

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
August 13, 2014
6:30pm**

Members Present: Nancy Peterson, David VandeVelde, Laura Bellah, Dempsey Haller Lyla Heigl and Pam Cooper (arrived at 6:34).

Members Absent: Carolyn Bartell – Absence excused

Visitors Present: Bryce Crawford and his mother

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers

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

Approval of Minutes

Dave made a motion with the motion seconded by Dempsey to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

There were none

New Business

a) Possible Eagle Scout Project for Parks – Bryce Crawford

Nancy introduced Bryce Crawford and gave him the floor. Bryce began by telling the commissioners what he wanted to do for his Eagle Scout project. He explained his idea was to build benches for either Blue Heron or Colver Rd Park. He said he would be fundraising to purchase the park bench kits and he and his troupe would put the benched together and place them in the park. He passed out information on the two different bench styles he was looking at. There was discussion with Lyla making a motion to “Approve the standard park bench design” with Dempsey seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion as to which park the benches should be placed in with the commissioners agreeing Blue Heron Park would be the best park. Bryce said his next step was to ask the City Council for their approval. He said he would be contacting the City Manager to get on the City Council agenda.

Pam made a motion to “formally recommend the City Council approve Bryce Crawford’s Eagle Scout project of constructing and placing benches at Blue Heron Park, first choice or Colver Rd Park, second choice, recommending standard park bench.” The motion passed unanimously. Theresa said she would write the formal recommendation and e-mail it the City Manager, the commissioners and Bryce.

Unfinished Business

a) Dog Days of Summer Re-cap - Laura

Laura reported the event was successful and that she had two de-briefing meetings after the event with Theresa putting together a list of the items discussed. Laura also reported there were 40 dogs in the parade and that out

of the 150 hot dogs there were only 8 left. The lists of items discussed at the de-briefing were passed out to those who did not have them with them. The commissioners discussed the list that included things that worked, things that were needed and other groups to invite to the event next year. There was a question as to whether the Parks Commission could accept donations. Theresa said she would find out and report back at the next meeting. Nancy mentioned there was also an event that happened at Blue Heron Park at the same time and that some people were confused as to what park they were to go to. There was discussion. The commissioners had many questions to ask the City Manager. Theresa said she would contact the City Manager to see if he could be at the next meeting. Nancy asked the commissioners to e-mail their questions to her so she could get the list of questions to the City Manager before the next meeting so he could have answers prepared. There was continued discussion including discussion of the cost of the event. Nancy and Laura both thanked everyone who participated in making the event a success. The commissioners also thanked Theresa for her help with the event.

Park Commission Member Comments/Reports

Dempsey – Commented again that he had received phone calls from people who were unsure what park the Dog Days event was at. There was discussion regarding the Parks Commission being informed about events happening at the parks. It was agreed to talk to the City Manager at the next meeting.

Lyla – Reported she had received a cash donation of \$10.00 and wasn't sure what to do with it. There was discussion. Theresa said she would ask the City Manager if the Parks Commission could accept donations and if they could, what line item the money went into.

Pam – Reported that while she was at the community garden last week she saw a man spraying herbicide near the playground while there were lots of children playing. There was discussion. The commissioners suggested next time she sees someone other than city personnel spraying at the parks she should call the police.

Dave – Reported the sprinkler head near the community garden was broken again. Theresa said she would mention it to staff.

Nancy – Said she like the idea of having a calendar of events for the whole year and asked Theresa to put on next agenda.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for September 16, 2014.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.