



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2023 6:00 P.M.

HD South
10 S. Gilbert Road Gilbert, AZ 85296

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Kalkman, Chair
Brian Cannon, Vice Chair
Councilmember Bongiovanni
Holly Pitruski
Whitney Pitt
Florence Daniels
Paul Gonzales

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Carmona, Parks and Recreation Director
Milan Perisic, Facilities Manager
Tyler Smith, Recreation Supervisor
Rocky Brown, Business Manager
Kylie Sorensen, Parks Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Ferron
Scott Williams
Cody Zeimer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kalkman called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.
2. ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS PRESENT: Members of the audience may address the Board on any item, not on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Board. The Board's response is limited to responding to criticism, asking staff to review a matter commented upon, or asking that a matter be put on a future agenda.

No members of the public requested to speak.
5. MCLD ANNUAL REVIEW: Jennifer Gallagher and Troy Reed from MCLD gave the board an update on everything that happened at the libraries in 2022. They mentioned numerous activities and opportunities at the library such as; Brainforce to help with schoolwork, job search assistance, smart school partnerships, covid self-tests, summer reading program, culture passes, performance passes, and free internet and Chromebook usage as well as many other things.
6. FOUNDATION EVENT UPDATE: Rocky Brown, Business Manager provided some highlights from the recent Parks Foundation event including; a silent auction, glow arcade, nerf war, other activities, and food and dessert. The Foundation was able to raise money to help provide access to recreation programs for all members of the community.
7. MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Robert Carmona, Parks Director provided a brief Master Plan update informing the board that the first initial push of advertising has been made and some upcoming events will be focus groups, community meetings, and an art mural driven around different parks and facilities.
8. FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Robert Carmona, Parks Director provided information on the upcoming facilities master plan and space needs assessment. He informed the board that with over 1 million sq. ft of facilities, the plan will help to prioritize work needed at each facility and establish long-term shared goals. There will be more information to come to the board.

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Director Carmona informed the board that Water Tower is at 60% design review and the bridge is nearing 60% as well. Rocky Brown, Business Manager, shared some upcoming events such as family nights at Gilbert Regional Park and KaPow. He also updated the board that Aquatics has started its spring program at Greenfield Pool and is getting ready for the summer swim season. Kylie Sorensen, Parks Manager, informed the board that a volleyball sand replacement is currently taking place at Freestone and McQueen, new LED lights were installed at Crossroads dog park, Gilbert Regional splash pad fence has been repainted, the Gilbert Leadership HOPE walk was being worked on and the division is still working on turd reduction to help with more water savings. Tyler Smith, Recreation Supervisor provided an update to the board for the recreation division. He informed the board a new ranger would be starting, there will be an Earth Day event on April 20th at McQueen Activity Center, they recently had the family campout and egg hunt event, and Freestone Rec Center has opened their functional fitness room.

10. MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Pritulsky to approve the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Pitt. Motion carried 6-0.

9. REPORT FROM CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS: Chair Kalkman said he really enjoyed being at the council meeting for the water-wise presentation. Vice Chair Cannon said he really enjoyed the Parks Foundation Play it Forward event with his family.

10. REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIASION: Councilmember Bongiovanni had no updates.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

ATTEST:

Ben Kalkman, Chair

Kylie Sorensen, Staff Liaison