

**Minutes**  
**City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**One City Plaza, Conference Room #142, Yuma, Arizona**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**4:00 pm**

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

**PARC Members present:** John MacDonald, Michael Christensen, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Sara Bowerman.

**PARC Members Absent:** Judy Phillips and Brannick Harris.

**Staff Present:** Eric Urfer, Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda, Joel Radatz, Andrew Smith, Jason Jarrett, Cassandra Contreras, and Jasmin Rodriguez.

**Call to the Public:** None.

**Approval of minutes:**

- a. Sara Bowerman, seconded by Jaime McGalliard, made a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:  
Aye: 5 John MacDonald, Michael Christensen, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Sara Bowerman.  
Nay: None.

**Schedule Items:**

**a. Director's Update**

**i. Master Plan Update**

- Online survey launched.
- The survey is intended to be broad to identify general interest.
- The second round will be more specific for design purposes.
- The consultant will be here next week
  - Community Engagement sessions are scheduled for October 25, 2023 at Yuma High School and Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Arizona western College.

**ii. Program Updates**

- Adopt-A-Spot
- Adopt-A-Park
  - Voted on by the Commission and ready to launch. Working on the procedures for administration.
  - Looking at a soft launch in December 2023.
- Park Patrol
  - Voted, on by the Commission
  - A few details need to be worked out with Yuma Police Department.
  - Looking at a soft launch in December 2023.

**iii. Park Inspection**

- Developing a form for Commissioners to use as a checklist.
- Commission wants to continue and will get assignments next month.

**b. Staff Update**

**i. Project Updates**

- Playground trail has been started at the Stewart Vincent Wolfe Playground.

- The Parks team is transporting sand from the Bureau of Reclamation to restore the damage caused by a big release of water.
  - 600 tons of sand at Gateway Park.
  - 500 tons of sand at Playa Linda.
- Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI) are still inspecting.
- At Joe Henry Memorial Park one playground was removed. John MacDonald asked if the damage to the trails at West Wetlands Park will be repaired. Jason Jarret responded, yes, we will be adding more stabilizer the last rain made it settle.
- Sara Bowerman asked, Smucker Park playground is roped off. Jason Jarret responded, playground will be repaired.

**Action Item:**

**a. Fire Station No. 7 Mural art Selection**

Cassandra Contreras explained the voting process for the art selection.

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

**Summary of Current Events**

Joanne Fiser is no longer with the city, current recruitment to fill the position is ongoing.

**Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions**

**a. Report on programs or events attended**

- Special Olympics Bocce tournament in Mesa. Golf and softball going on.
- Ant infestation at Joe Henry.
- Score boards, why only at Joe Henry Memorial Park.
- Warm-up areas are too saturated.

**Adjournment**

Jaime McGalliard, second by Raul Canal, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5 John MacDonald, Michael Christensen, Jaime McGalliard, Raul Canal, and Sara Bowerman.

Nay: None

Minutes approved this 16 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

  
 Michael Christensen, Chairperson