



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

**Meets**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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

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**AGENDA**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Reports and Announcements**
  - A. Board Member Announcements
  - B. Staff Report:
    - 1. Capital Projects Update
    - 2. Fall Activity Recap
    - 3. City of Eloy 75th Anniversary Event
- V. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**
  - A. Approval of Minutes: October 18, 2023
  - B. Appointment of a Chairperson for 2024
  - C. Appointment of a Vice Chairperson for 2024
- VI. Adjournment**

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Mary Myers, MMC, CPM

City Clerk

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Date: 02/13/24

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ELOY CITY OF ELOY PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY ADVISORY  
BOARD  
CITY OF ELOY  
595 NORTH C STREET  
OCTOBER 18, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Jerry Montijo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

**I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jerry Olveda, Vice Chairperson Ronda Olson, Board Member Aurelia Saucedo, Board Member Tanya Cruz, Ex Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez.

Board Members Absent: Board Member Alan Friedman and Board Member Anita Hunt were absent.

**IV. REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Member Announcements:**

A. Ex Officio Member Sylvia G Rodriguez, reported council approved a \$130,000 grant for community services for ADA improvements for the Senior Center amongst other improvements. A total of (5) directors got together and prioritized the projects.

B. Staff reports

Mr. Anchondo welcomed the new board members to the board. Also shared the Community Serviced Department org chart with the members.

**Capital Project:**

Skate Park equipment and new ballfield lighting at Jones Park, renovated the pool decking at the Eloy Aquatic Center, and completed the basketball courts at Jones Park as well.

Sunland Visitor's Center Park has also been completed. This project was a \$300,000 project and it's ongoing. The benches and Park sign are still in the works to be installed. We are also working with APS to have lighting installed as well.

### **Upcoming projects:**

- Replacement of Trekell Park ballfield lights
- Senior Center Roof Replacement
- City Hall Emergency Generator
- Improving the capacity of the existing PD Emergency Generator
- Benches at the local parks

Ex-Officio Member Sylvia G Rodriguez thanked the staff for the change in the library schedule and complimented the Visitor Center Park.

### **Recreation project update by Chad Price:**

Summer programming concluded last month and included several successful activities such as the return of the basketball league. The swim tea was also very successful.

Special Interest classes such as Karate and ballet, were also a success with 78 participants.

Teen programs had great participation, the teen pool party being one that brought in 58 teens to the pool. Teen lasertag was also a success with 48 teens participating. We also just had a teen factor night last week. 58 teens participated and had a blast.

Chairperson, Jerry Montijo, mentioned his teen attended all three events and had a great time. He commended the staff for having the teen events.

Chad mentioned is something we plan to focus on more often. Although the teen event ages are 12-17. The ones in attendance were not 16-17 years old. Mr Anchondo mentioned that age demographics is very hard to reach. Not just for us but also for the surrounding areas. These teenagers are usually involved in after-school clubs and sports. They are also driving or have jobs and they have other areas of interest. However, Chad mentioned all although the participation is not on the recreation side we do offer summer jobs to that age group.

One thing we are working towards is developing a teen area at the library soon. We already have around 40 teens hanging around the library after school so why not engage them with some fun activities?

Board Member, Tanya Cruz, chimed in and commented the FB live events were very well-liked by people. The families are picking up the items and making the crafts at home.

Chad mentioned we are currently running those online events twice per month. With approximately 20 participants.

This event has been very consistent and allows the families to go back and watch the craft done by our staff at a later time.

Board Member, Tanya Cruz, also mentioned she wanted to share feedback for the Harvest Event and 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Her family comes from Coolidge and they mentioned that Eloy has the best family-friendly events compared to any communities.

### **2023 Fall Activity Preview:**

We partnered with Pinal Central for our Activity Guide which provided this activity guide approximately 2 years ago. This greatly increased the promotion of our events since they do the mailing for us.

The Library staff do a phenomenal job in searching for local new activities to involve the community, one of the most recent activities was the Eclipse viewing last week. We obtained a donation of \$1000.00 to purchase glasses to view the eclipse, we also had an eclipse class given by an astrologer.

Another highlight we are hosting Hispanic folklore this coming Thursday. We also offer a ton of crafts gear for the entire family.

Youth Activities include the After School Program, which now services, Eloy, Arizona City, and Picacho schools. We are also offering the Fantastic Friday program which is a free open rec program. We have also implemented the Fun Friday theme which this Friday is Wacky Friday,

We also have out-school break camps such as Fall break camp. We had approximately 40 participants per week during this camp.

Family Activities included Halloween Slime Time, a Pumpkin Carving event coming up, and finally a big family Bingo night at Troy Thomas. All the above events are given and promoted by our staff.

Senior Center is another highlight of our department, we offer a variety of activities for seniors Mon-Thur. 830-2:30 pm. Games, crafts, classes, and field trips. One of our focus is health and wellness for our seniors. We have partners with UFA Cooperative Extension Blue Cross Blue Shield and Pinal Gila Council to provide activities such as our walking club. We also offer senior nutrition and budgeting as well as senior gardening. Physical activities classes include chair yoga and some technology classes such as How do I connect my device to Wi-Fi? How to connect Bluetooth to my headphones etc.

Board Member Ronda Olson asked if we offered classes to make the seniors aware of the scam. PD has been very helpful in advertising that information which in turn we share with our seniors. Also UFA Cooperative has been a useful source in informing our seniors of what's going on.

We have also introduced a Nintendo Switch to the seniors which includes physical activities with several dance videos and a soccer which includes a leg strap that monitors the movements. They had a blast doing this activity.

We took our seniors to the local senior center communities which is where they got the idea of the Wii games and that's how we ended up with a Nintendo Switch which included the Wii games.

Sports and Fitness is our next event. We offer Soccer League, Flag Football, and then Youth T-Ball and Coach Pitch Leagues followed by Basketball League.

Ex-Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez suggested a football league for the older teens who hang around the park

Chad mentioned we have brainstormed on offering a basketball tournament for that older teenage group.

Chad mentioned there is no opposition towards the football league being offered however we have tried it in the past and have not had any participation. We are open to offering the basketball tournament and will inquire about utilizing their gym.

Ex-Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez suggested we participate in the local community events to promote ours. Chad responded that's one of the avenues we use to promote our events.

We also offer an open house for the Senior Center as well as the After School Program to promote our events.

One of our most popular fitness classes has been our Zumba classes. It has been such a success and well attended. We have approximately 20-25 participants per class. The ones in attendance are on top of the registrations.

Special Events- Harvest Fest will be in two weeks. We have great participation from members of the community in the Trunk or Treat, we have approximately 30 participants lined up for this event. Our biggest complaint has been the long lines for rides but there is not much we can do about that. However, we do have a hunter maze laser tag which we estimate will be a lot of fun.

Chairperson, Jerry Montijo inquired and suggested we rotate the Movie Under the Stars location. He is suggesting having it at Trezell Park, Main Street Park, and different locations. Chad liked the idea and said he would look into the infrastructure setting.

Veteran's Day Parade is also on schedule in November. We partner with the Pinal Hispanic Council, Eloy Veteran's Center as well as the Eloy Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas in Eloy is also scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. This event is our grand marqui which happens every year. Chad encouraged the board to share the information with others and help us promote all we have scheduled. We invite the participation of not only floats but families as well. Any help with passing along the information is greatly appreciated.

Board Member Aurelia Saucedo, mentioned her family also comes to Eloy's Electric Light parade and prefers it because the one in Casa Grande is way too long. Board Member Tanya Cruz agreed that the size of the event is much more family-oriented than others.

Vice Chairperson, Ronda Olson, suggested including an artistic, music or theater-based event for the young teens. Chad mentioned that is one of the suggestions given by Library staff, which they will be doing when the teen center is opened.

One of the ideas is that the media center will include music recording equipment for the teens to work on. Also designing and printing media is in the plans. Also inviting instructors to come and educate the teens on the equipment.

Board Member Tanya Cruz, suggested looking at the Arizona Training Center for ideas on what equipment is available to use. They also have a Lego room that will teach the teens how to create stuff. They are also able to raise the cars they are creating with Legos.

Vivianna at the library has already been in touch with Arizona Training Center and gathered several ideas to implement here.

Another thing we are working on at the library is pulling about 4K books that are outdated and will be taken out of circulation so that is a task at hand. Getting rid of the books will give room for more up-to-date media.

Vice Chairperson, Ronda Olson suggested maybe implementing a teen cafe or launch soon. A place where they can hang out and listen to music. Chad reiterated that it's one of the things that are in the works.

Vice Chairperson, Ronda Olson also inquired about providing transportation to those community families that are not able to get to our events. Chad did mention we do get a lot of participation from the Toltec Area and Arizona City. Also, with Picacho and Red Rock.

Board Member Tanya Cruz chimed in saying the city cannot do transportation. Insurance-wise we can't transport families and the cost is high. It's a huge liability to the city.

Ex Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez, suggested a few things to eliminate lines for the rides at the special events. One is maybe bring a can of good to help the food bank to get you to the front of the line. Another suggestion is taking some people on a tour to look at the lights in the community.

## **V. BUSINESS:**

- A. Chairperson Jerry Montijo motioned to approve minutes for the meeting of Oct 18, 2023, 2023. Board Member, Tanya Cruz seconded the motion. All approved the minutes no opposition.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson, Jerry Montijo adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:29 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Date