



Minutes Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board September 20, 2017

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Board meeting held on September 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Tempe Public Library – 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

Members Present:

Fred Wood – Chair
Maureen DeCindis – Vice Chair
Christina Hudson
Chris Kamper
Mary Larsen
John Vack
Duane Washkowiak
Breanna Wells

Members Absent:

Judy Aldrich
Suzanne Durkin-Bighorn
Shereen Lerner

City Staff Present:

Keith Burke, Deputy Community Services Director- Recreation
Craig Hayton, Parks Manager
Bobbi Lloyd, Management Assistant II
Bonnie Richardson, Principal Planner

Upon the establishment of a quorum, meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Fred Wood.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Darlene Justus, Deborah Zajac and Deb Gain-Brady, Deborah Zajac spoke in support of Papago Park Preserve.

Dutch Vanderlaan spoke in support of Pickleball.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2017

Motion made by Maureen DeCindis to approve meeting minutes of August 16, 2017 as submitted.

Seconded: Breanna Wells

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 3 – Papago Park Preserve

Craig Hayton recapped process to date explaining the council request to the board of 1. Do you feel comfortable moving forward charter amendment and 2. Proposed uses. Also, that any comments from the board's recommendations would be passed along and would still require legal to review language. Bonnie Richardson explained that if it passes vote and becomes a preserve a management plan document would be developed.

Board member asked if any historically trails existed on site and staff could not confirm but Maureen said she read a document talking about Federal funding for historical trail. Bonnie said she would look into it.

Craig followed up on questions raised at the last meeting regarding concerns of hours, use of glass, development, restrictions on trails relating to bike use. Concerns over event uses can be developed as part of the management plan and some would be covered with an event permit.

Bonnie covered the date timelines, general election if March 13, 2018 so worked back from that to meet legal requirements. Last date for council would be 11/9. Bonnie will present to council at work study session on 10/19 and then will be presented at regular council meeting on 10/26 with resolution prepared for council to approve to allow it to go to ballot which would go through the Clerk's and Attorney's Office. After vote if it becomes a preserve then work would start on a Management Plan which would be based on existing master plan and that would go through the public process.

Board member asked if it is made a preserve does it protect the property from development. Bonnie explained it adds another layer of protection to the park.

Board member asked if sanitary district (Water) would encroach into the park. Bonnie explained at this time they saw no need for expansion of that facility.

Craig stated that Tempe Town Lake Marina hours are 5am-10pm and that Tempe Beach Park hours are 6 am-10pm.

The board then suggested the following edits be made to the Proposed Amendment to Tempe City code Related to Preserves:

DIVISION 2. – PRESERVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 23-110. – Rules for use; criminal penalty.

(a)

(1) No person shall trespass upon or be upon the grounds without the express written permission of the official designated by the Community Services Director, between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. ~~SUNSET AND SUNRISE~~ the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise posted;

Sec. 23-111. – Rules for use; civil penalty.

(a)

(8) No fires or cooking are allowed in a preserve EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS IN APPROVED DEVICES;

(22) ~~NO PERSON MAY SHALL~~ ERECT ANY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING TENTS, TARPS AND CANOPIES, IN THE PRESERVE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

() ~~No person shall have a glass beverage container in a preserve; and~~ ADD BACK IN

Motion made by Maureen DeCindis to support charter amendment and proposed document with suggested changes.

Seconded: Christina Hudson

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 4 – South Tempe Youth Baseball Field Grant

Craig Hayton presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on South Tempe Youth Baseball Field Grant. Presentation included the following:

- Background
- Methodology – narrowing down locations
- Site analysis
 - Benedict Sports Complex
 - Tempe Sports Complex
- Timeline

South Tempe Youth Baseball Field Grant will fund converting field #7 at Tempe Sports Complex from a shared use to a permanent baseball field. Staff is working with Tempe South Little League for their input. Construction to take place winter of 2017 with a tentative opening in the spring of 2018.

Agenda Item 5 – Pickleball Update

Craig Hayton presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on Pickleball Update.

Presentation included the following:

- Background
- Methodology – narrowing down locations
 - Kiwanis Park
 - Tempe Sports Complex
 - Option 1
 - Option 2
- Site analysis
- Preferred location – Tempe Sports Complex- option 2
- Public outreach
- Timeline

This item was brought back to the board following the public outreach process to confirm if the board would approve staff's court location recommendation with Tempe Sports Complex- option 2 being the preferred location. Construction is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2018.

Motion made by Maureen DeCindis to support the location of option 2 as recommended.

Seconded: Christina Hudson

Motion: Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 6 – Recreational Value CIP

Craig Hayton presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on Recreational Value CIP Update. Presentation included the following:

- What is the recreational value CIP?
- Methodology
 - Base amenities
 - Trees
 - Ramada
 - Playground
 - Site furnishings
 - Enhanced amenities
- Next steps
- Timeline

This item was presented and received Council feedback on 08/10/17. Inventory, rank and prioritize base amenities will occur in the fall of 2017. After that is complete base amenity deficiencies will be addressed in fall/winter of 2017.

Agenda Item 7 – Birchett Park Plan

Craig Hayton presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation on Birchett Park Plan.

Presentation included the following:

- Iconic location
- Streetcar timing
- Council supports exploring possibilities
- Park size
- 4 main goals of parks plan
 - Gateway element
 - Programmable space
 - Pedestrian access
 - Compliment Gammage

The Tempe Streetcar Project may provide an opportunity to transform Birchett Park into an entrance to the downtown. The Working Group led by Councilmember Navarro examined different options for Birchett Park. The funding for this project will come from Development Impact Fees. A consultant has been hired and a public meeting will be held October 17, 2017.

Agenda Item 8 – Upcoming Park Public Meeting Notices & Announcements

- Birchett Park Plan Meeting October 17, 2017, will send notice to board when confirmed

Agenda Item 9 – Current Events/Board Announcements/Future Agenda Items

- Chris Kamper commented on behalf of the Pickleball community wanting staff to know they did a great job.
- John Vack commented on wanting to talk about recommendations on golf and asked to have Craig from A.C.E. attend next meeting.
- Future agenda item on criteria for tree selections

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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