

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
April 27, 2010**

Present:

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

Absent:

Bill Bowden

Also Present:

Richard Faust, Director, Parks and Recreation

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Hulse called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm at the Cottonwood Recreation Center.

**MINUTES –MARCH 23, 2010 REGULAR MEETING**

This item was tabled as the minutes from the March 23 meeting were not available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2010**

Mr. Faust explained that the March monthly report would be reviewed at the May meeting due to the Administrative Coordinator's absence this past week.

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

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the status of the recreation center construction. He reviewed the construction schedule, which only included some final punch list items. He also reviewed additional furnishings purchased for the childcare room and cardio area. He stated that the remaining staff is still moving into the new offices, the free Saturdays have been very successful and they are making preparations for the grand opening Saturday, May 1.

**C. OLD AQUATICS CENTER UPDATE**

Mr. Faust reviewed the construction schedule for the existing pool. After reviewing some of the improvements, the director stated that the final completion date may be moved to June 30 due to unforeseen delays from changes requested by APS.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE – 9.12 OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, SECTION 9.12.030 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Mr. Faust stated that the amendment to this ordinance had its third and final reading on April 20. The General Manager was able to convey to Council the need to authorize a change to the current policy in order to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages at both the new Recreation Center Banquet Hall and the Civic Center facilities. This will allow for various mixers, banquets, weddings, and other parties to be booked at these facilities with the allowance of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only). Currently as long as this involves private parties, the City can authorize such use to the public without going through the Arizona Liquor Board and the City Council every time someone wishes to have alcohol. Please note that this does not authorize the sale of or distribution of alcohol only the provision of having a table set up specifically for beer or wine and patrons obtaining the beverage at one single location. This table will have to be manned continuously whereby tip jars are authorized for use at such tables.

**B. REQUEST FOR WAIVER – ORDINANCE 9.12.030 – CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT RECREATION CENTER BANQUET ROOMS**

Mr. Faust reviewed the request for waiver and explained that it is necessary due to the ordinance amendment not going into effect until May 20, 2010. Staff needed to implement a request for waiver as stipulated by the current ordinance to allow for alcoholic beverage consumption at the Cottonwood Recreation Center. Council authorized the waiver for the Sedona/Verde Valley Realtors Association at their April 20 meeting.

**C. MICKELSEN MARATHON SPECIAL EVENT - REVIEW**

Mr. Faust reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brian Mickelsen ½ Marathon, 10K, 2 Mile Run/Walk held Saturday, April 17. Over 350 people participated. He explained that this event occurred at the same time of a soft opening at the Cottonwood Recreation Center. This conflict stressed staff's resources and he feels they did an incredible job handling all of the day's activities.

**D. RECREATION CENTER SOFT OPENINGS - REVIEW**

Mr. Faust reviewed the three "Soft Openings" held at the Recreation Center as of this date. The final one is April 24. Approximate attendance figures for the three Saturdays have been 685, 1680 and 1700 in that order.

**E. GRAND OPENING – COTTONWOOD RECREATION CENTER**

Mr. Faust invited the commissioners to the Grand Opening of the Cottonwood Recreation Center, Saturday, May 1. The event begins at noon with the ribbon cutting at 2:00pm. He then congratulated and thanked everyone for their dedication and constancy during this long journey.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Munn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hollis seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.