

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
March 26, 2014
6:30pm**

Members Present: Nancy Peterson, David VandeVelde, Laura Bellah, Biron Carothers and Carolyn Bartell.

Members Absent: Lyla Heigl – called Carolyn to let her know she would not be at the meeting.
Nancy reported Satgyano had resigned from the Parks Commission as she moved to Costa Rica and her resignation left two openings on the Parks Commission.

Visitors Present:

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Nancy Peterson

Approval of Minutes

Laura made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting as presented. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

New Business

No new business

Unfinished Business

a) Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson – Carolyn

Carolyn said she had nothing to report at the meeting. She said she would e-mail the commissioners and let them know what the family had to say if she was able to talk to them before the next meeting. There was discussion. This item was held over to the next meeting.

b) Parks Commission Survey – Nancy

Nancy reported the surveys went out with the Mayors last newsletter and that the response was better than expected. Laura said she collected 28 surveys at the recent town hall meeting. There was discussion. Carolyn reported the county keeps track of walkers and bikers on the greenway and it might be possible to get that information from the county. There was discussion as to how to tally the responses. Theresa said she would make a spread sheet tallying the responses so far and have it ready for the next meeting.

c) Community Events Ideas – Carolyn

Carolyn reported she had talked to Judy Cassad about the middle school band playing for an event at the band shell and was told the middle school band does not play outside of school. There was discussion. She also said she spoke with PHS about partnering up with them on their Fun Run in April and was told that unless we could

provide more parking at Blue Heron Park they did not want us involved. There was discussion. The commissioners agreed that the city needs to look into more parking at Blue Heron Park if the city is going to hold community events there. Possible parking areas the commissioners came up with were the Dun-Rovin property next to the park that is up for sale or the former property of Adams Same Old Place across the street from the park on Hwy 99 as it was up for sale also. Laura suggested a formal recommendation be given to the City Council. There was discussion. Laura made a motion to formally recommend the City Council look into parking for Blue Heron Park specifically the Dun-Rovin property and the property at 168 and 170 S Main St. The motion was seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn also wanted to discuss the idea of a summer event. The commissioners agreed they liked the idea of having a Dog Days of Summer event and including the Jackson County Humane Society (JCHS) in the event. There was discussion as to what the event could include. Carolyn read a list of the volunteer work done by the JCHS volunteers. Nancy said she had already contacted the JCHS volunteers and was waiting to hear back from them. There was discussion. The next meeting date was set for April 30th.

Laura suggested a sub-committee be formed. Carolyn reported that Lyla had told her she would be on a committee for the activity. Laura said she would contact Lyla and set up a meeting and report at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding holding a community dinner at Blue Heron Park. Nancy suggested the parks commission purchase hamburgers, hotdogs and bottled water for the event. There was discussion.

Dave made a motion to approach the community dinner steering committee to look into the possibility of having a dinner at Blue Heron Park in June with the parks commission providing hamburgers, hotdogs and water and coordinate entertainment. The motion was seconded by Biron. The motion passed unanimously. Dave said he would contact the community dinner steering committee with the request and report back.

d) Budget Request to Budget Committee – Nancy

There was discussion as to how much money to request from the budget committee. Dave made a motion to request \$500.00 from the budget committee for the 2014/15 fiscal year budget. The motion was seconded by Laura. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Commission Members Comments/Reports

Carolyn – Reported that Phoenix High School was interested in having a home coming parade in October and that they were meeting on April 7th to discuss it.

Laura – had no comments.

Biron – had no comments

Dave – had no comments

Carolyn – discussed planting daffodils next year

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set earlier in the meeting for April 30th, 2014. Items on the agenda to include: Blue Heron Park/Darrel Paxson, Community Dinner at Blue Heron Park and Report from sub-committee on Dog Days of Summer and Compilation of Parks Commission Survey Data.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.