

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 20, 2016
MINUTES**

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

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

Teresa Bible, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present – Board Members Teresa Bible, Linda Gross, Chester Hetrick, Garnett Sailor, Sue Mros, Stephen Rugh and Dr. Peace. Vice Mayor Michelle Hess

Staff Present –Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Parks Manager Fred Sanchez, Recreation Manager Miranda Gomez, Administrative Assistant Kristie McCarthy and Conservation & Project Manager Robert Wisener

2. Comments from the Public – Mr. Chester Hetrick announced the opening of the new Valero Gas Station at I-10 and Verrado Way.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2015

Stephen Rugh requested the date listed in the minutes to be changed from January 13th to the correct date of the 20th. A motion was made by Board Member Sue Mros and seconded by Board Member Chester Hetrick to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

4a. – Appointment of new Board Chair and Vice Chair

Board Member Sue Mros made the motion to nominate Teresa Bible for Board Chair and seconded by Board Member Chester Hetrick. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Teresa Bible nominated Dr. Peace for Vice Chair. This was seconded by Board Member Chester Hetrick. Board Member Stephen Rugh nominated himself. His nomination was not seconded.

Board Member Rugh made a comment through the Chair, stating Dr. Peace has missed two meetings in the past year. Nomination and motion for Dr. Peace as Vice Chair failed; 3 nays and 2 ayes.

Board Member Chester Hetrick made motion to re-open Vice Chair nominations. Board Member Rugh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Chester Hetrick nominated Board Member Rugh for Vice Chair. Board Member Rugh seconded the motion. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstaining.

4b. – Approval of Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Wisener presented a power point presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Vice Mayor Hess asked about land acquisition specific to the West Park future park and whether staff has been involved. Mr. Wisener responded that the city is waiting for whoever purchased the

property to contact the city in relation to the park development. Vice Chair Rugh opened discussion on the Chapter 7 table because most are 1-3 year timeframes and not fiscally possible.

Board Member Linda Gross asked how the 1-3 year projects are being prioritized. Mr. Wisener mentioned staff will evaluate and prioritize these items and allocate staff or other resources and see what can be done to accomplish them. Board Member Hetrick commented that having flexibility with the 1-3 year timeframes to work through would better assist the city in having this plan fulfilled. Mr. Wisener reminded the Board that it is a ten year plan. Linda Gross asked once projects are prioritized will others be pushed to longer timeframes such as 3-5 yrs. or 5-10 yrs. This was affirmed. Ms. Sedig stated that it is a large list in the table but it encourages staff to go after funding opportunities and used Skyline Regional Park as an example. She stated that Bob had just brought to her a possibility for an \$80,000 grant for additional trails which would include ADA trails. Vice Mayor Hess spoke about how the City Council works to get funding from other sources, too. Chair Teresa Bible asked if the survey done in 2014 helped create the list of projects in Chapter 7. Mr. Wisener responded that the survey was more about amenities but we are looking at doing another survey for Phase 2 of Sundance Park. Vice Mayor Hess stated that the survey was used to address park needs with the developer at West Park's new addition.

Board Member Garnett Sailor asked who responded to the last survey; park users or others? He wants to make sure we are asking the right questions. Mr. Sailor referenced his US Realtors conference and as an example it shows Millennials are not interested in golf. Mr. Wisener shared the percentage of types of responders. Chair Teresa Bible mentioned a lot of mothers are posting daily visits to Skyline Park. Vice Mayor Hess shared that an article in the Phoenix Business Journal is hopefully forthcoming in relation to the Park System.

Vice Chair Rugh shared that many were surprised at the Grand Opening of Skyline about how much it offers and very pleased to hear that more is coming. Board Member Dr. Peace asked how do we get the word out? Discussion among all members shared a group consensus that social media has taken over on how we communicate during these time. Ms. Gomez shared that there were well over 200 people who "checked-in" at Skyline Park on Facebook which alerts their friends and promotes it. Ms. Sedig requested that the Board Members attend the February 16th City Council meeting where the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented.

Board Member Linda Gross compliment staff for a phenomenal job on this plan, especially having been created in house and through a contracted company. Vice Chair Rugh stated that the previous plan was created by an outside company and not nearly as thorough and complete as this one. There is no comparison.

Board Member Hetrick made the motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Vice Chair Rugh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Staff Report

Cheryl Sedig shared the upcoming events that members can plan to attend such as, the Polar Plunge and Farmer's Market set for Saturday, January 23rd. Buckeye Days will be taking place in the next two weekends. New this year is the Bull and Sheep event. The annual carnival, Friends of the Library dinner on the 29th, Friends of the Historical Society lunch on the 30th after the Parade and the cattle drive with Dr. Buck's Wild West Show taking place immediately after.

The Buckeye Air Fair is set for February 6th where there has been a lot of interest; more than we've had than previous years. Also, Councilmember Heustis will be hosting the Buckeye

Veteran's Lift Up Event set for February 13th. Other upcoming events include the Fitness in the Park and the Dog Days of Buckeye.

6. Comments from the Chair and Board Members

Vice Chair Rugh shared the upcoming series that both the Library and Community Center are hosting. The Tombstone Movie is February 11th, Lecture on March 1st and fieldtrip to Tombstone on April 12th. Vice Chair Rugh asked if there has been an interest for camping. Parks Manager Fred Sanchez said they have five reservations just for this weekend.

Chair Teresa Bible asked how many attended Skyline Grand Opening. Bob Wisener suggested over 3,000.

Board Member Dr. Peace appreciated the Marathon event and is looking forward to a successful 2016.

Board Member Mros asked when the gates close and how to reserve a time for a senior fieldtrip at Skyline Park. Staff responded 10 pm and reservations can be made with contacting staff. She was very happy with the opening of the park. She did want to express her displeasure of the custodial crews who clean the Community Center and also asked Vice Mayor Hess when renovations were going to be completed as promised for the last two years. Vice Mayor Hess mentioned it was listed on the City CIP but not funded yet and said it will be addressed during the budget time for next fiscal year.

Board Member Sailor echoed the same compliments to staff regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

7. Next Meeting– March 16, 2016 at 6:30pm at Executive Conference Room at City Hall

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. by Board Member Dr. Peace and seconded by Board Member Sue Mros. Motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Bible, Chair

ATTEST:

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 November 18, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Douglas C. Strong, Management Assistant