



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**

Online Meeting

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE STAFF LIAISON

Present: Chair Hall, Vice Chair Beason, Boardmember Nielson, Boardmember Hein, Boardmember Arellano, Boardmember Vasquez

Staff: Director Bryan Hughes, Assistant Director Corey Larriva, Senior Management Analyst Dominic DeCono, Recreation Supervisor Stacy Swainston

Absent: Boardmember Ayers, Boardmember Lazo

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(Time is limited per person. Please state your name.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will consider the approval of the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes. The Board will take appropriate action.

Motion: Beason

2nd: Hein

Approved with corrections 6-0

4. RECREATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Stacy provided a recreation update and started with the report on WinterFest which ran on Saturday, December 4th. The event had food trucks, lightshows, dance performances, rides and a very high turnout from the community. Stacy then shared a video that was on the Avondale Parks and Recreation Instagram account that showed the event and also showed some of the comments, all of which were positive. Stacy also stated that we had a 'Meet Santa Claus' segment and Stacy stated the line never stopped.

Stacy then mentioned upcoming events such as Poppin' at the Park on Saturday, December 11th and mentioned the City has a softball tournament upcoming this weekend. Stacy then mentioned that most of the fall programming and seasons are ending in the next week, but

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Monique Ayers
Marie Arellano
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Lilly Lazo
Rose Vasquez

Alternate:
Patti Nielson

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she showed a video to the board highlighting the different programs and events that ran which included softball, soccer and gymnastics.

Stacy mentioned that registration for the January and February programming and leagues is now open on the department's website.

Stacy also mentioned that there is an ongoing light show at City Hall in the morning and evening during the holidays as part of the holiday celebration. Chair Hall mentioned that it was very nice to hear the event is ongoing cause it's nice to see the show and nice to be in the park as well. Stacy gave credit to Corey for changing up the light and music line up this year and making it even better.

5. PARKS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

Bryan provided to the board an update regarding many of the parks projects happening in the City. Bryan stated that Alamar is at 75% completion and is looking on track to open in May 2022. Bryan also mentioned that a construction manager was selected for the aquatics center at the Civic Center Plaza. Bryan then mentioned that the Civic Center Park is now at 30% design completion but did mention that costs are soaring so the department is trying to figure out how to get the project back within budget based on this information.

Bryan then turned to the community center renovation which is also at 30% complete design and a construction manager has also been selected for that project. The Agua Fria Wetlands project has also kicked off and Bryan mentioned that the upgrades over at the Crystal Gardens trail system are now at 70% completion and the current project is completing 3 cells this year.

Bryan mentioned that the team met with the project team overseeing the construction of Donnie Hale Park this past week and construction is slotted to begin in a few weeks.

Bryan then mentioned that there are various enhancements taking place at Friendship Park, with new park rules signs and a new playground being installed in the coming months. Bryan then wrapped up by mentioning that Mountain View Park is undergoing a small upgrade with cleaning and painting in order to help dissuade transients from loitering at the park. Bryan also mentioned that there is a large water tank at the park that is being removed and new park amenities will be installed after that takes place.

Corey also mentioned that the water tank will be coming down at Mountain View Park likely around February 2022.

Boardmember Hein asked if the City thinks they can keep the homeless out of the park so the problem doesn't continue. Bryan mentioned that the city has a meeting scheduled for December 9th to address that concern, specifically regarding park facilities and other various public spaces. Bryan also mentioned that Avondale PD has stepped up patrols around Western Avenue and all parks. Avondale PD also informed the team that it does believe that there has been some improvement in the past month.

6. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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Chair Hall mentioned that the WinterFest Event was very beautiful and was surprised at the parking situation because it was so busy. Bryan mentioned that it was his first WinterFest and was very impressed as well.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bryan mentioned that the schematic pool design will likely be shared in the next meeting as well as the schematics for the Community Center. Dominic also mentioned that the team would be willing to share a revenue and budget update to the team since the City has reached the halfway point of the fiscal year.

8. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Bryan gave a public thank you and statement of appreciation to Chair Hall and Boardmember Hein for their work and dedication to the Parks Advisory Board. He specifically cited their time as Chair and Vice Chair and mentioned that the team was grateful for their time working with the team.

Corey, Stacy and Dominic echoed Bryans thoughts in thanking them for their service and telling them what a pleasure it was working with them. Bryan also made mention that they will be honored at the upcoming City Council Meeting on December 13th.

Chair Hall thanked everyone and stated it's been a great experience and said she felt more like a citizen by having input in the things going on in Avondale. She also thanked staff for their patience and time.

Boardmember Hein mentioned that he has noticed how nice it is being involved at the local level as compared to the national level because of how things would get done.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hein

2nd: Beason

Approved 6-0

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Dominic DeCono

Dominic DeCono (Jan 18, 2022 11:08 MST)

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Janet H. Beason

Janet H. Beason (Jan 19, 2022 09:25 MST)

Jan 19, 2022

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