



**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 6:00 P.M.**

**McQueen Park Activity Center  
510 N Horne St, Gilbert, AZ 85233**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Cannon, Vice Chair  
Michael Clark  
John Dale  
Jennifer Yang  
Holly Pritulsky  
Desa Rae Hoffman  
Councilmember Bongiovanni

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Robert Carmona, Parks and Recreation Director  
Rocky Brown, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
Kylie Sorensen, Parks Manager  
Lane Gram, Recreation Manager  
Milan Perisic, Facilities Manager

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ben Kalkman, Chair  
Rick Kettner  
Florence Daniels

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

None

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.
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. MCQUEEN PARK ACTIVITY CENTER: Recreation Coordinator, Stephanie McMullen gave an overview of McQueen Park Activity Center. Restrooms by the gym were recently renovated. Has continued to see an increase in revenue from rentals over the past few years. The center a few new classes including Drone Together, Adult Gymnastics, Homeschool PE, and Man Scientist Lab. The center has events throughout the year including Galentines Bingo, Arbor Day Celebration, Family Bingo, Halloween Bingo, Snowvember, Jingle Bell Express, Bubbles and Chalk Party, Wiggle Worm Adventures, and Animal Encounters. The center also hosts adult and youth volleyball in the gymnasium.
6. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Recreation Manager, Lane Gram presented about opportunities for Youth ages 13-17 including Service Learning Program, Child and Babysitting Safety Training, Sports and Recreation, Arts, Crafts, and Creativity, Recreation Center activities Junior Lifeguard Program, Swim Lessons, Aquacise Classes, Special Events, and Event Volunteers. Had a free taco event that had quite a bit of teen attendance. There are other cities that have been trying teen activities that we will be looking into more if we do not already offer something similar. Some ideas for the future are cross city e-gaming tournaments, interview prep classes, teen night with sports, games, pizza, etc., video game tournament, and teen trips. Director Carmona mentioned that many other cities have a division that does teen programming specifically which Gilbert does not have at this time. Vice Chair Cannon said that he works with teens and finds that we could get the most engagement through service, maybe offering opportunities with something they are passionate about, like having teens who are passionate about sports help with a youth sports program. Councilmember Bongiovanni mentioned teaching them how to party positively like food trucks and a DJ on the parking garage. Member Yang mentioned offering Dancing, Singing, and Acting classes. Member Clark suggested a teen pod cast. Member Pritulsky said religious organizations tend to have large participation at their events, could we partner with them.

7. WATER TOWER PLAZA UPDATE: Parks Manager, Kylie Sorensen gave an update on the Water Tower Plaza Construction. There is still a lot of construction taking place on site. The park is set to have the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Robert Carmona, Parks and Recreation Director, will be presenting designs for GRP and DS at the upcoming council retreat. Rocky Brown, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, events are coming up such as Gilbert Days and Riparian After Dark. Milan Perisic, Business Manager, HVAC replacements and pump replacements around the Town, working with roofing companies to inspect roofs. Kylie Sorensen, Parks Manager, informed the board that the team is busy working on numerous projects around town. Lane Gram, Recreation Manager, Veterans Day breakfast at the Community Center on Monday. Senior Center meal next week where staff will be serving. There are a lot of holiday happenings kicking off at the different centers.

9. MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Member Pritulsky to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Clark. Vice Chair Cannon and Member Hoffman abstained since they were absent last meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

10. REPORT FROM CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS: No updates or reports were provided by the Chair.

12. REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIASION: Councilmember Bongiovanni mentioned that the tax did pass to help support parks and other projects.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM.

ATTEST:

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Ben Kalkman, Chair

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Kylie Sorensen, Staff Liaison