



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CATHEDRAL CITY
PARKS & COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION
AGENDA

Cathedral City

MONDAY, July 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 5:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Diane Hines, Julie Haltman, Arianna Menon, Valerie Schechter, Johnny Huynh-Simmonds, Karen Panico-Willis, Paul Thompson, (Absent)
City Staff: Chris Parman

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENDA FINALIZATION:

Karen Panico-Willis motioned to move Item 3 on the agenda to Item 1 so John Corella could speak early on the progress of Ocotillo Park. Julie Haltman 2nd the motion. Voted 6 to 0 to approve.

URGENCY ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Valerie Schechter motioned for approval of July 13 minutes, Arianna Menon 2nd – Voted 6 to 0 to approve

AGENDA

3. Ocotillo Park Grand Opening Update. Staff / Commissioners

John Corella mentioned that the grand opening of Ocotillo Park has been pushed back due to adding a 2nd basketball court, the expansion of the skate board park and an engineering error related to the water pressure. The repairs for the water pressure are underway which will operate the Splash Play area and irrigation system. The Commission discussed several dates on when the official “Grand Opening” might occur. After much debate, it was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at 10am. The commission will also discuss the idea of providing the park perimeter wall for artistic murals in cooperation with the Cathedral City Public Arts Commission as a way to discourage graffiti.

The Commission voted to bring the “Grand Opening” date for further discussion at the next Commission meeting. Julie Haltman motioned to bring it back for discussion, Valerie Schechter 2nd the motion. Voted 6 to 0 to place it on the next agenda.

1. Selection of Ambassadors for subcommittees. Staff / Commissioners

Arianna Menon motioned to elect “Liaisons”, not “Ambassadors” for 1 position to the Public Arts Commission, multiple positions for Recreation, and 1 liaison for Police. Julie Haltman 2nd the motion. Coted 6 to 0 to approve.

- Karen Panico-Willis nominated Valerie Schechter for the Liaison to the Public Arts Commission. Arianna Menon 2nd the motion. Voted 6 to 0 to approve.
- Valerie Schechter motioned to nominate Karen Panico-Willis for the Police liaison, Diane Hines 2nd. Voted 6 to 0 to approve.
- The Commissioners want to consider the recreation liaisons at the next meeting.

2. Police / Community Event in September. Staff / Commissioners

Karen Panico-Willis provided an update on how several residents want to create a community / police “meet and greet” event to further connect the community to those who serve to protect. Police Chief Crum has offered to pay for the 1st meet and greet to be held on September 24, 5:30 pm to 7:00pm, in the Paseo of City Hall, providing pizza to the community. The Commissioners agreed to help disseminate the information.

Chris Parman provided the Commissioners with an update on Special Events.

Karen Panico-Willis, Julie Haltman, Valerie Schechter and Diane Hines thanked each of the Commissioners for their eagerness to work together and to make this Commission successful.

Consent Items

None

Staff Comments

None

Commissioner Comments

None

Future Commission Initiated Agenda Items

Commissioners want the following items added to the next agenda:

1. Review the policy for unexcused absences.
2. Ocotillo Park’s “Grand Opening”
3. Liaison Reports
4. Elect liaisons for the Recreation Liaisons
5. Discuss Upcoming Events

ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:17 p.m.

2015	Term Expires	Elected Co-Chair	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July 13	July 27	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hines	6/30/2018	7/13/15	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P					
Haltman	6/30/2017		P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P					
Thompson	6/30/2017		P	P	C	P	C	E	A	A					
Menon	6/30/2018	7/13/15	P	P	C	E	C	P	P	P					
Schechter	6/30/2018								P	P					
Huynh-Simmonds	6/30/2018								P	P					
Panico-Willis	6/30/2018								P	P					

P=Present, E=Excused Absence, A=Absent, C=Cancelled

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