

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 23, 2014**

Present:

Doug Hulse, Chair
Cindy Burton
Bill Bowden
Al Hilberger
Bob Richards

Absent:

Carol Nielsen
Ann Shaw, Vice-Chair

Also Present:

Richard Faust, Community Services General Manager
Ryan Bigelow, Recreation Services Supervisor
Hezekiah Allen, Recreation Services Supervisor
Robin Babbitt, Administrative Assistant
Morgan Scott, Public Works
Shawn Zingali, President, Verde Valley Little League

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hulse called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm at the Cottonwood Recreation Center Conference Room.

MINUTES – AUG 26, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Hulse asked for consideration of the minutes from the August 26 regular meeting. Commissioner Bowden motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MONTHLY REPORT INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 2014

Mr. Faust asked if there were any questions on the monthly reports from August. There were none.

B. RECREATION CENTER MONTHLY UTILITY USE AND ANALYSIS (THROUGH AUGUST)

Mr. Faust reviewed the utility charges through August.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST BY VERDE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD PRESIDENT – SHAWN ZINGALI

Shawn Zingali, president of the Verde Valley Little League Board, made a presentation to the Commission requesting the ability to improve the youth ball fields. VVLL would like to place a storage unit on site for their equipment, install shading over some of the bleachers, and have more autonomy when it comes to general field maintenance.

After discussing these issues with input from Mr. Faust and Morgan Scott, the Commission stated they would be in favor of the three items presented with agreements made between the city and the VVLL board.

B. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION “5 YEAR PLANNING DOCUMENT”

Mr. Faust reviewed the changes to the 2013 version of the commission’s 5-year Plan that were discussed at the previous meeting. After discussing possible funding options for some of the larger projects, the Commissioners agreed with the changes. A final version will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

C. 2014 RHYTHM & RIBS COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL AND THUNDER VALLEY RALLY REVIEW (PRESENTATION BY HEZ ALLEN)

Mr. Allen reviewed both Rhythm & Ribs and Thunder Valley Rally. He stated that they feel they are on their way for meeting their goals for Rhythm & Ribs, which include reducing the cost recovery gap, making it a country music festival and supporting up and coming artists. He also reviewed marketing strategies and the previous weekend’s TVR event.

D. UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr. Faust reviewed the upcoming programs and special events, which included the final two Farmers Market Jamborees, Fall Carnival and Walkin’ on Main.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bowden motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hilberger seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.