

SIERRA VISTA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 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
	Rosi Southee	Scott Weiss

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Hightower

OTHERS PRESENT:	Victoria Yarbrough	Lee Elaban
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Scott Loucks made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Joy Mims seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 12, 2016

Scott Loucks made a motion to accept the minutes from July 12, 2016 as written. Larry Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Lee reported that the pickle ball courts now had the lines on them, approximately 18 people meet at least 3 times a week.

The ADA chair has been installed at the Cove; it is in compliance with the new ADA law and is self-operable. July 29 was the last summer Tsunami night, with about 427 in attendance. The November maintenance schedule is currently being worked on.

Sod repairs took place on Cyr Soccer field last week, and the large dog park at Tompkins Park will be closed from July 5 through September 9.

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 stated that Dominic, from the City Manager's office, was a big help with researching smoking bans around the country. California is one of the only places that bans smoking on sports fields only; most other places ban smoking in all parks and on all fields. Victoria stated the options are to ban only sports fields, parks and fields or nothing.

Victoria recommended putting the question out to the community on line for about a month to 6 weeks to see what kind of input we get. A discussion was held. The commission is in agreement to put it out to the public. Victoria will work with Public Affairs and send a link out when it is launched.

3. SB1449

Larry wanted to make sure that he understood the state legislative bill that has passed and is now a law states that towns and cities in Arizona are authorized to ban drone use in parks. Wes reiterated that yes, we are allowed to set the policies for drone use. Larry stated the he does not feel that he has enough information to set these policies, so he invited William Ray to speak to the commission about what a drone is and the many different types there are.

Wes gave his input on the knowledge he has with working with UAV's and the government and the FAA. He explained that he would like to see drones restricted to Bolin Airfield only, unless a permit is issued to fly in other areas.

William Ray addressed the commission and explained that the FAA considers anything that can hover on its own is a drone, regardless of size. He recommended restricting certain sizes and classes.

A lengthy discussion was held on how to set the limitations. Victoria stated that we do not have the ability to answer many of the questions being asked. She recommended that we ask the City Attorney these questions and get his input. This item will stay on the agenda and wait for the input from the city attorney.

4. Proposal for New Budget/Strategic Plan

Victoria handed out copies of the Parks & Recreation section of the Vista 2030 General Plan. She stated there are a number of things that pertain to this commission. Wes has already hit on some good things with his proposal and some are already in the plan. She highly recommends that the commission add building a new community center and completing the multi-use path. Grants are no longer available for the paths, so consider how to fund this.

She would like the commission to consider the recently purchased land at the end of Domingo Piaz Sports Complex to go with goal 10-2 of the plan. There is still about 4-5 months to consider what to focus on and decide on language and priority before recommending to council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission Vacancies

There are five members that will expire in November; Scott Weiss, Larry Hampton, Joy Mims, Wesley Hewitt and Rosi Southee. Scott Weiss should have expired in 2015, so his vacancy will only be renewed for one year to get the dates back in sync.

Rosi Southee was unsure whether she will be renewing her appointment. Wes, Scott Weiss and Joy had their applications completed and turned them in. Larry Hampton did not have his completed and will have it ready for the next meeting.

Scott Loucks made a motion to recommend that Wesley Hewitt and Joy Mims be reappointed to the commission for a two year term. Rosi Southee seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

Joy Mims made a motion to recommend that Scott Weiss be reappointed to the commission for a one year term. Scott Loucks seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

The commission will discuss the remaining vacancies at next month's meeting.

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION

Wes announced that the 2016 3rd Quarter All Commission get together will be on August 18th at 4 pm at the OYCC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Wesley Hewitt
Chairman