

**City of Phoenix
Parks and Greenway Commission Meeting
Public Works Office
1000 S. 'B' Street
October 21, 2014
6:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Nancy Peterson

Members Present: Nancy Peterson, Pam Cooper, David VandeVelde, Dempsey Haller, Lyla Heigl and Carolyn Bartell

Members Absent: Laura Bellah

Visitors Present: Mikaela Jee

Staff Present: Theresa Syphers, Secretary
Steve Dahl, City Manager

Approval of Minutes

Dave made a motion to accept the 09/06/14 minutes as presented. Dempsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Steve Dahl reported on funds he had spent from the Parks Commission budget for the Trunk-R-Treat the city held in conjunction with the 1st Presbyterian Church. There was discussion with the commissioners all agreeing it was money well spent.

New Business

a) Easter Egg Hunt with Fire District #5 - Carolyn

Nancy explained to the commissioners that the City Council and Fire District 5 both needed the Parks Commission to choose a date for the Easter Egg Hunt. There was discussion with the commissioners agreeing April 4, 2015, the Saturday before Easter as the day to hold the event. There was discussion regarding which park to hold the event in. Carolyn said that she would talk to the High School about holding the event there, as there was more parking available, and she would report back at the next meeting. Carolyn also reported she had spoken with Darren Welburn with the Fire Department and he thought they had all the supplies that would be needed. There was discussion.

Pam made a motion to "Recommend to the City Council that we hold the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2015." Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Senior Project in Blue Heron Park

Nancy introduced Mikaela Jee from Phoenix High School. Mikaela explained wanted to paint a mural on the community stage at Blue Heron Park for her senior project. She went on to explain she would be working with a

professional artist from Ashland and showed the commissioners some of her work. The commissioners were impressed with her talent and discussion centered on where to place the mural on the community stage. The consensus was to place on the on the side of the stage under the sign. Mikaela shared with the commissioners the concept piece she painted. The commissioners all liked the design. The commissioners asked Mikaela to also work with the City Manager and the City Council and thought it would be nice to have a copy of the concept piece hanging at City Hall. Mikaela said she would e-mail Theresa her final concept piece for the mural to be forwarded to the commissioners and the City Manager for approval and would donate the concept art to the City to be hung at City Hall. The commissioners thanked Mikaela for the work she would be putting in to paint the mural.

c) Unanticipated Funds from the Rotary Club to be used for Blue Heron Park.

Theresa informed the commissioners that Kevin was unable to attend the meeting so she passed out the information he provided regarding the unanticipated funds from the Rotary Club. The information Kevin prepared explained that he was planning on using the extra funds to replace the old entrance sign with a permanent sign. There was discussion as to other options for the money.

Park Commission Member Comments/Reports

Lyla – Shared with the commissioners what she had heard from people about the Veggie Jam event. There was discussion about the event.

Dempsey – Shared his thoughts on the parade noting he thought it was too short. There was discussion.

Carolyn– Passed out information she compiled about the High School parade. There was discussion

Dave – Said the Garden Club was looking for volunteers from the Parks Commission to help with planting daffodils at Blue Heron Park. There was discussion as to when the planting would take place with Saturday, October 23 at 4:00pm being agreed upon. Dave said they hoped to plant 300 bulbs.

Carolyn– Reported the High School was looking at doing a haunted house. She also suggested making and delivering cookies to the Fire District 5 station for the fire fighters to thank them for their service to the City of Phoenix. There was discussion.

Pam – Discussed the Candidates forum that was held at Central Neighborhood Church.

Nancy – Reported that she, Dave and Pam were up for reappointment to the Parks Commission. There was discussion with Nancy and Pam saying they wanted to be reappointed. Dave said he would let Theresa know if he wanted to be reappointed. Theresa said she would let the City Manager know so the reappointments could be put on a City Council agenda.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.