



## Minutes Parks and Recreation Board February 17, 2010

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 17, 2010 7:00 p.m.,  
Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

**Members Present:**

Chuy Carreon, Chair  
Frank Granillo  
Ed Roberts  
Angela Thornton  
Don Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Scott Hamilton, Vice-Chair (excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Travis Dray, Deputy Manager – Parks & Recreation Department  
Cynthia Yanez, Executive Assistant – Parks & Recreation Department  
Linda Cano, Recreation Supervisor – Parks & Recreation Department  
Bob Pohlit, Senior Recreation Coordinator – Parks & Recreation Department

**Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.**

**Chuy Carreon** called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were accepted as written.

**Agenda Item 2 – Park Renovation Construction Update**

**Bob Pohlit, Sr. Recreation Coordinator, reviewed current and upcoming park renovation projects.**

1. The completed design plans for Hallman Park should be submitted next week.
2. The construction at Hallman could begin as early as May.
3. Daley Park's design plans are between 60% - 90% complete.
4. Scudder Park plans are at 90% and are under review.
5. Construction of Scudder Park is scheduled after July 1.
6. Goodwin Park is at 60% design and is scheduled for construction later in July.
7. The design of Clark Park pool has been put on hold, due to budgetary issues.
8. New lighting has been installed at Diablo Stadium.

9. Other light poles at Diablo Stadium have been inspected due to an alert about possible defects. Two of the poles will have to be replaced within the next 12 to 18 months.
10. The irrigation and landscape project at Kiwanis Park is about 2/3s complete.
11. The project was delayed due to recent rains.
12. An architect has been selected to redesign some of the park restrooms to make them ADA compliant.
13. The ramada project at Kiwanis Park has been completed. However, there are issues with the construction of the concrete slabs as they are not draining like they are supposed to.
14. The new wave pool equipment at Kiwanis Recreation Center has been installed and they are now waiting on the filters to be delivered and installed.
15. The wave pool should be open in time for spring break.
16. The design for Escalante Pool is near completion.
17. The splash pad at Jaycee Park will be renovated and will be designed to be similar to the splash pads at Esquer and Hudson.

#### **General Discussion by the Committee:**

- Although the master plan for Daley Park had been completed two years before, the neighborhood asked for additional changes to be made when it went to the design phase.
- For future park renovations, the master plans will be done when the park comes up on the renovation list.
- The typical park renovation process includes master planning in the first year, design in the second year and construction in the third year.
- Staff will provide information regarding property tax evaluations and their impacts to the City at a future meeting.
- Although the funds are available for the construction of Clark pool, the general fund may not be able to support the operation and maintenance of the pool.
- If the pool is not constructed as a part of the renovation, it may never be constructed in the future.

#### **Agenda Item 3 – Senior Community Survey**

**Linda Cano, Recreation Supervisor, shared the results of the recent senior community survey.**

1. In 2008 the Tempe Community Action Agency received a grant from the Area Group on Aging to survey of adults 50+ to find out if they were receiving adequate services.
2. The City partnered with the TCAA so that the survey could be done on a larger scale.
3. The survey was completed with the assistance of Leisure Vision.
4. The 9-month project included focus groups to develop questions that pertained to programs and services provided by both the TCAA and the City, conducting surveys by mail and over the phone, and follow up with the respondents.
5. 898 people were surveyed.
6. The survey findings showed that there was a high demand for fitness and exercise programs.
7. Although the City offers dozens of fitness programs, those surveyed also expressed the need for exercise and fitness facilities.
8. The community interest staff responded to the need by locating and purchasing gently used, industrial quality gym equipment and creating a fitness center within the Pyle Adult Recreation Center.

9. The new fitness center will offer various types of affordable payment options.
10. 92% of the respondents said they felt that recreation, cultural and fitness services would be as important or more important to them over the next 10 years.
11. Only 23% of the respondents said that they use the Pyle Adult Center while 58% said they use the library. Staff has been working with the library to make information about the programs and services provided by the TCAA and the Pyle Adult Center available.
12. While most of the households responded that they receive their information regarding services from the newspaper, 36% said they received their information from the Tempe Opportunities Brochure.
13. The Opportunities Brochure is no longer direct mailed to Tempe residents, so staff is looking at partnering with Tempe businesses to distribute the brochure to their customers.

**General Discussion by the Committee:**

- The fitness center at the Pyle Adult Center will be open during regular business hours.
- The card room was moved to another area.

**Agenda Item 4 – Budget Update**

**Travis Dray, Deputy Manager – Parks and Recreation, presented the prioritized list of budget reductions.**

1. The list represents 212 recommendations that total over \$30 million dollars in reductions.
2. Council will review the list and recommend any changes that they feel are necessary.
3. Each department submitted their recommendations to the city manager who then arranged the recommendations in order by priority.
4. Should the budget situation improve, the higher numbered items would be the first to be restored.

**General Discussion by the Committee:**

- The council voted to ask the voters to approve a .2 sales tax increase that would sunset in four years.
- The city manager will provide information to the city council on how the city can save an additional \$5 million dollars through pay cuts or furloughs.
- The board was invited to attend the upcoming community budget forums or council meetings.
- Furloughs may not always create a savings, especially for those departments that have 24 hour work schedules.
- Those who are on furloughs may have to find part-time work on their non-paid days, so that they can supplement their income.
- The Police Department has the largest budget portion of the general fund and, therefore, reflects a large portion of the reductions.
- Should the city-wide reductions be implemented the levels of service to our citizens will be reduced.
- If the sales tax initiative is passed, several of the positions targeted for elimination can be restored.

**Agenda Item 5 – March Meeting**

**The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on April 21, 2010.**

**Agenda Item 6 – Chair/Board Comments**

Travis Dray distributed a letter from Pros Soccer that was submitted to the Parks & Recreation Board describing their program and philosophy.

Ed Roberts congratulated Chuy on being elected as chair of the Parks & Recreation Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**

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