



**PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Meets

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

5:30 PM

**City Hall Community Room
595 North C Street
Eloy, Arizona 85131**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Reports and Announcements**
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Staff Report
 - Capital Projects Update
 - Summer Activity Review
- V. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes:: 4/19/2023
 - B. Review and approval of the 2023 Fall Activity Guide
- VI. Adjournment**

POSTED BY 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023, AT ELOY CITY HALL, ELOY POST OFFICE, TROY THOMAS COMMUNITY CENTER, TOLTEC COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AND CITY WEBSITE: www.elayaz.gov

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Date: 07/13/23

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY OF ELOY PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY ADVISORY
BOARD
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
APRIL 19, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Jerry Montijo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chairperson-Jerry Olveda, Vice, Board Member- Michael Anthony Rodriguez, Board Member-Ronda Olson, Board Member- Ronda Olson, Board Member-Alan Friedman, Ex Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez.

Board Members Absent: Board Member Michael Reeg.

IV. REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Announcements:

Ex- Officio Member Sylvia G Rodriguez, reported the Frontier Street beautification project has begun. The project covers Main Street/Frontier and completes Main Street/Sunshine Blvd. She also announced Shedd Rd is also in the plans to be beautified which includes landscape and trees.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Anchondo reported the LED ballfield lights have been installed at Jones Park. He reported the staff does not have to report to turn on and off the lights, we can program them as requested. This increases efficiency

Mr. Anchondo reported the pool decking renovation has been completed. The project was done by a State Grant and no city funding was required.

Upcoming projects:

Danson Construction will start on a park west of the Visitor's Center in Toltec. The project provides over 175 SQ ft of gravel, walking trails, ramadas, and park benches. Hoping it will increase the aesthetics of the Visitor Center.

Phase II at Jones Park will also begin soon, however, it will have to go before city council for approval.

Department Updates were next provided by Chad Price as follows:

Youth Soccer was close to wrapping up with one more week remaining. He reported we had more than 100 participants participating in Soccer and Softball leagues.

We are currently accepting registrations for Youth Basketball. This league has not been offered in about seven years so we are excited to bring it back and hope we can keep it.

After School Program has been going strong since it was moved to the Troy Thomas Center. We have also added Fun Fridays since the school is out every Friday. It's an open rec program, it included group games such as water battles and PE Olympics. This program is offered approximately two times per month depending on the schedule. We average approximately 30 kids.

The Santa Cruz Library continues to offer a variety of after-school programs and events for the community. It included arts, crafts, guest speakers, and performers. The staff does a great job in providing a diversity of programs and they are offered 100 % free. Some of the programs do have age restrictions and the parents are required to attend. He recommended following the library on social media for updates.

The Senior Center also implemented new programs as well such as Tele-Viva Social Network where seniors can zoom in at other senior centers where they can participate with other seniors at other locations and participate in playing bingo, dance classes etc.

The seniors have also been taken to the library once a month to increase their technology knowledge. We have also introduced exercise classes such as chair yoga, Tai chi, and Walking group. We are working on increasing the participation.

Teen program: During spring break they attended Harkins and Top Golf, and both were very successful. They were provided lunch onsite at Top Golf. Twenty seven teens participated and we ended up taking an additional bus to this field trip.

We have also added a Community Education Program class geared towards teens partnered with U of A banks who provided the training.

Board Member- Michael Anthony Rodriguez, chimed in and suggested we notified the school and advertise the classes more since he did not receive any notification of it. He also suggested providing flyers at the high school to promote any future classes.

Chad noted the classes will continue to be offered soon. He also did inform the members the classes were promoted several times on social media and a mass email was sent to promote them.

Special Events: Chad informed the members we had the Harvest Festival was a successful event, and we had a great turnout. The event included a ton of rides and games. 23 Trunk and Treat vendors participated along Main Street. The only problem we encounter is that people complain about the long lines. However, we do not know how to alleviate the problem. We had over 350 kids in the custom contest which was a tough number to navigate.

Christmas in Eloy is the crown jewel of events. We had 24 parade entries as well as rides, games, and tons of activities for the kids like pictures with Santa. We also had 18 food vendors and 8 merchandise vendors.

Another successful event we had was the Father-Daughter Banquet at Robson Ranch. If we had a bigger facility we would sell more tickets and be sold out. We sold out at 280 a week prior.

We wrapped up the event season until summer with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th at Jones Park. We had eight thousand eggs along the baseball field which were gone in around two minutes. It was an amazing event. We also had a petting zoo, pony rides, train rides, etc. Chairperson Jerry Olveda- suggested we make the Kindergarten section an egg-hunting section a little bigger. Chad mentioned we might need security to control the parents.

Ex-Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez asked what can be done to shorten the lines at our events? Chad answered we can potentially add more rides which will be an added expense but he is open to suggestions.

Summer Activity Guide:

Library programs continue to offer the Summer Reading Program. The incentive is tablets, and laptops to encourage the children to continue reading on their break.

We also, offer presenters to come and speak and the Dino Discovery program in June. We are also having a bubble party at the end of the summer.

July and August will continue to provide the normal programming.

Swimming programs such as the swim team are coming back this summer. We will be completing it as soon as next week. The swim team is offered for free. We also have swim lessons, parent-tot, and water aerobics.

Youth Summer Camp this year is Jurassic Adventure which will be all Dino Theme. We will be taking kids to Dino Museum in Scottsdale as well as Harkins.

Teen activities this summer, Main Event, and Jakes Unlimited are two of the most popular. We will also have a teen pool party.

Seniors, we are planning to have a couple of tours through our local cities, Casa Grande, and Coolidge senior centers. This will help the senior interact with other local seniors in the area. We also plan to host visits with other communities. We are also planning a big senior social which we are bringing back from last year. A health screening will also be happening in the future.

Sports Leagues, as mentioned earlier we are starting the Youth Basketball League, we are partnering with the Eloy Elementary School district and we are currently accepting registrations. The games will be at the Eloy Jr. High Gym.

Chad also mentioned we are working with the high school to bring Jr. Golf Camp. Also during the end of the summer, we plan to have a Jr. Golf Camp at Robson Ranch.

Special Interest Classes: Ballet, hip-hop, and Karate are the most popular which we offer every summer. Zumba has been a mainstay for us where we average over 20 participants. We have added family Zumba to include a younger crowd.

Community Events: Summer Kick Off is planned for the end of May 19th. We will have Fire and Luau Dancers. Also, Free swimming and lots of good vendors to promote all the summer activities.

A couple of other events we will have this summer are Community Yard Sales and a select series of Movies Under the Stars.

Ex Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez, asked if we have tried to increase the security at the pool. Chad responded we do have cameras on site now. Eloy PD has been responding and has been communicating with our staff and giving them tips on how to be more safe.

Again Ex Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez was asking the reason for us capturing the programs to 12 years of age. Leaving out 12-14 years old at home, unsupervised. Mr. Anchondo responded we don't have the manpower to divide kindergarten children from the older crowd. This does not mean we can't create programs for that age group in other ways.

Chad mentioned we have expanded the teen programs to include the ages 12-17 years of age.

Ex Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez mentioned she was also referring to the sports not just the programs, questioning why we don't expand the age to the sports as well.

Chad responded that age groups have the opportunity to play sports at school not to say that we can't look to expand the ages in the future. The ultimate thing it will take more funding to expand the age group.

One thing we are working toward is a Volunteer Program for the Pre-Teens ages 13-15 allowing them to see where they would like to be.

Board Member Ronda Olson asked if we have an open gym program that will potentially give this younger age something to do. Chad, mentioned we are working towards that but currently, it has not been something the school has welcomed us to do.

Board Member Alan Friedman, asked about an activity bus. Chad mentioned we have had a van with a trailer offering several games and activities for teens.

Ex Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez, collaborated in saying as we move forward with the volunteer program we can include a mentor program such as helping the coach with the sports leagues. Chad agreed that getting coaches to coach our leagues has been a struggle and I like the idea of including the pre-teens to help.

Board Member Michael Anthony Rodriguez spoke about a group at the High School potentially willing to help out with volunteering in any of our programs to help.

V. BUSINESS:

Chairperson Jerry Montijo motioned to approve minutes for the meeting of October 12, 2022. Board Member Ronda Olson seconded the motion. All approved the minutes no opposition.

Appointing a chairperson for 2023- Jerry Montijo remained as a chairperson for 2023. He was nominated by Ronda Olson.

Appointed Vice Chairperson 2023- Ronda Olson was nominated to be a Vice Chairperson and accepted no opposition.

Review of Proposed Community Services Department Fee Increases

Board Member, Alan Friedman mentioned he believes this increase will cause hardship to our families in Eloy. Chad and Jerry both mentioned we are only trying to keep up with the other communities and we did a comparison with the nearby communities and our city has come up with the lower fees.

Chad agreed and confirmed we do provide a service to the community and assured us the increase is very minimal.

Mr. Anchondo mentioned the major increases are toward the rental of our facilities versus not the programming. He also mentioned most of the program fees have now included a non-resident fee which we have not had in the past.

Ex-Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez informed the board members several of our city parents will go out of the city and pay high fees to participate in sports outside of the city but have a hard time paying for the programs that are offered here in the Eloy.

Chad, also mentioned with the cost of the uniforms and staff the increase is very minimal, and have been cautious since we have had an increase in participation and do not want to jeopardize that.

Mr. Anchondo went over a few of the fee increases which included: Pool rentals, Recreation Programs, Sports Leagues, Father Daughter Banquet, Troy Thomas Rental fee, Toltec Community Center fee, Trekell Park tournament fee, Light usage, Jones Park tournament fees, Furniture rentals and all these have now been added a non-resident fee as well as a slight increase for residents also.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson, Jerry Montijo adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Date