

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

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
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; Diego Mendez, Board Member; David Somerville, Board Member; Donna Armstrong, Board Member; Richard Coleman, Board Member; Steven Werkheiser, Board Member

Absent: Carrie Gofourth, Vice-Chair; Celia van der Molen, Board Member

Staff Recreation Lead Dallas Gray; Recreation Coordinator Hailey Bryd; Assistant Community
Present: Service Director Cyndi Thomas; Community Services Director Scott Bruner

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a)** Consideration and possible action to approve August 6, 2019, regular meeting minutes.

MOVED by Board Member Donna Armstrong, seconded by Board Member David Somerville to approve the August 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Chair Todd League, Board Member Diego Mendez, Board Member David Somerville, Board Member Donna Armstrong, Board Member Richard Coleman, Board Member Steven Werkheiser

6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

MOVED by Board Member Donna Armstrong, seconded by Board Member Steven Werkheiser to move Agenda Items 8b and 9a to the top of the Agenda.

AYE: Chair Todd League, Board Member Diego Mendez, Board Member David Somerville, Board Member Donna Armstrong, Board Member Richard Coleman, Board Member Steven Werkheiser

6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

4) PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

(This item was heard after item 9a but is retained here for clarity.)

Recreation Coordinator Grey reported the following:

- Territorial Days was a success and ran smoothly and the entertainment was good. The Lion and Lioness' were a huge asset.

5) COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- a) Committee Chair - Todd League
- b) Recreation Committee - Donna Armstrong
- c) Aquatics Committee - Carrie Gofourth
- d) Parks & Trails - Richard Coleman

Board Member Coleman reported that:

- The fence on the south end of the trail was in disrepair.
- The Brightstar subdivision took the fences down when they put theirs up and put the old fence, barbwire and poles on the trail property. Staff said that code enforcement would be notified.
- Staff explained that the Yavapai Trails Association would be going out to assess the trail. They had a grant for benches, signs, etc. They would review the trail and give their professional assessment on needs and there was hope that there would be enough money in the grant for repairs on the trail.

- e) Finance Committee -

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.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

8) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion regarding Mud Run recap.

Board Members discussed the following:

- There were approximately 334 people in attendance, the most the event had seen.
- An avid mud event couple in the competitive wave event stated the Chino course was the best course they had been on.
- The shaved ice food truck did well.
- There were no injuries or issues.
- The Rangers took care of the parking and staff hoped to bring them on again in the coming

years.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding pickle ball.

(This item was heard after item 3a but is retained here for clarity.)

Board Members discussed the following:

- The pickleball group had officially created a club, put together a board and created a name.
- A new location at the Community Center basketball courts had been chosen as possible locations for the pickleball courts. The Town Engineer would review the location for safety. There was enough room for up to two courts.
- Nancy Diffendaffer, the president of the Chino Valley pickleball association, explained more details on the courts was necessary before moving forward. The wish of the pickleball community was having two courts at one location.
- The Board discussed the basketball court location that had at least one area that was good for a pickleball court that could be developed immediately.
- Members discussed why other areas would not work for the development of the courts, including development timeline and expense.
- The Board discussed repairing the cracks on the surface of the basketball court and laying a synthetic surface over the top, which would allow additional courts in the future.
- Ms. Dipendaper and Board Member Armstrong would measure the court before a net was ordered and report their findings to staff.

9) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion and possible action regarding the dog park.

(This item was heard after 8b but is retained here for clarity.)

Board Members discussed the following:

- Board Members requested a direction on the most important issues of the dog park to pursue from dog park supporters in attendance.
- Areas of importance included the surface because a rock surface would not work, some type of shading, and fencing for all dog types, size and area. It was suggested that the rock should be replaced with DG or sand.
- Board Members had been looking at shading and an artificial grass surface. Real grass and water were too expensive to put in place. It was suggested that artificial turf was not appropriate unless it could be cleaned and watered down.
- Staff suggested that there currently was not room to expand the park but the current space could be improved. Water was currently onsite and could be used.
- Staff had reached out to Purina. Purina had helped Prescott with their dog park.
- A shading Ramada was very expensive. The option of trees was discussed and planting them on the outside of the dog park perimeter so they were not damaged by dogs.
- Staff had found reusable (used) artificial turf that the parks staff could install in the off season.
- Staff stated they would begin work on the dog park by replacing the rock surface and focusing on shading.
- The final priority list was the surface, shading and trees, water and fencing.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding Wind Hot Air Balloon and Kite Festival.

Board Members discussed the following:

- A festival that celebrated wind as a power source focusing on transportation and recreation.
- The festival could include:
 - hot air balloons,
 - kite contests including design and height contests,
 - windmills displays and power generators for garden decorations,
 - mechanical amusements,
 - possible small blimp rides and presentations,
 - Drone races,
 - model airplane obstacle courses,
 - demonstration and educational ideas were discussed, and
 - Several other ideas were discussed for the event.
- Possible sponsors were discussed.
- Possible advertising for the event was discussed.
- The location for an event for this large would require a location like Old Home Manor.
- The Harvestfest could be a good partner event or if it was not held in the fall, a spring event might work better.
- Staff could research the pattern for the windiest time of year.
- Staff will take the ideas and research and investigate the possibilities. The event could start with a kite festival and build on it from that point.

10) FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

- Pickleball (old business)
- Dog park (old business)
- Hot air balloon and kite festival (old business)
- Future Ideas List (David Somerville) (new business)

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Werkheiser, seconded by Board Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. AYE: Chair Todd League, Board member Diego Mendez, Board Member David Somerville, Board Member Donna Armstrong, Board Member Richard Coleman, Board Member Steven Werkheiser Vote: 6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

Submitted: September 11, 2019.

By: *Vickie Nipper, Deputy Town Clerk*

Approved: November 5, 2019.