

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Date Minutes Were Approved

  
Lilly Lazo (Feb 9, 2023 11:59 MST)

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Chair

### CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the accompanying document is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the aforementioned meeting. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

  
Rachelle Nunez (Feb 9, 2023 11:55 MST)

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Staff Liaison





**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

**AGENDA**

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

**Present:** Board Member Janet Beason, Board Member Patti Nielson, Board Member Stephanie Rodriguez, Board Member Lilly Lazo, Board Member Marie Arellano

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

**Absent:** Mayra Espino, Rose Vasquez, Bryan Hughes, Tom Street

**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 December 14, 2022 meeting minutes. The Board will take appropriate action.

**Motion:** Board Member Nielson

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board Member Marie Arellano

**Approved 5-0**

**4. BOARD TEAM BUILDING EXERCISE**

The team building exercise introduced to the board was the question-  
“What is your New Year’s Resolution?”

Stacy begins the team building exercise by introducing her New Year’s Resolution of focusing on fitness for 2023. Corey states that his goal for 2024 will be taking a cruise. Lt. Hintz says that he never had a new year’s resolution and does not have one for 2023. Board Member Nielson says her resolution will be kayaking and working on patience and compassion while taking care of parents. Board Member Beason did not make any resolutions this year but would like to travel to Italy. Board Member Lazo wants to add walking more and release something this year and that something is fear. Board Member Rodriguez wants to read more in 2023. Board Member Arellano wants to begin the process on publishing her own children’s book, travel more and continue her goal of visiting all 50 states. Dominic states his 2023 goal is to be a good dad.

Rachelle says that her goal of 2023 is to work on budgeting.

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Stephanie Rodriguez

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Rose Vasquez

**Staff Liaisons:**

Bryan Hughes – Director  
Corey Larriva – Assistant Director  
Dominic DeCono – Sr. Management Analyst  
Stacy Swainston – Recreation Supervisor  
Tom Street – Parks Supervisor  
Rachelle Nunez – Administrative Assistant

## 5. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

The Board will take appropriate action.

**Motion:** Board Member Beason

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board Member Arellano

**Approved 5-0 to elect Lilly Lazo Board Chair**

## 6. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR

The Board will take appropriate action.

**Motion:** Board Member Stephanie Rodriguez

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board Member Marie Arellano

**Approved 5-0 to elect Stephanie Rodriguez Vice Chair**

## 7. PARK RANGER OVERVIEW

Lt. Mathew Hintz- Information regarding the Park Ranger

Lt. Hintz begins by giving some background of his career and how the military has led him to the police department. He currently helps oversee the public safety team with the City of Avondale and helps oversee public safety elements of special events going on in the city. He said the park ranger program has been going on for 20 years and discusses the process and training involved with that program. He said the park rangers do assist with animal control services as well.

Board Member Nielson asks if Avondale has kennels and Lt. Hintz replied that there is an area near Tolleson that can hold the animals for a temporary time. Lt. Hintz further explains that the Park Rangers are to patrol all the City Parks owned by the City of Avondale. He said that the Rangers have knowledge of reservations, and permits going on at the parks to help assist and enforce the rules for Parks and Rec. Lt. Hintz goes into more discussion about the citations that the park rangers can enforce and differentiates between not being allowed to enforce state laws or arresting and the police will be called if those laws are needed to be addressed. Lt. Hintz also discusses the tactical gear that is required for the park rangers to have. Lt. Hintz closes his statements by saying that the park rangers work closely with parks and recreation.

Corey adds that the Park Rangers must go through a rigorous process in getting hired and it can take a long time. Lt. Hintz adds that the Park Rangers are hired on by the Police Department so there are strict rules when going through that process.

Board Member Rodriguez asks if Alamar is included in as one of the parks overseen by Rangers, and Hintz replies "Yes, it's the newest added park".

Corey goes into more discussion about the differences between the duties of the Parks staff and the Park Rangers at the parks. Corey further explains how the park staff utilize the rangers for assistance.

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Board Member Nielson asks if we have a lot of problems at the parks and Hintz replies with the biggest problem being graffiti and explains that it is difficult to catch violators with that specific activity happening in the late hours.

Chair Lazo asks about the graffiti issue and what is the process when that does happen? Lt. Hintz answers that within a day or two, graffiti will be cleared up if they are aware of it. If cameras are in place the culprits can get caught and by tracking the art through Avi-Wise. Taking pictures help assist with finding who the artist is.

Board Member Nielson asks how it gets removed to which Corey replies that we have supplies that staff can use or a contractor can be called to help clean it off and that depending on the medium of art will depend on how the removal takes place.

Dominic goes into a discussion about what other communication meetings take place to keep all Parks staff and Park Rangers on the same page.

## **8. COMMUNITY CENTER NAMING**

The Board will consider naming options for the community center currently being renovated. The Board will take appropriate action.

Board Member Neilson asks is there another Avondale Community Center in Avondale that could cause a conflict with name confusion? Corey discusses that no other center is in progress or currently projected.

Corey says that the two popular names chosen in an informal poll by the team and the Las Ligas community are; Avondale Community Center and Mountain View Community Center. A discussion unfolds among the board about the naming options for the newest center.

1<sup>st</sup> choice-Mountain View Community Center      2<sup>nd</sup> Choice- No recommendations

Corey asks for any other input or requests from the board before closing out the meeting.

Board Member Beason asks if the board will continue visiting the parks as have been doing prior to which Corey replies that can be brought back if that is the board's discretion.

Board Member Beason asks about Tres Rios and if that is considered one of City of Avondale parks to which Corey explains that the Tres Rios land is divided into several different landowners that can make it "tricky" to move projects forward. He states that the City of Avondale does take pride in that asset and provide supplemental support for Tres Rios.

**Motion:** Board Member Beason

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board Member Arellano

**Approved 5-0 to recommend Mountain View Community Center**

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## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Board Member Beason

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board Member Arellano

**Approved 5-0**

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