



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Lake Havasu City Municipal Courthouse – Council Chambers

92 Acoma Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Board Chairperson Cox called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Cox lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Parks & Recreation employee Lynn Vignati conducted a Roll Call of the Board members:

Board Members Present: Chairperson Cox , Vice Chair Mercedes Kaiser, Board Members Karen Cooper, Jason Mitchell, and Alex Ross, (*Teen Member*) Ally Strader.

Excused: Ashley Pascual, Phillip Shannon.

Absent: Shannon Murray

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Director Gabby Vera and Administrative Specialist II Lynn Vignati

Council Member: Cameron Moses

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Doug Carr congratulated council member Moses on his appointment to the board and enquired about the current status of the lighting at Dick Samp Park pickleball courts. Director Vera confirmed that the lights have been completed and will now be available after dark. Carr stated this will have a positive impact on the community. Carr also inquired about the upcoming completion of Main Street Commons.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of March 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Vice Chair Kaiser made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 24th, 2025, as with the addition of Vice Chair Kaiser to be noted as board members present and Shannon Murray to be moved to the absent section, seconded by member Ross, and carried by the following vote:



AYE 4: – Ross, Cooper, Kaiser, Cox

No Response: - Mitchell was unable to respond online

6. COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF REPORT

6.1 Directors Report

- Parks and Recreation Director Gabby Vera updated the board on park improvements, including updates on additional cleaning rotations to keep up with spring breakers, enhancements at Dick Samp Park, as well as new benches for Main Street Commons.
- Vera updated on Aquatic programs, such as swimming opportunities for children, lifeguard training, AZ Fish and Game safety classes, and pool closure on April 18th. As well as upcoming swimming opportunities for those requiring adaptive lessons and for CRIT members.
- Vera provided updates for Recreation programs including Baby & Me Yoga, and the 30th Anniversary Party Elk's Celebration. Come Grow with us, an EGG-stra special event on April 19th, and Truck-A-Palooza event on May 15th. As well as reminders of adult kayak classes and babysitting classes.
- Vera showed pictures from past events, such as the Come Fly with Us, Teen Break, and Spring Break Camps.
- Director Updates – LHUSD has approved the amendments to the IGA amendments for use the school playgrounds to expand field use availability, as well as current vacancies in the department.
- Winner of Catalyst Park Naming Contest – Sherry Butler (Mainstreet Commons) to be the guest of honor and will have a bench at the park.
- Chairperson Cox expressed gratitude for the extra work implemented by the Parks staff for keeping facilities clean during spring break, and for maintenance in the park after the rain.
- Board Member Cooper asked about the current marketing strategies for Main Street Commons. Vera stated that social media will be the largest marketing tool and that once the park is open, the space will be able to speak for itself.
- Board Member Ross expressed the need to ensure that public safety is a priority when going forward with the Main Street Commons.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

N/A

8 FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

N/A

9 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 28th, 2025

May 26th, 2025 (Cancelled for City holiday)

10 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.