



**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2022 6:00 PM**

**Gilbert Community Center | Gilbert Room
130 N. Oak Street Gilbert, AZ 85233**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Ferron, Chair
Ben Kalkman, Vice Chair
Brian Cannon
Florence Daniels
Paul Gonzales
Holly Pitrusky
Whitney Pitt
Scott Williams
Cody Zeimer

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Carmona, Parks and Recreation Director
Marshall MacFarlane, Parks and Facilities Manager
Rocky Brown, Parks and Recreation Business Manager
Jennika Horta, Management Analyst
Tyler Smith, Recreation Supervisor
Misty Smith, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
Krista Trei, Recreation Coordinator
Taryn Cantrell, Recreation Specialist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ferron called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
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:** Chair Ferron recognized receipt of zero requests to speak.
5. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:** Robert Carmona, Director, introduced Kylie Clore as the new Parks Manager.
6. **2022 AQUATICS SEASON:** Misty Smith, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2022 aquatics season. Highlights included now having 2 ADA compliant pools with a recent renovation, a 70% reduction in electricity with a LED replacement project, completion of the first year without any restrictions due to the pandemic.
7. **ADAPTIVE RECREATION:** Tyler Smith, Recreation Supervisor, provided a summary of the current adaptive recreation programming offered and the future growth. To guide the growth a community wide survey has been initiated to gather data regarding the services, programs and needs of the adaptive community. This will be sent to surrounding municipalities and community partners. The preliminary results are illustrating increased interest in field trips and life skill offerings. Director Carmona announced the Gilbert Parks and Recreation Foundation's intention to expand their financial support to include adaptive recreation programs.
8. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:** Chair Ferron opened the floor to all Parks & Recreation staff to provide updates. Rocky Brown, Business Manager, provided a summary and video of the 4th of July event and invited the Parks Board Members to attend and participate in the Gilbert Youth Sports Coalition meeting to be held Tuesday, August 30th, 2022. Director Carmona provided an update on two of the ongoing department projects, including the Department Master Plan and Water Tower Plaza Upgrades/Repairs. Tyler Smith, Recreation Supervisor, provided a summary of the upcoming and ongoing events and projects in the Recreation Division. These included:
 - Freestone Recreation Center's 20th Anniversary to be held in December 2022

- Cactus Yard's new lacrosse and adult flag football programs
- McQueen Park Activity Center's new Dragon Event with live animals
- Community Center's senior center meal program currently has an open RFP for vendor proposals
- Park Rangers have a new position that just closed with 84 applicants
- Southeast Regional Library will continue partnering with the Friends of the Library to purchase books and furniture.

Jennika Horta, Management Analyst, provided a review of the unmet CAPRA standards and the progress made to meet the standards.

9. MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Vice Chair Kalkman, seconded by Member Gonzales to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 9-0.

10. REPORT FROM CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS: Vice Chair Kalkman provided an update on his participation with the Department Master Plan vendor interview and selection process.

11. REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIASION: No update was provided by the Council Liaison.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The Special meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

ATTEST:

Bob Ferron, Chair

Jennika Horta, Staff Liaison