

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #142, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, September 21, 2023
4:00 pm

Call to order: The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PARC Members present: John MacDonald, Michael Christensen, Judy Phillips, and Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, Sara Bowerman, and Brannick Harris.

PARC Members Absent: None

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

Call to the Public: None.

Approval of minutes:

- a. Sara Bowerman, seconded by Brannick Harris, made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:
Aye: 7 John MacDonald, Michael Christensen, Judy Phillips, and Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, Sara Bowerman, and Brannick Harris.
Nay: None.

Schedule Items:

a. Director's Update

i. Master Plan Update

- Conservation Technix was selected as the Consultant to complete the Master Plan.
 - We held the kick off meeting
 - A survey to collect community input has been approved and will be mailed to 4,000 random addresses and will be available online.
 - Survey will be open for several months.
 - Have the commission help to spread the word.
 - Community engagement sessions October 25-26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - Separate sessions will be scheduled for the Commission
 - A second round of community engagement sessions will be schedule in the spring to collect more refine information.

ii. Grant Updates

- The City has received enough funding to complete the inclusive play project at West Wetlands.
 - Yuma Regional Medical center pledge all 3 pieces for the East Mesa Community Park.
- The West Wetlands Playground Trail grant in the construction phase
- The East Mesa Community Park Loop Trail grant agreement has been received.
- Art featured.
- Water conservation grant \$3 million grant for irrigation with \$1 million match.
- The City is assisting the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area with in-kind support to execute a tourism grant for garden landscaping at West Wetlands Park from the Hummingbird Garden to the Solar Garden.
- The Department of Forestry and Fire Management awarded the City a new grant for the next phase for prevention

- The Arizona Commission of the Arts awarded the City a \$21,000 for the arts.
- iii. **Project Updates**
 - Beach restoration project is underway. Several beach areas were washed away due to the BOR water released.
 - New shade structure at Desert Ridge Park and Windsor Park.
 - Inclusive Play Project completion at West Wetlands
 - Smucker restroom CXT unit is in the final approval stage.
 - Starting the process for the installation of new restroom at the Sanguinetti Athletic Complex. The Carver Park restroom is now open.
 - Musco lighting will be installed at Ray Kroc Fields 2 and 3 in June 2024 and July 2024.
 - Replacement of the Kennedy Hockey Rink dasher board and flooring.
 - Kennedy Skate Park 60% design has been approved. Estimating to break ground in January 2024.
 - East Mesa Community Park 60% design is being reviewed. Estimating to break ground in June 2024.
 - The kiln project at Yuma Art Center is waiting for the approval of the awning installation.
 - A call for artist has been mailed for the Yuma Art Center sign outside of the building.
 - Yuma Civic Center marquee is complete.
 - Yuma Civic Center new freezer is installed.
 - Desert Hills Golf Course kitchen renovation is complete.
 - Ramada 11 at Caballero Park and Ramada 25 at Carver Park have been reopened.
 - The Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Park programs are under legal review.
 - The Park Patrol program is being developed with an estimated launch date of January 2024.

Action Item:

a. Tribute of the Muses Art award Design Selection

Ana Padilla explained the voting process for the award selection.

- Packets of the designs submitted was provided to each commissioner.
- Votes were collected by Ana Padilla.

b. Tribute of the Muses Award Recipient Selection

Ana Padilla explained the voting process for the awards selection.

- Packets of the designs submitted was provided to each commissioner.
- Votes were collected by Lindsay Benacka for the following awards:
 1. Tribute of the Muses Award
 2. Helios Award
 3. Apollo Award
 4. Odyssey Award

Summary of Current Events

Ann-Jeanette reported:

- Aquatic season for high schools is in full swing.
- Year-round program is in session.
- Senior programming is scheduled to start at North End Community Center and Yuma Readiness and Community Center.
- Outdoor recreation with the weather getting better participation is increasing
- Youth sports has taken over most fields.
- The Father Daughter Ball is on October 14th.

Joel Radatz reported:

- Almost fully booked through the end of the year.
- Christmas Ball tickets are on sale, and this year the City is partnering with Crossroad Mission.

Jason Jarrett reported:

- A lot of storm clean up.
- Graffiti abatement.
- Stewart Vincent Wolfe Playground the fence around has been removed.

Ana Padilla reported:

- Upcoming events:
 - Yuma Rocks
 - YumaCon
 - Tribute of the Muses
- Judy Phillips was nominated for a Governor's Arts Award.

Drew Smith reported:

- City of Yuma employee tournament
- Desert Hills Golf Course will be closed for overseeding from October 2 thru November 4.
- Superintendent resigned, recruitment to fill the position will be posted soon.

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions

a. Report on programs or events attended

- Judy Phillips asked, why are plants dying at Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex. Jay Jarrett responded that there was storm drainage problems and issues were encountered with the recent heat.
- Commissioners requested that the pickleball courts be maintained more often and lights to turn on earlier.

Adjournment

Judy Phillips, second by Jaime McGalliard, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5 John MacDonald, Judy Phillips, and Jaime McGalliard, Sara Bowerman, and Brannick Harris.

Nay: None

Minutes approved this 19 day of OCTOBER, 2023.



Michael Christensen, Chairperson