

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
November 19, 2013
6:30pm**

Members Present: Nancy Peterson, David VandeVelde, Satgyano Griffith, Laura Bellah, Lyla Heigl and Carolyn Bartell.

Members Absent: Biron Carothers

Visitors Present:

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers, Steve Dahl, City Manager and Kevin Caldwell,
Public Works Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Nancy Peterson

Carolyn noted that Lyla Heigl had been officially appointed the Parks Commission at the November 4th City Council meeting. There was some discussion regarding filling the vacant position on the commission.

Approval of Minutes

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting as presented. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

New Business

a) Introduction of Public Works Superintendent - Nancy

Nancy asked Kevin to introduce himself to the commissioners. Kevin introduced himself as the new Public Works Superintendent and gave the commissioners some his background with parks. The commission asked him what his plans were for the parks. He said he was still fairly new in the position but was looking at writing a grant for equipment to do movies in the park. There was discussion. The commissioners thanked him for attending the meeting and welcomed his as a new employee of the city.

b) Community Events Ideas – Carolyn

Nancy asked the commissioners if they any ideas for community events. Carolyn reminded the commissioners what the council was asking for and that they had \$500.00 budgeted for events. There was discussion with the commissioners sharing their ideas. After much discussion the commissioners narrowed the event ideas down and prioritized them. Theresa was instructed to send the list to the city manager so he could share the list with the councilors.

After the community events ideas discussion Dennett Sellers asked to be on the next agenda regarding softball use. There was discussion and Theresa was instructed to put softball use at Colver Rd Park on the next agenda.

Unfinished Business

a) Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson – City Manager

Laura summarized the previous discussion on the issue. There was discussion as to plaques already in the park. David thought if Urban Renewal created a new street into the park, the street could be named after Darrel Paxson. There was more discussion. Carolyn said she would talk to the family and see what they thought of the idea. She said she would report back to the commissioners at the next meeting.

b) Parks Commission Survey - Nancy

Laura reminded the commissioners she was not on the parks commission when the parks survey was discussed and she had some ideas she wanted to discuss. There was discussion as to the format of the survey and how to get it out to the public. The commissioners also discussed putting the question of what the citizens would like the signage at Blue Heron Park to look like. Kevin said he would look into signage costs, etc. Carolyn said she would talk to the city council and to urban renewal at their prioritization meeting. Theresa said she would put together a survey with the ideas discussed for the next meeting.

Satgyano excused herself from the meeting at 7:55pm.

Park Commission Members Comments/Reports

Dave – Questioned the terms of the commissioners. Nancy asked Theresa to let Steve know who on the commission needed to be reappointed.

He said he would like to get together with Kevin to discuss the entrance to Colver Rd Park.

He asked the commissioners to look at the community garden expansion plans. There was discussion regarding the expansion process.

Laura – Welcomed Lyla to the parks commission.

Lyla – Commented on how much she enjoyed the community garden.

Carolyn - Had questions regarding band shell fees. There was discussion.

Reported that 19 kids from the high school picked up leaves at the cemetery.

Reported that daffodils will be planted throughout the city before thanksgiving so they will bloom in spring. She is hoping this will become an annual project. There was discussion. Laura made a motion to allow Carolyn to spend no more than \$100.00 to purchase daffodil bulbs. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin asked the parks commission for a letter of support for the movies in the park equipment grant he was writing. There was discussion. Theresa said she would write a letter of support if it was needed.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for February 18, 2014. Items on the agenda to include:

Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson, Community Parks Survey and Softball Use at Colver Rd Park.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.