



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**

**Avondale City Hall – Mojave Conference Room
11465 West Civic Center Drive, Avondale, Arizona 85323**

AGENDA

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

Present: Chair Beason, Vice Chair Arellano, Boardmember Rodriguez, Boardmember Lazo

Staff: Corey Larriva, Dominic DeCono, Stacy Swainston, Rachelle Nunez

Absent: Boardmember Nielson, Boardmember Vasquez, Boardmember Espino

Call to Order: 6:35pm

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 October 12, 2022 meeting minutes. The Board will take appropriate action.

Motion: Vice Chair Arellano

2nd: Boardmember Lazo

Approved 4-0

4. BOARD TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE (Thanksgiving Favorites)

Chair Beason- Favorite Dish was Mother's dressing made from the inside of the turkey.

Board Member Lazo- The Turkey is great. Enjoys seeing her Dad explore with turkey dinner dishes.

Vice Chair Arellano- Begins baking the day before and making fun decorative pies. To kick off Christmas, everyone acts out the 12 days of Christmas song. And, of course watches football.

Board Member Rodriguez- Black Friday shopping tradition with her Mother.

Dominic- Family forgot to make mashed potatoes so the adult moment was to make mashed potatoes for the family.

Stacy- Growing up would question "why are the women cooking?" and from then made the life time statement to always watch football with the "guys". Has no food traditions.

Corey- Anti-Thanksgiving since a child, but does enjoy pecan pie and remembers his grandma. Does love Black Friday shopping with brother in-law.

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5. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Corey talks about the Avondale Active Transportation Plan (ATP) power point video and what will be presented to Council. Corey explains what the Active Transportation Plan is- Human powered movement. The project overview will identify the biking and walking routes that can be added in the community. Corey shows the slide that shows the paths and routes that are existing in Avondale.

Vice Chair Arellano asks if the lower side of map is towards Buckeye? Corey answers yes, and he talks more about the existing transportation that is targeted towards bus stops. Corey highlights that there are 240 active transportation projects.

Chair Beason asks if there is a multi-use path in the City to which Corey says there is one here in Avondale and a goal for one behind the Coldwater neighborhood towards Friendship Park. Corey talks about the implementation plan on the slide. He explained the 240 projects are broken up into short term, mid-term, and long-term projects expanding over 20 years.

Corey demonstrates the importance of the input from the board to use a platform to ask any questions. Vice Chair Arellano asked if a link can be sent to which Corey replied yes.

Boardmember Rodriguez mentions that the scooters have had issues in the past at other cities and what will be done if it is implemented here in Avondale. Chair Beason adds that the scooters are used more in the downtown area. Corey explains that there are currently solutions in place for the scooters.

Chair Beason asks if the city sees in the future the scooters being used once THE BLVD is fully functioning to which Corey says there will be planning to make that happen.

Board Member Rodriguez asks what is the width for the short term side walks size to which Corey answers 6-8ft. He tells everyone to check out the bike lane on central if you do happen to be nearby.

Board Member Lazo asks did the team find the smaller projects something that is being worked on in South Avondale and Corey says that the south area has easements and the narrow roads.

Board Member Rodriguez questions if we should be focused on recreational running paths or transportation routes. Corey then re-highlights the multimodal trails. Board Member Rodriguez follows up with asking if the lighting will be incorporated on the multi use paths. Corey says that some will be lighted and some will not depending on the location of the path such as if homes or if no utilities are available.

6. RECREATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Corey highlights the APRA awards that were awarded to Stacy and Creepin' Cruise. Stacy was awarded the Young Professional of the Year and Creepin' Cruise was awarded Outstanding Special Event. Corey then proceeds with the APRA videos of Stacy and showcasing the Creepin' Cruise.

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Stacy begins talking about Billy Moore Days and talks about the days that it did run. She explains that due to weather Saturday was cancelled. She plays the Billy Moore Days video that was made of the days that it did run. She talks about the upcoming Vet Run and the Winter Fest. Chair Beason asks if all the lights will be ready for Winter Fest to which Stacy said that all lights and the show will be presented on the Winter Fest night. Corey talks about the Billy Moore's carnival having a positive impact and its tradition and it was nice to see it back. Stacy finished up the Recreational and Special Events Update by talking about the Sports programming's season is coming to an end.

7. BOARD PARK OBSERVATIONS – DONNIE HALE PARK

Chair Beason says that there was no where to park, so she drove around and went home for the Donnie Hale opening. She visited the park another day and said the playground had young kids with their parents and she said the fields are really nice. She then asked what is Futsol and why is it there. Corey answers that he'll answer all questions after the observations.

Board Member Lazo says that the park is very beautiful. She did notice that there is one dark space area like a wash area. She was curious if something will be added there and also states that she loved how everyone was gathered and using the field all together for various activities.

Vice Chair Arellano said she didn't see the park prior to renovation, but she loved the ball field, the large ramadas and the playground was really nice. She liked the handicap ramps for accessibility.

Board Member Rodriguez said she did make it to the opening and she thought it was really nice. She continues commenting on the extra space behind baseball field and asked what is its purpose is for. She liked the dugouts and the shade that was there.

Corey then showed before and after pictures of the parks and explains the differences. Corey answers Chair Beason's previous question regarding Futsol. He explains what Futsol is by comparing it with Tennis to Pickleball as Soccer is to Futsol as an example. Corey shares his appreciation of the history of the park.

Dominic answers Board Member Rodriguez's question about the extra space behind the baseball field. Dominic explains that the field behind the ball field is now used for a reservable multi-purpose field. Chair Beason likes the logo on the courts and says it is beautiful. Corey asks Board Member Lazo where is the location of the dark space mentioned in her previous comment. Board Member Lazo shows on the map where is the location she is questioning. Corey explains that space is the utilities for that area.

Corey then mentions that Mountain View Park and Deconcini Park are the next parks for a refresh.

8. PARKS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

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Corey talks about the Crystal Gardens trail improvements. He explains the uniqueness of its retention cells and trails. Corey details the improvements that have taken place.

Chair Beason asks for more details of the pictures Corey is showing. Corey explains more about the trail pictures. Chair Beason also brings up the traffic and construction on 107th to which Corey says its getting there.

Dominic talks about the Goodyear Farms Cemetery signs. He says that the signs are different from the other signs and it is meant to highlight the culture of the City and the Cemetery. He also detailed that large structures have been added to block vehicles from driving over graves. He continues with a special Memorial Veteran's space that will be built next.

Board Member Arellano asks for the location of the cemeter to which Dominic and Stacy give specific directions.

Corey proceeds with pictures of the progress of the Aquatic Center.

Board Memeber Rodriguez asks about the updated pool opening and Corey says the new date is Spring 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion- Board Member Rodriguez

2nd- Vice Chair Arellano

Approved 4-0

Time ended: 7:54pm

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