

**Minutes**  
**City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**One City Plaza, Conference Room #142, Yuma, Arizona**  
**Thursday, December 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 4:04 p.m.

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

**PARC Members Absent:** Sara Bowerman and Michael Christensen.

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

**Call to the Public:** None.

**Approval of minutes:**

- a. Jaime McGalliard, seconded by Brannick Harris, made a motion to approve the November 16, 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**

The information gathering stage is complete, over 1,500 survey responses were received. The top three preliminary indications are: take care of what we have, more indoor space, and more aquatic space. A follow up meeting is scheduled for January 03, 2024. The consultant will be presenting the official findings at the Regular City Council Worksession on February 20, 2024.

**ii. Budget Development**

The budget is developed in different stages.

- The first stage is personnel. We have submitted the proposal for new positions, position changes that were not addressed during the recent labor market study, and some positions that did not make last year's budget.
- The next stage is the operating budget. This year is a flat budget.
- Then Capital Improvement Program
  - We are looking to continue with lighting more fields and continue park revitalization.

**iii. Park Inspection Assignments**

The commission requested that parks assignments be made at random.

**b. Staff Update**

**i. Project Updates**

Eric reported the following:

- Skate Park:
  - Virtual public meeting update: the project is slightly over budget. The original budget was \$2.5 million, and the budget is currently at about \$3 million. The project includes street scape, bowl, and pump track. The project timeline is to begin demo in April and complete the build by the end of the calendar year.
- Hockey Rink:
  - Dasher boards are schedule to arrive December 29, 2023. Installation is set for second week of January. Demo by park's staff is in progress.

- Rink schedule to reopen in March, before big tournament.
- Surfacing is being researched for replacement.
- Restrooms at Smuckers Park in ongoing. The electrical work is almost done. Plan is to add second restroom facility on the other side of the park once the Stormwater Prevention project is complete.
- Second prefabricated restroom replacement is scheduled for Sanguinetti Athletic Complex. Utilities work has started for this project.
- Playgrounds shade structure next year at Desert View Park and Windsor Rotary Park.
- Inclusive Play pieces have been ordered.
- Yuma Art Center sign is in the final design selection phase.
- Archery Range:
  - Grant to formalize the range, bid will be going out soon. About two thirds of basin will be used for this project.
- Gowan is donating 10 date palm trees, to be placed at the 200 block of Main Street. Parks staff is working on the coordinating for the installation.
- Dog stations in Downtown will be installed.
- New visual equipment for the Yuma Civic Center has been purchased.

**ii. Program and Event Updates**

Ana Padilla reported:

- Wrapping up the year, we have one last concert.
- Art in the Park on January 12 and January 13, 2024, 55 artists are participating. There is a waiting list for artist.
- Kiln project is almost complete. All Kilns are in the 270 building.

Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda reported:

- The boiler was replaced at Yuma Valley Aquatic Center.
- Regular programming Monday through Friday.
- Senior program registration has started.
- Yuma Youth Soccer Association will begin on January 6, 2024. Increased numbers, 220 teams with over 2,000 kids.
- 64 families attended the instructional programming Rocking around.

Drew Smith reported:

- Finished Jr Camp, 28 kids.
- Tee It Up starts January 20, 2024.

Joel Radatz reported:

- The following events took place in December: Sausage Fry, Toy Drive, and Christmas Ball.
- In January we will be switching over to Expo mode.
- Started work to convert a space into a conference room.
- Renovate men's restroom and concession area.

**Action Item:** None

**Summary of Current Events:** None

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

a. Report on programs or events attended

- Judy Phillips:  
Tribute of the Muses was fantastic but several people complained about the sound system.
- Eric Urfer:  
Recognized some issues, looking at some outside audio firm to see if they can run audio for us. This is a major investment, trying to find an internal solution.

**Adjournment**

Judy Phillips, second by Jaime McGalliard, 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

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Minutes approved this 18 day of January, 2024.



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Raul Canal, Vice Chairperson