

SIERRA VISTA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 12, 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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Wesley Hewitt	Scott Loucks
	Joy Mims	Larry Hampton
	Ryan Hightower	

MEMBERS ABSENT:	Scott Weiss	Rosi Southee
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OTHERS PRESENT:	Victoria Yarbrough	Lee Elaban
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Joy Mims made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Ryan Hightower seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 14, 2016

Joy Mims made a motion to accept the minutes from June 14, 2016 as written. Larry Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Lee reported that a pickleball clinic was held last month with a turnout of about 34 people. The basketball courts behind the TR building will be getting lined for pickleball within the next week. There will also be safety tubing put along the fence at Domingo Piazz softball fields.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No Council Liaison

CALL TO PUBLIC

No call to public.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Kings Court

There was nothing new to report.

2. City Codes Review

Victoria and the management analyst at City Hall have prioritized the smoking policy and are still doing some research on it. She stated that no smoking around ball fields is not common and no other Arizona communities ban smoking at ball parks. A discussion was held about Fort Huachuca's smoking policies. Victoria stated that they will continue gathering information and get back to the commission in August or September.

3. SB1449

Wes asked if anyone had a chance to read the information about drone operations that was sent out with the minutes. Larry Hampton commented that it was more a fact sheet than legislation. Wes commented that he would like to limit drones to Bolin Airfield only and Larry stated he disagreed. Scott Loucks argued that they are used for advertising and filming sports events and cannot see eliminating them totally. Wes stated

that now would be a good time to set guidance for the City to protect ourselves and to keep amateurs from using them in crowds.

A discussion on the pros and cons of limiting drones to a specific area was held. Larry stated that he would like to contact a drone enthusiast and have them address the commission. He is concerned about secondary affects that we may not be thinking about right now. He will contact an individual to come and address the commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement

Victoria updated the commission on a visit she had a few months ago from Frank Leach, with the Greater Sierra Vista United Veterans Council, about improving the memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. Just a couple of weeks ago he came back with Stu Carter, Ken Hohman and Ken Kinglsey to discuss a plan. Stu Carter addressed the commission on the plan that was discussed.

They would like to obtain the ground around the existing memorial in VMP to make a larger memorial – at no cost to the City, including maintenance. They are a nonprofit organization and their goal is to educate the city of the long lineage of veterans in the area. There was further discussion about what the memorial would look like and on how long it would take to raise the funds and start/finish the project.

Scott Loucks made a motion to recommend to council that we support this project. Ryan Hightower seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

2. Proposal for New Budget/Strategic Plan Submission

Wes gave members a list of proposals that he had comprised and asked if anyone else had any recommendations. Larry commented about the possibility of tying in with the Arts & Humanities Commission to support a new performing arts center. He stated he supports the list and has nothing to add.

Victoria recommended giving everyone time to review the proposals and discuss them next month. She also recommended checking the Vista 2030 to see if there was anything related to parks and recreation.

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Hewitt', is written above a horizontal line.

Wesley Hewitt
Chairman