

**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**May 21, 2014  
MINUTES**

City Hall  
530 E. Monroe Avenue  
Buckeye, AZ 85326  
6:30 pm

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Teresa Bible, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Members Present – Chair Teresa Bible, Vice Chair Margarito Lara and Board Members Sue Mros, Linda Gross, Garnett Sailor, Alex Villa, Lazelle Hall, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Council Liaison Michelle Hess

Staff Present – Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Management Assistant Douglas Strong, Recreation Supervisor Jessica Thompson, Community Engagement Manager, Myra Curtis and Community Center Manager, Phil Yabes.

**2. Comments from the Public** – None. Dr. Peace and Mr. Hedrick, Buckeye residents were in attendance to learn more about Community Services.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2014**

A motion was made by Board Member Villa and seconded by Board Member Mros to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. New Business**

**4a. – Staff recommendation to implement a “Save 4” policy related to youth sports programs. Presented by Jessica Thompson, Recreation Supervisor**

Jessica Thompson presented the “Save 4” policy and related to the board what this meant and how it would be implemented. This item was specifically created for youth sports programs to assist with team formulation. Many returning volunteer coaches have asked what can be done to ensure their own children or other family member children are placed on their team when coaching. Staff have found also that many parents with multiple children in different age groups and sports find it difficult trying to get children to and from game or practices. This policy would assist those parents who are personal friends with Coaches and who have made arrangements for car pooling and day care.

Vice Chair Lara suggested this be implemented and during this time we look at the Save 4 and evaluate to see if four is enough or should it be a save 5 or 6 depending on the type of sport offered and the number of participants on a given team.

Board Member Villa asked what the set rules were for those using the Save 4 rule. He specifically wanted to know what type of rules are being used and enforced during each sport. Ms. Thompson mentioned we use traditional rules for each sport with modified recreational rules to assist with maximum participation and learning.

A motion for approval was made by Board member Sue Mros and seconded by Linda Gross Board member. The item passed unanimously.

**4b. – Presentation of an upcoming Marathon to be held in Buckeye. Presented by Jessica Thompson, Recreation Supervisor**

Jessica presented the marathon date, time and location. The marathon will take place from Festival to Buckeye Municipal Airport. We have several partners on board to include APS and Special Olympics of Arizona. The route is currently in the process of becoming a Boston Qualifier, the course is currently in the certification process. Community Services Director, Cheryl Sedig shared the excitement and opportunity for the City of Buckeye. As a Boston qualifier we believe the down slope of the entire course will be draw for many runners to come participate. We are hearing from many community groups who are interested and want to be part of the inaugural event. Festivities will be included at the finish line of the race.

Chairperson Teresa Bible shared a few contacts and asked the cost to participate. She also wanted save the date flyers to hand out at upcoming running events in June and wants to be part of the push in getting the word out. Board member Gross offered to sponsor a mile with her nonprofit organization. Vice Chair Lara asked how we are getting the word out, Ms. Sedig mentioned we are working closely with our Marketing and Communications department with a publicity strategy in getting information out to the general public as we progress with the planning. Entertainment will be provided at the end and throughout the course by community groups that adopt a mile.

Vice Mayor Orsborn shared his experience with runs and felt this was a great opportunity to have individual community neighborhoods to be part of the event by getting their residents involved when runners come through their neighborhoods. Board member Mros asked since it is the same date as the annual Glow on Monroe maybe staff should coordinate on getting participants from Marathon to downtown Buckeye for the parade later that night.

**5. Staff Report**

Ms. Sedig introduced our new Community Engagement Manger, Myra Curtis. She announced the upcoming movie in the park featuring the movie 'Frozen'. Staff is working with the Main Street Coalition for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Recreation reminded the board of all summer camp and aquatic programs.

**6. Comments from the Chair and Board Members**

Board member Lazelle Hall announced eye exams that are being offered free to the community and would like to see this offered through our department. Mr. Phil Yabes is currently working with health agencies to offer these and similar type clinics at the Community Center for participants. Councilmember Hess shared the Buckeye Elementary School District is offering these services at its family resource center.

Board member Villa shared the ongoing market on the move program at All Faith Community Services and encourages all to attend and volunteer. He also shared the American Legion is having an event to pay tribute to Veterans. He also mentioned the Daughters of the American Revolution is having a cemetery improvement project in conjunction with the Fire Department and welcomed all to attend at the Buckeye Cemetery. Mr. Villa asked why the pool is not open

on Sundays. He would like to see the pool open again on Sundays and maybe closed on Mondays.

Vice Chair Lara asked for a report for next meeting on the progress of the Marathon along with the fall programs to be offered. He paid tribute to all the Veterans and asked all to keep them in our thoughts and take some time out of our week for a moment of silence.

Chairperson Teresa Bible encouraged members to get involved and be active by being present at functions of the department.

**7. Next Meeting– July 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. by Vice Chair Lara and seconded by Board Member Linda Gross. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Teresa Bible, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Douglas C. Strong, Management Assistant**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Community Services Advisory Board meeting held by the Advisory Board on May 21, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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**Douglas C. Strong, Management Assistant**