

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 23, 2008**

Present:

Doug Hulse, Chairperson

Jim Wixom, Vice-Chairperson

Bill Bowden

Nathaniel Munn, Jr.

Carol Nielsen

Also Present:

Richard Faust, Director, Park and Recreation

Absent:

Jim Bostwick

Ann Shaw-Jenkins

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hulse called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Cottonwood Council Chambers.

MINUTES – MAY 27, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hulse asked for consideration of the minutes from the May 27, 2008 regular meeting. Commissioner Bowden motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Neilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION FOR MAY 2008

Mr. Faust asked if there were any questions on the monthly reports for May identifying revenues, program participation figures and more. Questions arose pertaining to the Old Town Field facility and Dog Park facilities. Commissioners requested information pertaining to current use of field facilities by the public, special events, Boy's & Girl's Club and Dog Park activities. The Director advised the Commissioners as to the future use of the field facilities once the Temporary Dog Park was relocated to Riverfront Park.

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

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the status of the community recreation center as to current design schedules, construction schedules, reduction of building size, and concerns for costs, fees, and sales taxes as described by the CMAR and Project Architect.

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. Discussion included previous construction items and current direction of the project over the summer months.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RIVERFRONT PARK SKATE PARK – REOPENING UPDATE

Mr. Faust updated the commission on the status of the skate park at Riverfront Park. The group discussed ways to keep vandalism at a minimum and the artwork donated by Kyla Allen and her family.

B. CITY BUDGET PROCESS – DISCUSSION

Mr. Faust discussed the current city budget situation.

C. VERDE VALLEY WINERIES, AGRO TOURISM AND FUTURE PROGRAMMING

Mr. Faust reviewed some of the information given to him at an economic committee meeting regarding the local wineries. The group discussed possible tourism generated by winery companies, plus information how the city and Verde Valley could take advantage of tourism through marketing and programming.

D. 4TH OF JULY – SPECIAL EVENT – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Mr. Faust mentioned the upcoming Fourth of July special event. They are requesting volunteers to help with this huge event.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowden motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Neison seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.