

THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2022 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Oscar Yrun Community Center Conference Room, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 by Chairman Wes Hewitt.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wesley Hewitt Berlynda Schaff
Joseph Hayes Jessica Kunkel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Moreno

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman William Benning
Councilwoman Marta Messmer
Laura Wilson
Laura Killberg
Steve Scheumann

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Berlynda Schaff made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Jessica Kunkel seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion carried.

RECREATION SERVICES REPORT

Laura Killberg addressed the commission with the department updates- Active Adults - this Saturday is the food and wine pairing Murder Mystery show. Sonoita wine and beer tasting tour on Saturday, November 5. Senior Holiday dinner on November 15, 91 people are registered. Cox is partnering with us for Fall Movies in the Park in October and November. Vineyards in the park went very well, approximately 800 people. Veterans Day Parade will be on November 11, asked if any commissioners would like to volunteer to drive the vehicles.

Cove – Splishy Splashy story will continue at least once a month. Fall break Tsunami Night this Friday. Thunderbolt Youth Triathlon is October 29.

Sports – Youth basketball registration is still open, ends December 7. Soccer has started and will run thru mid to late November. Adult Softball will wrap up at the end of October.

Fall Break Sparks Program – Daily or week registration is available, averaging 24- 27 participants a day. Halloween theme Rec & Roll was this past Saturday at Len Roberts Park. Sensory Science fun was today in the art studio. Spooky Saturday in the Library is October 29, Halloween themed games and fun.

Laura Wilson added that the museum has a lot of the pictures on display at Fry Pioneer Cemetery, Councilwoman Messmer stated that the museum is still taking photos for the blessing. Dusk with the dead is on October 28 and the blessing of the cemetery is on November 2.

Laura Wilson addressed the commission on the Schneider Project Phase II – all of the level 3 EV chargers are delivered, no level 2's have been delivered yet. Level 3 should be installed and ready to go by the end of the month. Dirt is being removed behind Rothery Sports Complex, the destruction of it will be happening in the next couple of weeks, a restroom will be put in also. Working on figuring a way to get restrooms in the DP complex. New swamp coolers for the gym and the building is being sealed of all the gaps. Coordinated effort with Ft. Huachuca side of the airport to have fiber pulled by the end of November.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilman Benning stated that Friday will be a ribbon cutting for the EMS station 4 across from Tompkins park. Appreciates the great job the commission is doing, people are noticing.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Vacancies – Two members have terms expiring. Jessica Kunkel is not eligible for another term, Laura Wilson will ask the clerks office to advertise an opening.

OLD BUSINESS

Electric Bicycles – Steve Scheumann was present to address the commission, Wes Hewitt updated him on what the commission had already discussed at last month's meeting. He gave the commission a brief background of himself. Has come up with a consensus of what people want and his concern is Garden Canyon Linear Park. He suggests no Ebikes on Garden Canyon Linear Park because of the narrow trails and safety reasons and would like signage updated; he passed out a picture of current signs. He stated there are some places that have blind corners and vegetation encroachment. He had a conversation with Chief Thrasher on October 7 and stated his goals are speed limits for ebikes on paved multi use paths controlled by Public Works. The bike lanes are controlled by the state ordinances. Mr. Scheumann stated that allowing no ebikes on park trails would be consistent with all federal government agencies in this area, he called all three local agencies to see what they allow and gave the commission detailed information. Councilman Benning asked what the federal government's definition of ebike was, that information was not available. Laura Wilson asked how they are enforced, that information was not available. A discussion on enforcing the policies was held. Councilman Benning stated that you cannot tell the difference between the different classes of ebikes, but would like to use classifications for polity purposes. Mr. Scheumann stated the basic issue is speed and Laura Wilson stated it is not just ebikes, but hover boards, ada scooters and other things stating that allowing these and governing the speeds would be best. Wes Hewitt thanked Mr. Scheumann for addressing the commission and said they would hopefully be voting on recommendations next month.

Clarification of facility definitions in City ordinance – Wes Hewitt has the clarifications typed up for facility definitions and will bring them to the next meeting

Discussion of dog ordinances – Wes Hewitt will bring the information to the next meeting

Commission projects – Adopt a project and new projects – Nothing to discuss

CALL TO PUBLIC

Nothing

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION

Wes questioned next month's meeting being election day, Councilman Benning recommended it be moved and Berlynda Schaaf seconded it. Councilman Benning suggested moving it to Wednesday, November 9. Berlynda Schaaf made a motion to move the meeting. Jessica Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion Carried, vote unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.