

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

January 27, 2009

Present:

Doug Hulse, Chairperson
Dennis Burke
Ron Hollis
Nathaniel Munn, Jr.
Ann Shaw

Absent:

Bill Bowden
Carol Nielsen

Also Present:

Richard Faust, Director, Park and Recreation
Robin R. Babbitt, Administrative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hulse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Cottonwood Council Chambers.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 25, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hulse asked for consideration of the minutes from the November 25, 2008 regular meeting. Commissioner Munn motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2008

Mr. Faust asked if there were any questions on the monthly reports for November and December. There were no questions.

B. COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY RECREATION/AQUATICS CENTER – CURRENT ISSUES & UPDATES

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the status of the community recreation center. The director and commissioners discussed the construction timeline, changes to Paula Street and the loss of court #1 at the tennis center. They also discussed the add/alternates that were already approved for the facility. These included reinforced steel structure for future solar panel roof systems and rock facing for the front of the building. The director also mentioned that the groundbreaking ceremony would be Tuesday, February 10 at 3pm.

C. HERRIDGE FIELD RELOCATION PROJECT – REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the status of the Herridge Field relocation project at Riverfront Park. Particular items discussed included hiring YES the ARC to remove rocks from the field to prep it for sod and the installation of 100's of tons of quartz material donated by Salt River Materials Group.

D. ELM/VIEJO PARK – UPDATES

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the Elm/Viejo Park project. He stated that the ramada structure was complete and picnic tables have been ordered.

E. RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT – UPDATE

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the Riverfront community garden project. Council has approved the concept and the garden association will continue to provide updates. There may be a change in the site location. If so, this change will also need to be approved by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET REVIEW – PROGRAMS AND CUTS

Mr. Faust reviewed some of the program eliminations made for this fiscal year along with possible additional cuts depending on the economy.

B. COTTONWOOD SKATE PARK – ISSUES

Mr. Faust reviewed the recent closure of the Skate Park. He discussed the public meeting held Tuesday, December 30 and the outcome of opening the facility with a renewed sense of hope that the users will take greater pride in the park. The group also discussed possible security measures for the facility including using cameras, motion detectors and more police involvement.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hollis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Munn seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.