

SIERRA VISTA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Sierra Vista Park and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635.

ROLL CALL

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Wesley Hewitt | Scott Weiss |
| | Joy Mims | Rosi Southee |
| | Ryan Hightower | |

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| MEMBERS ABSENT: | Scott Loucks | Larry Hampton |
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| OTHERS PRESENT: | Victoria Yarbrough | Emily Scherrer |
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Rosi Southee made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Joy Mims seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2016

Joy Mims made a motion to accept the minutes from May 10, 2016 as written. Scott Weiss seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Victoria informed the commission that summer was going well for the department; numbers are picking up. There will be a pickelball clinic on Saturday from 9am til 1pm at the OYCC tennis courts. The first open mic night at Veterans Memorial Park went well and the dates for the next ones will most likely be in August and October. Leisure Services has a new Recreation Supervisor, Zachary Moss from MWR.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No Council Liaison

CALL TO PUBLIC

No call to public.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Kings Court

Scott Weiss reported there are approximately 25 kids from the Boys & Girls Club that use the courts about 10am each day. He stated he is interested in pickelball, but is busy this weekend; he does have youth pickelball nets for youth to borrow. Pickelball is growing all over – Green Valley has new courts.

Kings Court contract will close in 4-6 months.

2. City Codes Review

Victoria informed the commission that she spoke with the City Attorney, Nathan, and he said that wine and spirits are not covered in the alcohol ordinance.

Joy Mims made a motion to add wine and spirits to the current ordinance. Rosi Southee seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

Victoria also stated that the smoking ordinance only covers lit tobacco. She is looking into what changes are being made at a Federal Government level and will get back to the commission on this.

The multi use path – motorized vehicle ordinance does not need to be altered, as the current ordinance covers all motorized vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Building for Bicycle Campers

Stu Carter and John Whettack were present to address the commission on this issue. They discussed that there is nowhere in Sierra Vista for bicyclists to camp and have looked into different venues that would be secure for them to leave their valuables. There were two options discussed, the Therapeutic Recreation facility and creating a secure enclosure near the Cove and building a small facility.

A general discussion was held on the pros and cons of the options, and also on the demographics of the types of people that would be camping. Scott Weiss questioned if there would have to be changes made to the TR facility and Victoria answered that they would be minimal. She also stated that the TR group uses the facility occasionally on Friday and Saturday evenings, but the calendar is done a month in advance, so the information can be advertised when it is not available for use.

Scott Weiss made a motion to support the recommendation that the Therapeutic Recreation facility be used as a camping facility. Joy Mims seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

2. Expanding Cochise Vista Bicycle Path

Matt McLachlan addressed the Commission on the new proposed 21.5 mile loop bike path throughout the city. He gave members a map of the proposed area for them to view. There is a local agreement with the county to participate in this extension and share costs for designing and making the signs. The Cochise Bicycle Advocates offered to help implement getting the signs in place before the NAMI event in September. Matt was present to seek input and a recommendation from the commission for the 15 intersections that will need signage.

Scott Weiss made a motion to support the Cochise Vista Bicycle Route Extension. Rosi Southee seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

3. Teen Center

Emily Scherrer was present to speak about what happens at the Teen Center; she gave members a calendar of events for June. There are organized events every night and dances held quarterly, with paid staff on hand to chaperone the events. There have recently been a couple of break ins, but the school district has reinforced the windows to make them more secure; the security cameras that were at Kings Court are also being installed for surveillance inside the building. There is an ID system being worked on to be able to track participants better. Emily is working on a marketing campaign to make the public more aware of the center and get more participants, with an increase in the marketing budget in the next fiscal year.

Victoria asked the commission for any recommendations they may have to help educate the public about the center. Wes recommended a live radio broadcast with the local radio station. Wes reminded members that the teen center is not there to be a profitable facility, but to be a service to the community.

Wes questioned the possibility of relocating the teen center to the library and Victoria stated that council seemed open to the idea, but the time frame did not allow for any notice to the school district for the lease, so we will move forward with marketing the facility and getting it noticed.

A conversation was held about how a multi generational facility would make better use of funds. Victoria thought it would be a good idea to recommend to City Council to start planning for a new community/multi use center for the strategic plan, the next bond pay off is in 2021 and that will require a bond.

4. SB1449

Wes spoke to the Commission about SB1449, which deals with drone usage in Arizona. He feels this is the optimum time to make a recommendation to ban drones everywhere in Sierra Vista except Bolin Airfield, to be head off any problems before they may happen. A discussion was held and the commission will revisit this next month with recommendations.

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Wesley Hewitt
Chairman