



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting – Teams Meeting
5/18/2020 4:00 p.m.



SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Members Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Brian Bloom (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Mark Cox |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jennifer Grogan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Ryan Martin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Stephen Parsons | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jim Stratton (Co-Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Aurelia Yazzie | |

Councilmember / Liaison to the City Council

- Councilmember Regina Salas

Staff Present

Stacy Fobar
Amy Hagin
Rebecca Sayers
Jonathan Wilson
Cathy Guetschow
Lalena Guider

Others In Attendance

Tom Ziegler

Introduction of new commissioner, Stephen Parsons.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Commissioner Chair Bloom.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Chair Bloom, Commissioners Cox, Grogan, Martin, Parsons and Yazzie were present for roll call.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Grogan to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) yea votes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public Comment: None

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Ballot measures – Staff reported that due to the changing landscape caused by the COVID-19 shut down, the City Council will not forward any questions for Parks, Recreation and Open Space to the ballot this November.

- B. Thorpe Dog Park Update -Tom Ziegler informed the commission that the Thorpe Dog Park is subject to flooding and ice and requested that a new, grass dog park be added to the next city park construction.
The Commission expressed appreciation for the work that staff has done to better maintain the existing Thorpe dog park location. When feasible the Commission would like to see ideas for moving the dog park from Thorpe Park to a newly developed park that can have appropriate infrastructure installed to more easily maintain the park amenity.
- C. West side park – staff continues to discuss access with the Woodlands Residential Homeowners Association (ROA). The park design and construction has been put on hold until further notice given the reduced BBB revenues due to COVID-19. Design services are still moving forward. \$10,000 remains in the budget if an opportunity arises to acquire property for access from the ROA.
- D. City budget updates – The City Council has adopted a five-stage recession plan that is being implemented in phases to reduce expenses and offset the funding shortages of a recession. The city is currently in the moderate, or second, phase. The Council will consider entering the third phase of the plan at the City Council meeting on May 26, 2020. Parks and Recreation staff is addressing how the plan will affect projects, services, operations and maintenance.
- E. COVID-19 updates – The Commission received updates on recent closures and draft reopening/re-entry plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parks, trails, and open spaces remained open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 15 - May 18, 2020, Parks and Recreation opened tennis courts, dog parks, sports fields and basketball courts. On May 22, 2020 playgrounds and swing sets will also be available to the public. Recreation facilities, ramadas, picnic tables, and BBQ grills, remain closed until further notice except for the Meals on Wheels program operating out of the Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center. Phase four of the City’s re-entry plan would consist of reopening recreation facilities with limited hours and safety guidelines in place.

6. REPORTS

- A. Monthly highlights of Parks and Recreation– attached. The Open Space report will be emailed to the commission.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Councilmember Cox reported that The Boys and Girls Club has remained open and can offer policy suggestions for guidance during facility openings.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 15, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING

- COVID-19 updates
- City Budget and recession plan update
- Schedule of Commission meetings

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.