

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Chino Valley met for a Regular Meeting in the Chino Valley Council Conference Room, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair League called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

Present: Todd League, Chair; Carrie Barnes, Vice-Chair; Diego Mendez, Board Member; Richard Coleman, Board Member; Celia van der Molen, Board Member

Absent: Donna Armstrong, Board Member; Bea Coons, Board Member; Debbe Hacke, Board Member; Robert Johnson, Board Member

Staff Present: Recreation Lead Dallas Gray; Recreation Coordinator Hailey Bryd; Assistant Community Service Director Cyndi Thomas; Parks Supervisor Jason Olson; Economic Development Project Manager John Coomer; Finance Director Joe Duffy

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Consideration and possible action to accept the September 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED by Board Member Celia van der Molen, seconded by Vice-Chair Carrie Barnes to approve the September 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Chair Todd League, Vice-Chair Carrie Barnes, Board Member Diego Mendez, Board Member Richard Coleman, Board Member Celia van der Molen

PASSED - Unanimously

4) PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Recreation Lead Gray reported on the following:

The Town's Halloween event was successful. There were 20 booths and 1,000 pounds of candy passed out to children.

5) COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- a) Committee Chair - Todd League

- b) Recreation Committee - Donna Armstrong
- c) Aquatics Committee - Carrie Barnes
- d) Parks & Trails - Richard Coleman

Boardmember Coleman reported on the following:

- It appeared the roadwork at Jerome Junction would interfere with the trail.
- He wanted to purchase three or four park benches to place under each tree.

- e) Finance Committee - Bea Coons

6) **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Board concerning a subject that is not on the agenda. Public comment is encouraged. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 15 minutes per meeting. Board action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date, or responding to criticism.

Finance Director, Joe Duffy and Economic Development Project Manager, John Coomer provided a presentation to Boardmembers concerning the upcoming May 2019 Ballot Measures regarding the proposed Road Maintenance Program Property Tax and permission for the Town to Purchase Water Utilities.

Mr. Duffy and Mr. Coomer presented and discussed the following:

Property Tax Ballot Measure:

- Information had been publicized in several locations that the Mayor and Council had been considering how to address the road maintenance issues in Chino Valley. Road maintenance was a main concern brought up by the community.
- Voters would need to approve the property tax for the Maintenance plan to be implanted.
- The Chino Valley population was between 12-13,000, but population of the surrounding areas around Chino brought that number to approximately 25,000. Those surrounding areas relied on Chino Valley as their business hub.
- The Town maintained 154 miles of streets and the Town encompassed 64 square miles of land.
- Sales tax revenue was not sufficient to cover the Town's needs for road maintenance.
- The Roads and Streets Committee worked with the Public Works Director to form a plan to maintain the roads and the cost of the maintenance. The maintenance cycle would be seven years and would cost \$1.6 million annually. The roads would first need to be repaired and then would be maintained. Every road would be maintained every seven years over a 20-year span. Each road would be maintained 3 times every 20 years.
- The Roads and Streets Committee recommended taking to the voters a proposal for a local primary property tax that would be used exclusively for road maintenance and repair and would sunset after 20-years. It could not be used for anything else. There were two tax proposals:

Option A: Would cover the maintenance of the roads, with a property tax levy of \$1.2 million. Option A would cost the tax payer on average \$157 per year or \$13 per month per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Option B: Would be a tax levy of \$1.5 million and would cover the maintenance of the roads and leave a balance of approximately \$300,000. That balance could be spent or rolled over into the next year for road work. Option B would cost the tax payer on average just under \$200 per year or \$16 per month per \$100,000 of assessed value.

- The HURF fund provided approximately \$300,000 annually (gas tax money of 18 cents per gallon). The funds were not adequate to maintain the roads which had lead to the current deterioration of the Town’s road system.
- Any property tax on new construction would be added to the total and would not affect what current property owner’s payment amount.
- New developments or subdivision roads would be the responsibility of the developer but after the roads were built, the maintenance would be the responsibility of the Town.
- Businesses would also be taxed.
- The roads that were not included in the maintenance plan were roads outside the town limits, State Route 89 (State of Arizona responsibility), and private roads made as part of a lot split.
- Dirt roads would not be paved but would be maintained.
- Road improvements, such as street widening was a possibility especially with Option B. The extra money with Option B could be used for road improvements.

Water Utilities Purchase Ballot Measure:

- In addition to Chino Valley Municipal Water, there was a public and several private water companies within or close to the Town of Chino Valley. State law required the Town to get voter approval for the Town to acquire any of these water companies in the future.
- In 2000, the voters approved the Town establishing water and sewer services, but a subsequent legal ruling negated the approval. Very specific language was required to authorize the purchase of any water company. The language on the ballot would name specific water companies that could be acquired by the Town of Chino Valley.
- Since the Town of Chino Valley did not own their water and sewer systems as most municipalities did, they had been unable to offer municipal water and sewer to many new homes and businesses. The City of Prescott owned and operated an extensive infrastructure water utility system that could be extended, but the smaller private water companies that served specific neighborhoods did not have the capital to improve and update the infrastructure that was needed. A single Town owned utility could save money for customers that used the privately-owned systems if the Town was able to purchase and consolidate those systems.

Mr. Coons and Mr. Duffy encouraged Boardmembers to inform community members about the ballot measures and the facts of each measure.

7) **CORRESPONDENCE**

8) **OLD BUSINESS**

9) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion regarding Halloween events and sponsorship needs.

Board Members noted the word Halloween in Item “a” was a typo and clarified the correct holiday should have been Christmas.

Boardmembers discussed the upcoming Town Christmas event, “A December to Remember at Memory Park”. It was noted that the Town did not need the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board support for the event, but the Board would be notified if that changed.

10) FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Christmas events
- Mud Run 2019

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Vice-Chair Carrie Barnes, seconded by Board Member Celia van der Molen to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

AYE: Chair Todd League, Vice-Chair Carrie Barnes, Board Member Diego Mendez, Board Member Richard Coleman, Board Member Celia van der Molen

PASSED - Unanimously

Submitted: November 15th, 2018.

By: *Vickie Nipper, Deputy Town Clerk*

Approved: March 5, 2019.