

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #141, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, January 18, 2024
4:00 pm

Call to order: The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

PARC Members present: Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Brannick Harris.

PARC Members Absent: Sara Bowerman.

Staff Present: Eric Urfer, Kami Ellsworth, Jason Jarrett, Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda, Joel Radatz, Andrew Smith, Ana Padilla, and Jasmin Rodriguez.

Call to the Public: None.

Approval of minutes:

- a. Brannick Harris, seconded by Judy Phillips, made a motion to approve the December 21, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:
Aye: 4 Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Brannick Harris.
Nay: None.

Schedule Items:

a. **Director's Update**

i. **Master Plan Update**

Kami reported the following Master Plan survey results:

- 256 surveys from the random sample mailing were completed and returned, and an additional 1,265 surveys were completed from the general community-wide online surveys.
 - 98% think parks and recreation is important and essential to quality of life in Yuma.
 - 88% visit parks and open spaces at least once per month.
 - The most popular activities and programs responders participate in are walking/running, community events, playground, family gatherings or picnics.
 - Responders rank revitalizing existing parks as a top priority, the most popular revitalization are restroom facilities, renovate existing playgrounds, additional walking trails/bike paths, and recreation center.
 - Responders are in support of additions of playgrounds, outdoor splash pad/water spray area, 50-meter pool, picnic areas and ramadas.
 - Responders are interested in seeing more or different community events, the most popular are aquatics, youth sports, outdoor recreation, musical festivals and concerts, farmers markets, artist/art festivals, non-sport oriented youth activities, indoor events and activities during summer.
 - Next phase is to get a second survey circulated to set priorities in March.
 - Raul Canal asked, can we do fundraisers? Once the Master plan, we can use for fundraisers. This will help with the grant.

b. **Staff Update**

i. **Project Updates**

Eric Urfer reported:

- Budget:
 - The direction staff received is that we need a flat budget. This means that we will need to absorb any inflation cost.

Jason Jarrett reported:

- Smucker Park restroom has been installed; minor work is still needed.
- Hockey Rink dasher board system installation is underway. The demolition has started. The rink will be offline until March 2024.
- Desert Ridge Park and Windsor Rotary Park playground shades have been ordered. The staff will begin to prep the area for installation soon.
- Gowan donated ten date palms that will be installed in the downtown area.
- Staff will be installing 5 new pet waste dispensers in the downtown area.

ii. **Program and Event Updates**

Eric Urfer reported:

- Park Patrol program will start February 1st.
- Commissioner Michael Christensen has resigned from his position. The commission will need to hold elections next month to vote for a new Vice Chairperson.
- Jason Jarrett is retiring from the City of Yuma.

Ana Padilla reported:

- Dinner Theatre tickets are on sale.
- Successful Art in the Park.

Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda reported:

- Senior programming pickleball registration is good.
- Archery Tournament is taking place weekend.
- Fishing sessions at Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex.
- Run this weekend at West wetlands Park.
- Camp Inferno registration is open.
- Co-Sponsors Yuma Youth Soccer Association has more than 2,000 kids registered.

Joel Radatz reported:

- The Yuma Civic Center is in Expo season mode.
- This weekend is the Home Show.

Drew smith reported:

- Upcoming events at Desert Hills Golf Course are Tee-It Up Yuma, Rally for the Cure Tournament, Women's/Men's City Championship Tournaments.

Action Item: None

Summary of Current Events: None

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions:

- a. Report on programs or events attended
 - None.

Adjournment

Jaime McGalliard, second by Judy phillips, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Brannick Harris.

Nay: None

Minutes approved this 4/18 day of April, 2024.



Raul Canal, Vice Chairperson