

AGENDA ITEM

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Micki Summerhays called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Councilors Snyder, Luz, C. Bartell, S. Bartell, Sophie, and Mayor Bellah. Councilor Helfrich was absent. Also in attendance were Commissioners Eisenhauer, Atkin, Couch, Monceaux and Summerhays. Staff in attendance were Planning Director Matt Brinkley and Assistant Planner Steffen Roennfeldt.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. STUDY SESSION ON PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN SPACE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Brinkley emphasized that the community of Phoenix is on the verge of change with its growth patterns. The Parks Master Plan strives to incorporate the changing needs of the City and input from the public. Aniko Drlik-Muehleck of Oregon State University and Greg Olson, a landscape architect, both contributed, along with undergraduate and graduate students, to the Parks Master Plan. Ms. Drlik-Muehleck had incorporated community recommendations into the plan based in conjunction with communication with the Parks Commission. The Parks Master Plan is comprised of 7 goals that cover the parks system. The goals and recommendations are as follows:

1. Provide adequate parks system funding.
2. Increase capacity for parks operations and maintenance.
3. Develop and expand recreational programming options
4. Incorporate environmental stewardship practices
5. Foster opportunities for community support and involvement
6. Increase inclusion and improve access to parks
7. Develop a vibrant park system

Ms. Drlik-Muehleck gave recommendations for each of the goals. These included but were not limited to utilizing a portion of the cannabis tax to parks funding, creating a parks utility fee, establishing a park endowment fund, and applying for grant funding to provide adequate funding for parks, hiring a parks coordinator, having at least 30% of the land within parks dedicated to native plants, and creating tours which focus on various ecological aspects of the parks.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments ranged from options for a dog park to how to best incorporate art into the parks. Further discussion followed on funding usage and potential individual park improvements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Study Session was adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Micki Summerhays, Chair

Matt Brinkley, Planning Director