



City of Avondale

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Lilly Lazo, Chair

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City Hall – Mesquite Conference Room

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323



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Notice & Agenda
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MESQUITE CONFERENCE ROOM | 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE | AVONDALE, AZ 85323

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

Physical Access to the Conference Room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

Time: 6:05

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

Present: Janet Beason, Amy Soucinek, LaChrisha Dourisseau, Timothy Kroll, Bryan Hughes, Corey Larriva, Rachelle Nunez, Mark Foote

Absent: Lilly Lazo, Stephanie Rodriguez, Cecilia Lopez, Patti Nielson

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board will consider the approval of the March 13, 2023, meeting minutes.

Motion: Board Member Soucinek motions to table the minutes to the next meeting.

2nd: Board Member Beason

Approved 4-0

4. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

Bryan begins this item by introducing himself to the newest Board Member, Timothy Kroll. The staff and Board Members go round the table and introduce themselves to Timothy Kroll. Timothy Kroll shares his career background and states that he lived many years of his life in Hawaii.

Corey continues by sharing a video that presents the newest 6 employees to the team who provide an introduction and share a brief fact about themselves. Corey then takes time to recognize the Aquatics Supervisor, Mark Foote and the Aquatics leadership team for all the work in hiring the new lifeguards with 28 lifeguards currently in training.

Board Member Dourisseau asks, "How did you get lifeguards hired?"

Mark answers with the use of social media marketing and highlights the lifeguard hiring advertisement signage displayed near the freeway which helped spread the word.

5. AQUATIC PROJECT UPDATE AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mark begins this item with a PowerPoint presentation and shares updated Aquatic Center photos and notes that although the project is on budget the timeline has been later than projected. He focuses on the abundant amount of shade structures at this facility in comparison to other Aquatic Centers which do not have as many shade structures. Mark details the pictures shown in the presentation and then he moves on with presenting the drone footage of the Aquatic Center to the members.

Board Member Dourisseau questions if there will be more solar shaded parking added?

Mark answers "no". She follows with another question asking if any of the Avondale Schools with swim teams will be using the facility?

Mark answers with there being 3 local high schools that are planned to host their swim team at the Aquatics Center.

Mark continues with discussing the number of staff that is needed for the rotations during the pool opening hours. He then begins detailing the operations planned for the Aquatic Center and further details the public summer swim fees, hours, and dates. Mark states that it's only open to Avondale Residents and depending the business overtime will depend on if the pool will open to Non-Residents.

Board Member Dourisseau asks, "What is capacity?"

Mark answers 500-600 guests.

Board Member Beason asks, "Can I come in with my granddaughter who is not a resident?"

Bryan answers with, "yes, a guest can come in with a Resident of Avondale." He then further details that they are trying to avoid one Resident bringing in multiple guests but that will be something that will be looked at and reviewed once the pool opens.

Mark talks more about the hours of operations and references the www.avondaleaz.com/pool and the Rave. He says that within time if the hours need to be changed along with the lifeguard rotations due to business not being full, they will be flexible and make any adjustments needed. He talks about the daily swim passes being offered and available to purchase online beginning on May 2nd. He briefly mentions that with the pool being a brand-new pool, they will be closely observing the attendance and feedback from the community to overall provide the best operation decisions for the community. Mark moves on with discussing the details of swim programs and recreation swim teams being offered. After, he begins discussing the room rentals and explains the reservation process with requests being accepted a month advance. He continues with detailing the options of the 2 reservable rooms and the entire facility. Mark states that the public swim hours will change when children start going back to school and from there the swim team season will begin.

Board Member Dourisseau asks if the pool will shut down completely after Halloween?

Mark answers with the shallow play side will be shut down but the competition side will remain open, and the classes will continue.

Mark mentions that during the winter season, the plan is to have multiple competition teams utilizing the facility to fund the heated pool during the off season. And if that ends up not being the case, then the pool will be shut down during the off season.

Bryan recognizes Mark for making time to come into the Board meeting even with him working very hard and extra hours in getting the pool ready.

Corey explains to the Board Members the importance their voice is in spreading the word of Aquatics Center and educating the public to utilize the Rave and to use the website. Mark also adds that the Board Members hold a special relationship with the community and if there is any constructive feedback that is heard, to please share to ensure the pool will positively serve the Avondale community.

6. PARKS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

Bryan begins this item by talking about the Mountain View Community Center (MVCC) landscape project. He references the pictures that show the area near the Mountain View Community Center that is currently going through a landscape make over. He hopes for a Public Art Piece installation in that location in the future. Corey starts talking about the Volleyball Courts and references the PowerPoint pics. He states there will be 4 unisex restrooms that will have a wash station on the outside that can overall detour from having to deal with long restroom wait lines. He further details the 5 high quality sand courts and talks about the specific sand being delivered to the courts. He mentions that the only other facilities in the valley with that kind of sand are at ASU and Mesa, which further supports the Volleyball Complex being of high quality. Corey states the volleyball project will be complete mid-May and all the Board Members will be invited to that ribbon cutting.

Corey briefly highlights the upcoming event being KidFest held on April 13th. He recognizes the hard work the event team has shown and notes the staff took surveys from last year's KidFest event and did their best to listen and accommodate to the community's feedback and needs. He briefly discusses the activities and vendors that will be at the event. Corey mentions the parking does get full at Friendship Park and the local school nearby will provide parking and the WeRide service will provide shuttle accommodations back and forth to the event.

7. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

The Board and Staff may provide brief comments on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Advisory Board meeting agenda.

Bryan mentions the progress coming from the consultant Barry Dunn and how they are getting much feedback from the community. He said the RAVE does have a QR code that links to the survey provided by Barry Dunn.

Board Member Dourisseau asks if planning started with the Juneteenth event?

Corey answered yes, and notes the event is planned for the Civic Center area due to the parking being a better option than the Resource Center facility that was used last year.

Board Member Beason suggests a tour be provided of all the Parks and Rec facilities for the Board Members due to all the growth within the Parks and Recreation. Bryan mentions that he will review the possibility of a tour or bringing back location reviews prior to Board Meetings as was done in the past.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Beason

2nd: Amy

Approved 4-0

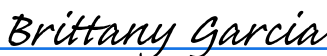
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Lilly Lazo (Oct 8, 2024 17:49 PDT)

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Brittany Garcia (Oct 8, 2024 17:37 PDT)

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