

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #141, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, April 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 4:10 p.m.

PARC Members present: Judy Phillips (left at 5:18 pm), Sara Bowerman, Raul Canal, Jaime McGalliard (left at 5:18 pm), Stephanie Cabrales and Brannick Harris.

PARC Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eric Urfer, Kami Ellsworth, Jasmin Rodriguez, Espy Matlock, Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda, Christopher Hardy, Joel Radatz, and Ana Padilla.

Call to the Public: None.

Approval of minutes:

- a. Judy Phillips, seconded by Brannick Harris, made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:
Aye: 6 Judy Phillips, Sara Bowerman, Raul Canal, Jaime McGalliard, Stephanie Cabrales and Brannick Harris.
Nay: None.

Schedule Items:

a. **Master Plan – Update**

Steven Duh reported the following on the Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Trails (P.A.R.T.) Master Plan:

- We received over 1,100 responses of the second survey.
- Some highlights of the second survey are:
 - The top responders' interest is in large parks, sports fields, trails, pools, and indoor facilities.
 - Responders are willing to travel for all facilities, except nearest neighborhood parks.
 - The top activities and programs responders participate are community events, youth sports, aquatics, outdoor activities, and youth activities.
 - The top programs priorities for responders are youth sports, aquatics, outdoor recreation, community events and youth activities.
 - Responders feel pricing is fair and reasonable.
 - The top investment choices for responders are renovate restrooms facilities in parks, install more outdoor splash pads, develop parkland in Yuma's east side, develop a recreation center in East Yuma.
 - 47% of responders feel Yuma Civic Center should be renovated.
 - 87% of responders support developing additional indoor recreation space.
- Judy Phillips asked, if information is available to identify the households that responded to the surveys. Steven confirmed that the information is available if needed.
- Brannick Harris asked, how would the City prioritize the responses requesting us to fix what we have versus the high response to build an indoor facility. Steven responded, that the surveys were composed to segment the list based on higher expense. Eric Urfer added, the next step would be to do a feasibility study.
- Raul Canal asked, that as a small community, what are the challenges compared to a bigger community. Steven responded; the challenges are the

same. The primary challenge for Yuma is what most resident be able to utilize.

b. Director's Update

i. Adopt-A-Park - Update

- The program is up and running and it will be available on the Parks and Recreation website soon.
 - Two parks and a trail have been adopted.

ii. Park Patrol - Update

- During the month of March we had patrolled days.
- High frequency locations are: Gateway Park, Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex, and Armed Forces Park.
- 132 contacts, 83 warnings.

c. Staff Update

i. Project Updates

Eric Urfer reported:

- Demolition of Kennedy skate park is scheduled for July 2024. Hopefully, we will be able to have a grand opening on New Year's Day.
- 80% East Mesa conceptual is complete. The project is currently \$2 million overbudget.
 - Judy Phillips asked if there is a themed for the park. Eric responded that the Yuma Art Center staff has been tasked to assist with this aspect. Looking to add functional art.
- Archery range is being formalized. Work started this week, building fence and adding shooting pad.
- Restroom at Sanguinetti Athletic Complex has been completed.
 - Improved crow's nest and entry way.
- Field 2 and 3 light project at Ray Kroc Baseball Complex is scheduled to start May 2024.

ii. Program and Event Updates

Espy Matlock reported:

- Preparations have started at West Wetlands for inclusive area new pieces.
- The City partnered with Western Arizona Council of Governments for Arbor Day and planted new trees.
- On April 16, 2024, the City received the Tree City USA for the 16th year and for the first year the City received the USA Growth Award.
- Yuma Rotary painted Kennedy wall.

Ann-Jeannette Mosqueda reported:

- Yuma Youth Soccer Association completed biggest season in 25 years.
- Yuma Boys Baseball League, Yuma Fastpitch and Tball League, Yuma Catch and Go, and basketball seasons are underway.
- Staff is trying to add more archery.
- Water safety campaign kickoff at Prison Hill Brewery.

Ana Padilla reported:

- Yuma Art Center sign pending approval from the Historic Review Committee.
- Fire Station #7 project artist selected Sherry Scott.
- This weekend is the Children's Festival of the Arts. Over \$5,000 in sponsorship. Having instructors and event staff.

Joel Radatz reported:

- Wrapping up the month of April with events before entering the summer season.

Christopher Hardy reported:

- Winding down at Desert Hills Golf course.
- Completed the current season of Tee it Up Yuma, 32 participants.
- Next Tee It Up will be in October.

Action Item:

- a. Review/Endorse the Park Ordinance proposed changes.
Brannick Harris, second by Sara Bowerman, made a motion to change the time to 9:00 pm for parks without activity. The Motion carried by the following votes:
Aye: 6 Judy Phillips, Sara Bowerman, Brannick Harris, Raul Canal, Stephanie Cabrales, and Jaime McGalliard.
Nay: None
- b. Review/Endorse the Park Ordinance proposed changes.
Brannick Harris, second by Sara Bowerman, made a motion to eliminate terms limit, and to change meeting frequency to quarterly meetings. The Motion carried by the following votes:
Aye: 6 Judy Phillips, Sara Bowerman, Brannick Harris, Raul Canal, Stephanie Cabrales, and Jaime McGalliard.
Nay: None

Summary of Current Events: Fee policy renting our venues.

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions:

Adjournment

Brannick Harris, second by Sara Bowerman, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 Judy Phillips, Sara Bowerman, Brannick Harris, Raul Canal, Stephanie Cabrales, and Jaime McGalliard.
Nay: None

Minutes approved this 16 day of May, 2024.



Raul Canal, Chairperson