



Monday, June 24, 2024
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 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 5:31 PM by Chair Miraglia and the roll call was taken by Director Yvonne Wise.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Donald Admire	X	
Johnny Coladonato		X
Rod Davis	X	
Jody Diaz		X
Michael Finland	X	
Susan Meyer		X
John Miraglia	X	
Jase Nagaia	X	

City Staff Present:

Yvonne Wise, Director of Parks & Recreation; David McAbee, Public Works Director; Aaron Bergeson, Public Works Project Manager.

III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

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 Tuesday, June 18, 2024, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF May 20, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Admire

Second: Commissioner Finland

Motion Carried: Yes

Noting the absence of Vice Chair Coladonato, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Meyer

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Correspondence was emailed to Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Public Comments:

1. Ned Barker, Board Chair of Baristo Neighborhood Organization, expressed his appreciation for the new additions and improvements to Baristo Park, and would like to transform the storm channel utilizing Measure J funds. The neighborhood inquired about a liaison to navigate the Measure J process.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Wise provided an overview on items that have recently gone to City Council as well as items that are coming up on Council Agendas. Director Wise also highlighted the Special City Council meeting with all City Boards and Commissions in attendance. Each Commission's chair gave an overview of the Fiscal Year highlights. Additionally, Director Wise reported on updates from the Maintenance and Facilities projects that were completed over the last month, events held at our community centers, and "save the date" information for the upcoming Master Plan Community Outreach meeting.

VII. **PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. PRESENTATION: FY24 Year in Review

Director Wise gave an overview of the Parks & Recreation Commission and department accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2024. Updates covered projects and events from July 2023 through June 2024, including maintenance projects, large-scale events, recreation programs, community outreach events, and design team planning for several Capital Improvement Projects. Director Wise also reported the setup of 5 Ad-Hocs, improvements to the Swim Center operations, vendor fair participation, signage upgrades, website refinements, and staff recruitments over the past year.

B. PRESENTATION: Parks and Recreation Project Updates

Director Wise gave an update on pending, completed, and upcoming projects. Updates included information on the ribbon cutting ceremony to be held for Victoria Park's new playground on July 3, Desert Highland landscape conversions to be completed on June 30, Demuth Park playground progress, and the restoration project of the Leisure Center's Dance Studio floor.

VIII. **AD-HOC UPDATES:**

Dog Park: Chair Miraglia stated that the Demuth Dog Park project is in the cost estimating phase.

Master Plan: Commissioner Davis stated that the Community Outreach meeting held on May 22, 2024, at James O. Jessie Center was well attended with great feedback from a well-represented community. He also mentioned that there is an upcoming virtual workshop on June 25, 2024; an in-person workshop at 5:30 PM on June 26, 2024, at the Demuth Community Center; as well as, KDI will be presenting a Master Plan update to City Council on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

Park Enhancements: Commissioner Nagaia stated the Ad-hoc is closer to confirming a color scheme for Baristo Park playground. Commissioner Nagaia also explained

that Demuth Park playground is well underway and is looking forward to the project completion.

Pickleball: Commissioner Finland stated that the Pickleball Expansion Project is on schedule but in order for the project to come to fruition, there needs to be additional funding. The Ad-Hoc, staff, and the consultant will be reaching out to Measure J to explore those options. The team hopes to have a presentation ready for the City Council in July.

Swim Center: Commissioner Admire stated that the Swim Center Improvement Project is in the cost estimating phase. Director Wise added that staff would be reaching out to the Ad-hoc to discuss the operations side of the Swim Center.

IX. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Finland wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Commissioners recognized and thanked Commissioner Meyer for her service over the past years.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion: Commissioner Nagaia

Second: Commissioner Davis

Motion carried unanimously noting the absence of Vice Chair Coladonato, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Meyer.

The Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:24 PM with the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, via teleconference and in-person.

Respectfully submitted,

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