

**City of Phoenix  
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting  
Public Works Office  
1000 S. 'B' Street  
March 12, 2013  
6:30pm**

Members Present: Nancy Peterson, Satgyano Griffith, David Van de Velde, Chris Luz and Carolyn Bartell.

Members Absent:

Visitors Present: Mayor Bellah and Laura Bellah

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers

**Parks and Greenway Commission Appointment**

Mayor Bellah appointed Nancy Peterson for a one week term until she could be appointed at the next City Council meeting. There was discussion.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Chris, second by Satgyano to approve the February 12, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

Laura Bellah introduced herself to the commissioners and thanked them for their work on the Parks Commission. She also said she had applied for the Parks Commission and was anticipating being appointed at the next Council meeting.

**New Business**

**a) Bike Event - Carolyn**

Carolyn updated the commissioners on what she has envisioned for a bike event and gave examples. There was discussion. The commissioners thought it was a good idea to hold a bike event at the high school on the first Saturday in May, May 4th. Mayor Bellah said he thought it would be a good idea to have a bike safety group help out. Chris said he thought it would also be a good idea to have the Police Department involved. There was discussion. Chris said he would check with the Police Department and the School Superintendant on possible dates and report back to at the next meeting. The committee agreed if May 4<sup>th</sup> was available for both the school and the Police Department the commission would move forward with the idea.

The commissioners discussed holding a family event at one of the parks later in the summer or possibly in the fall. There was discussion.

**b) Volunteer Day - Nancy**

Nancy explained the idea was to have the community help spruce up one of the parks. There was discussion with the commissioners agreeing Colver Rd Park was in need of the most help. There was discussion as to what could be done in the parks by volunteers. There was discussion as to when to hold the event with the commissioners

agreeing June would be a good time. Theresa said she would bring a list of projects that could be done by volunteers to the next meeting. There was discussion regarding donations that could be made and other activities that could take place. Carolyn said she would ask Rays Market for donations bottled water. Dave said he would check with Home Depot about doing a project for the event. There were questions regarding insurance coverage for volunteers. Theresa said she would talk to Eli about it and report back at the next meeting. Theresa also said public works had safety vests the volunteers could wear. Mayor Bellah said he thought it would be a good idea for the Parks Commission to attend the Budget Committee meetings and ask for money for such events. There was discussion.

Nancy summarized the volunteer day discussion for the commissioners.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **a) Community Survey - Nancy**

Carolyn reported the survey would not be able to go out for a couple of months as the Mayors newsletter had no space left in his newsletter. The commissioners discussed what items could be deleted from the current wish list. Mayor Bellah suggested working with Jeff Ballard on a Parks Capital List. There was discussion. Mayor Bellah also suggested talking with Urban Renewal about a community center. There was discussion with Nancy suggesting the Parks Commission send a formal request to Urban Renewal to look into the possibility of a community center. Laura Bellah mentioned the possibility of a dog park. There was discussion. Carolyn said she would call the Rotary to get an update on their next phase at Blue Heron Park. The commissioners asked to have the wish list prioritization to the City Council on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Carolyn said she would report to the Council and ask how funding requests from the Parks Commission should be handled.

#### **b) Band Shell – Charges, etc. - Carolyn**

Carolyn updated the commissioners on the band shell progress and the time line for completion. There was discussion. She also reported the City Council would like the Parks Commission to recommend the fees and charges for the use of the band shell. There was discussion. Carolyn passed out copies of the City of Talent parks fee schedule. Dave reported what he had found out about City of Ashland parks fees and charges. There was discussion. Chris said he thought it might be a good idea to charge for usage of the current pavilions in the parks. Carolyn said she would update the commissioners on the band shell at the next meeting. It was agreed to put this item on a later agenda for more discussion.

### **Park Commission Members Comments/Reports**

Dave reported the community garden is looking at a grant to expand the garden and would need the expansion area dedicated for their use in order to apply for the grant. There was discussion. It was decided to put this issue on the agenda for further discussion.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 with items on the agenda to include bike event, community garden, parks commission wish list and other items as needed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.