedication to her father who recently passed. There was discussion, with the commissioners agreeing they liked the idea of the bench dedication. Ahnis said she would get in contact with Theresa regarding bench styles and costs and some options of which parks and areas the bench could be installed. Discussion continued with the Commissioners thanking Annise Ahnis for coming to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Lyla made a motion to approve the July 7, 2016 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Dave. Theresa said she would make the corrections noted and email the approved minutes to the commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Archery in Parks Presentation – Lloyd Canty, Instinctive Archery & Meta Self-Defense.

Dave asked Mr. Canty to introduce himself and address the commissioners. Mr. Canty introduced himself as a certified Level 2 USA Archery Instructor in Ashland, Oregon. He explained that in the summer of 2016, introduced a new and exciting archery experience to Southern Oregon called Arrow-Tag. He went on to explain how Arrow-Tag was played and passed around some of the equipment used. There was discussion regarding how Arrow-Tag was played and the bows and arrows used. Discussion continued regarding using the parks in Phoenix to host Arrow-Tag games. The commissioners questioned the need for liability insurance. Mr. Canty said that as an Olympic instructor he is required to carry insurance and that he carries 3 million dollars in liability insurance and that all players sign

waivers. Discussion continued with Mr. Canty asking the Parks Commission for support. Discussion turned to the issue of finding an indoor venue, with the commissioners agreeing he should contact the Phoenix/Talent School District regarding the use of either the high school or elementary school gym.

Nancy made a motion to “Support Arrow-Tag in our parks system.” The motion was seconded by Dave and passed unanimously.

Mr. Canty said he would contact Theresa regarding use of the parks and invited the commissioners to visit his website www.moonbowarchery.com. The commissioners thanked Mr. Canty for addressing the commission and the information he shared with them.

b) New Summer or Fall Event

The commissioners discussed the idea of adding another event fall. The commissioners shared event ideas. Carolyn pointed out There was discussion with an Apple Pie or Pumpkin Painting event in the fall being the preferred ideas. There was continued discussion regarding where the event could be held with the commissioners agreeing once the community center was built it would be a good location to hold an event. The commissioners agreed to keep discussion of a fall event open. No decision was made.

d) Dog Days of Summer Re-Cap

Laura reported that the event was a success. She said there were 70 – 75 dogs in the dog parade and that 225 hot dogs were consumed. She also reported that \$60.00 was taken in in donations. There was discussion regarding what to do with the donations with the Commissioners agreeing they would like to donate the funds to the Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS). Carolyn said she would check with the City Administrator to see if the donation could be made and would report back at the next meeting. Discussion of the event and event participants continued with Laura noting that 2 of the 7 shelter dogs FOTAS brought with them were adopted at the event.

e) Home Coming Parade.

This agenda item was carried over to the next meeting.

f) Parks Master Plan Update

Dave updated the commissioners on the progress of the Parks Master Plan.

g) Easter Egg Hunt 2017

The commissioners again discussed the success of the 2016 Easter egg hunt with the commissioners still in agreement that a larger venue was needed. Carolyn reported she had begun discussion with the Phoenix/Talent School district to see if the high school fields could be used for the 2017 event and she would report back when she had more information. It was agreed to increase the amount of eggs hidden to 2500 due to the increase in attendance. Discussion continued. There was discussion of the event budget with the commissioners requesting Theresa to research whether it was more economical to purchase pre-filled plastic Easter eggs or to buy the candy and eggs separate and fill them ourselves. Theresa said she would report back at the next meeting. Discussion continued.

Councilor Comments

Dave reminded the Councilors that the Annual Report to the City Council was due the end of October. Theresa said she would do the report and send it to the City Administrator to be put on the City Council agenda. Dave said he would like to see the parks maintenance fund increased in order to complete more maintenance items at the parks.

Nancy opened discussion of a dog park in Phoenix.

Laura said she was thrilled to see the gopher problem at Colver Rd Park addressed in the Parks Master Plan.

Lyla reported on activities at Armadillo Tech.

The commissioners discussed meeting at quarterly and the idea of sub-committee meetings for activity planning.

The commissioners each thanked Carolyn for her service on the Parks Commission as well as on the City Council as this was her last official Parks Commission meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for January 2017 with no exact date set. Dave said he would contact the commissioners some time in December to get a consensus for a January date.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.