

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 28, 2009

Present:

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

Absent:

Bill Bowden

Also Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hulse called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at the Cottonwood Council Chambers.

MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hulse asked for consideration of the minutes from the March 24, 2009 regular meeting. Commissioner Munn motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2009

Mr. Faust asked if there were any questions on the monthly report for March. 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. He discussed what construction was completed so far. He also reviewed items they are researching for exercise and play equipment and likely staffing requirements.

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. He discussed the lack of funds for sodding this year and the confusion some of the Little League parents are having regarding Parks and Recreation policies.

D. RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT – UPDATE

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the Riverfront community garden project. Plots are already being formed and a water line has been laid.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY-WIDE REORGANIZATION PLAN – REVIEW

Mr. Faust briefly explained the proposed reorganization plan for the city's departments. The group mostly discussed CAT and the possibility for using their services to bring people to the recreation center.

B. TRANSFER OF CITY PARK WELL SITES AND DITCH PUMP SYSTEMS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION TO UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Faust explained that along with the reorganization of city departments the operation and maintenance responsibilities of the city park wells and ditch pumps will be transferred to the utilities department.

C. REQUEST BY FOREST SERVICE/UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH ARIZONA STATE PARKS – DEMOLITION OF TOILET STRUCTURES AT PRAIRIE LANE AND SKIDMORE LANE

Mr. Faust explained that this item was mainly informational. The forest service is demolishing two toilet structures built using State Lake Improvement Funds. They are replacing them with one modern structure at White Bridge.

D. REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER HOLLIS – DISCUSSION ON MEETING TIMES

Commissioner Hollis requested that the commission meeting times be changed from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm in order to accommodate employees and adult sport participants. The group and director discussed this and everyone agreed that it would be beneficial.

Commissioner Hollis motioned that they change the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to 5:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Munn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hollis seconded the motion.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.