

SIERRA VISTA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2017

**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                      Larry Hampton  
                                 Joy Mims                              Ryan Hightower  
                                 Scott Weiss

MEMBERS ABSENT:      Scott Loucks

OTHERS PRESENT:      Victoria Yarbrough              Councilman Blanchard

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Larry Hampton made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Scott Weiss seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Larry Hampton made a motion to accept the minutes from October 11, 2016 as written. Scott Weiss seconded the motion. Ryan Hightower stated that the Roll Call needed to be changed, showing Scott Loucks as present and Ryan Hightower as absent.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

## **LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

Lee retired as of January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Victoria is the new department liaison. She is currently going through applications looking to fill his position.

The City is planning Savor Sierra Vista, a wine and beer festival that will be on the Saturday of Memorial weekend. In conjunction with the event there will be a hiking challenge; this event is expected to bring many visitors into the community. Currently there are four confirmed wineries participating, and there will also be food and music. The Chamber is planning events for Sunday of Memorial weekend to make it a full weekend of events.

The Basketball program is in full swing, and is currently full. Pickelball has become quite popular on the temporary court; it has been moved to Rothery Gym for winter and is currently running 4 hours a day/5 days a week. The City is paying the school district for the use of the gym and charging fees to the players. There have been requests to add more courts, but there are not many options. We are in the process of getting an estimate for a concrete pad behind the community center.

We have some new sporting events coming up this spring and have partnered with Brandon Nichols, who did the Firebolt Youth Triathlon last fall. We will also be teaching triathlon training classes for kids within the next few weeks, in hopes of getting more youth involved in these events. We will be taking over the San Pedro Bicycle road Race, which was part of Thunder Mountain games last year, but they will not be held this year.

Kings Court has been removed from the agenda because there is nothing more to report on it. It can be put back on if it is necessary.

## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

The City Council has been discussing the current issue of bike racks being required at businesses, this well be discussed at the Thursday meeting. Larry asked if there was anything to report on the subcommittee reviewing the commissions and Bob responded there was nothing.

## **CALL TO PUBLIC**

No call to the Public.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion on Parks code update – Smoking Ordinance/SB1449 Drone Operations**

Wes asked the commission if they had any updates or questions on the drones. He stated that he would like to recommend to council that they can only be flown only in Bolin Field. Ryan questioned how that would be enforced and Wes commented that initially it would be educational information and enforcement by the police department. Scott Weiss commented that he has not seen any problems with drones flying around and his preference would be to do nothing.

Wes stated that effective 1 January all drones must be registered with the FAA. His concern is that someone will bring one out to a festival and injure someone. He would like them to be allowed in parks with a permit only. Victoria stated that she is not in favor of a permitting process, and there is currently a list of things not permitted in parks that must be used in Bolin Field and drones can be added to that list. A brief discussion was held with the concerning adding drones to the list of items that are not allowed in parks.

Larry Hampton made a motion to recommend to Council that drones be added to the list of items not allowed in parks to the Chapter 94 Ordinance. Scott Weiss seconded the motion.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The motion carried.

Victoria had received a link from the City health Teen Group on the smoking survey they conducted, but the link was no good, so there is no new information to share.

Ryan asked what the results favored from the City's survey in the fall and Victoria responded they were mixed. Wes stated he is more concerned about E-cigs and the sports fields, not so much the parks. Larry commented that he would like to see the results from the teen group survey and Victoria responded she is not sure if the person is still available; the group has dis-banned.

It was decided to table the discussion until next month and Gloria will re-send the results from the survey in the fall.

Victoria informed the commission that general attendance for winter open swim was up from last year; some people just don't like the waves. She also stated she is not sure it needs to be a strategic plan item, as she will be putting it in the budget for next year. However, next winter would be the earliest anything could be done. In the meantime, staff is exploring other revenue options and ideas, perhaps a Dive-In-Movie instead of a Tsunami Night.

## **2. Discussion on usage of the Therapeutic Recreation Building**

The department is just a couple of weeks away from going live on the bicycle camping in the TR building. Staff has worked out the final details, and a couple of doors in the building have been re-keyed. There is a keybox with a passcode entry system, and a phone number on it they can call to get the code. There will be hotel samples of shampoos and soap, along with laundry supplies and it will be donations instead of fee based. Cochise Bicycle Advocates will test it out and make sure everything is working well.

## **3. Discuss proposed changes to the City's bicycle code ordinance**

Members received an email copy of the resolution for council to discuss the bicycle code changes. Wes explained that this would make businesses required to put bike racks outside their businesses, if passed. Larry commented that they are useful. Wes responded should the City be involved in regulating; small businesses are already feeling the pinch from proposition 206.

Victoria stated there were three options proposed at the council work session and they can be found on the website. Wes commented that this item will be voted on at Thursday's council meeting. Scott Weiss is not a fan of this, and would not make a recommendation; Larry also said no recommendation. Wes would like to recommend that the City does not enforce this. Joy and Ryan were also against recommending. No motion was made and Wes moved on to the next agenda item.

## **4. Discussion on commission's annual update to City Council**

The City Council updates will be sometime around the end of March or in April. Council is requesting more focus on what you want to do in the next year and not so much on what has been done. Wes requested members to think about ideas along with recommendations on how to implement them.

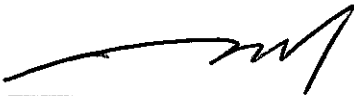
## **REQUESTS OF COMMISSION**

Wes reminded members of the Meet and Greet on January 24 at the Mona Bishop room. Joy commented that she enjoyed the last one and it was nice getting to know the other commissions. Wes would like to see council and the public invited to these.

Larry stated that this Friday the SV Symphony will be having their winter concert at the Buena Performing Arts Center, the theme is Americana.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



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Wesley Hewitt  
Chairman