



Monday, January 23, 2023
City of Palm Springs
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was conducted by teleconference and there was no in-person public access to the meeting location.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the City of Palm Springs Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Alcorn and the roll call was taken by Director Yvonne Wise.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jerry Alcorn	X	
Johnny Coladonato	X	
Deiter Crawford	X	
Jody Diaz		X
Michael Finland	X	
Susan Meyer	X	
John Miraglia	X	
Chris Spellman	X	

City Staff Present: Yvonne Wise, Director of Parks & Recreation

III. **REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

Director Wise reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way; the Palm Springs Leisure Center, 401 S. Pavilion Way; and the City of Palm Springs' website prior to 5:30 PM on Wednesday, January 18, 2022, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF December 19, 2022**

Motion: Commissioner Finland

Second: Commissioner Spellman

Motion Carried: Yes 7

Commissioner Diaz excused

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Soulliere – Senior softball board, fields at Demuth need attention to take care of holes and pet waste.

Mike Alltop – Questions about dog parks, plan timeline, and maintenance issues.

T Santora – Thanked everyone for efforts of Pickleball AdHoc.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Wise provided a presentation with updates and highlights from the Parks & Recreation department's projects and programs, including the status of improvement projects.

VII. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. ACTION ITEM: 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Calendar approved

Chair Alcorn asked for a motion for adopting calendar for the year.

Motion: Commissioner Alcorn

Second: Commissioner Spellman

Motion Carried: Yes 7

Commissioner Diaz excused

B. ACTION ITEM – Park Landscaping Conversion Conceptual Plans approved

Brent Sprague, representative from Conserve LandCare discussed changes in Ruth Hardy Park landscaping conversions around the tennis courts and answered questions.

Discussion held on timeline and request to remove grass near mural at front of the James O. Jessie Center.

Chair Alcorn asked for a motion for accepting conceptual plans.

Motion: Commissioner Miraglia

Second: Commissioner Finland

Motion Carried: Yes 7

Commissioner Diaz excused

VIII. **ADHOC & COMMISSIONER UPDATES:**

Park Landscape Conversion AdHoc – Chair Alcorn reported that the recent work was discussed in the updated presentation for Desert Highland.

Dog Park AdHoc – Commissioner Miraglia stated that group met last week with a focus on improvements to the Demuth Dog Park. A windscreen was installed on the fence, with plans for leveling and grading the park, addition of a large shade structure in middle of park, and future improvements include a screen to shield softballs from coming into park. Additional discussion ensued on new fencing around park because of CV link and netting to protect everyone from softballs and baseballs.

Master Plan AdHoc – Commissioner Meyer reported that group discussed a timeline for changes the group is reviewing 2014 plans and Master Plans from other Cities to help identify needs and wants for our City.

Park Enhancement AdHoc – No update.

Pickleball AdHoc – Commissioner Finland reported that the group discussed proposals for net barriers, proposals for court signs and decals for whiteboard system, and plans to attend a Parks & Recreation open house as an opportunity to share information about Pickleball. Mentioned the possibility of another survey for players, stated group discussed a volunteer program for Court Ambassadors, and parking issues. Commissioner Finland answered questions from other Commissioners regarding indoor courts, signage already at the Animal Shelter, and decals.

Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Spellman inquired about AdHoc meetings and increasing communications.

Commissioner Crawford suggested more features be added at Swim Center to make the pool more family friendly.

Commissioner Meyer commented on Swim Center reservations and staffing of lifeguards. Director Wise explained that the hope is that the lifeguard trainee program offered and recruitment strategy will help the City recruit more people.

Chair Alcorn thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Reminded everyone the next meeting would be scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business Chair Alcorn asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Miraglia

Second: Commissioner Finland

Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Diaz excused.

The Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:38 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, February 27, 2023, via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Burns

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