

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
September 17, 2013
6:30pm**

Members Present: David VandeVelde, Satgyano Griffith, Laura Bellah,
Biron Carithers and Carolyn Bartell.

Members Absent: Nancy Peterson

Visitors Present:

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers, Steve Dahl, City Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by David Van de Velde

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

New Business

a) Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson – David and Steve Dahl
David explained what the Paxson family was asking for. Steve referenced the information handed out that included a letter from the family to the Mayor and newspaper articles. There was discussion as to Darrel's involvement with the city, specifically Blue Heron Park. Discussion continued. After much discussion Steve said he would do some research on the different ideas discussed and come back to the Parks Commission with his findings. Carolyn said she would call Joyce Paxson and let her know the City Council and Parks Commission are working on what kind of recognition would be appropriate.

Citizens Comments

There were no comments

New Business continued

b) Teen Outreach Program at PHS – Gilbert Roman
This item was tabled as Mr. Roman was not in attendance.

Unfinished Business

a) Parks Commission Survey – David
Theresa reported the survey was ready to be mailed out with the next Mayor's newsletter. Laura commented that she was not on the Parks Commission when the survey was originally discussed and she had some ideas. There was discussion. The commissioners agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting and come back to the meeting with ideas and suggestions.

b) Discuss Clean-up Day – David
David reported the clean-up day went well all though there was not a large turn-out. David suggested having the event earlier in the year. There was discussion. The commissioners agreed to carry the item over to the next meeting and to come with ideas and suggestions.

c) Prioritize Parks Wish List – David

Copies of the goals were passed out to the commissioners. The commissioners discussed the items, taking off items that had been completed and adding new items to the list.

David reminded Theresa that the yearly report of Parks Commission activities for the City Council was due on October 1st. Theresa said she would write up the report, have it approved by Nancy and give it to the City Manager in time to be included with the City Council packets for the next City Council meeting.

Park Commission Members Comments/Reports

Dave – No comments.

Biron – No comments.

Carolyn – Said she loved the flags put out on the North and South islands.

Laura - Said the parks looked great, were safe and attractive.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for November 5, 2013. Items on the agenda to include: Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson and Community Parks Survey.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.