



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

**Meets**

**Friday, November 8, 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 Members
  - B. Staff Report
    - Capital Projects Update
    - Fall Activity Review
- V. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**
  - A. Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2024
- VI. Adjournment**

**POSTED BY 5:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, AT ELOY CITY HALL, ELOY POST OFFICE, AND CITY WEBSITE: [www.elayaz.gov](http://www.elayaz.gov)**

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Mary Myers, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk

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Date: 08/15/24

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ELOY CITY OF ELOY PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY ADVISORY  
BOARD  
CITY OF ELOY  
595 NORTH C STREET  
March 15, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Director, Paul Anchondo called the meeting to order at 10:13 am.

**I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Vice Chairperson Ronda Olson, joined by phone, Board Member Aurelia Saucedo, Board Member Tanya Cruz, and Board Member Anita Hunt.

Board Members Absent: Chairperson, Jerry Olveda, Board Member Alan Friedman and Ex Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez were absent.

**IV. REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Member Announcements:**

A. No Board member announcements were presented.

B. Staff reports

1. Capital Projects Update-

A. Director, Paul Anchondo reported that the Sunland Visitor Center project was nearly completed. Awaiting the installation of lights to be fully completed.

B. Next project: The Trezell Park Ballfield light project, project will replace the existing ballfield lights and it will be starting in approximately 3-4 weeks.

C. Roof Repairs at the Senior Center as well as interior renovations

D. The Police Department electrical generator upgrade was completed and can be used to its full capacity.

E. We purchased \$15,000. Worth of park benches. Staff will assemble and set in several of our parks.

- F. We have several repairs to the court roof and are getting ready to purchase a new AC unit.
- G. The City Hall generator installation project and the cost was approximately \$300,000 which will roll over to our next fiscal year's budget.
1. Fall Activity Recap:
    - A. Harvest Festival was a very successful event- we had over 300 kids participating in the costume contest. We also had 26 trunks of treat participants and hope it continues to increase as years go by.
    - B. Christmas in Eloy is always our crown jewel event of the year. We had over 20-25 parade entries. We are hoping for approximately 50 entries in the future. All our divisions work on this event.
    - C. Veteran's Day Event – We had 15 parade entries for this event followed by a ceremony at Main Street Park. A very successful event every year.
    - D. Father-Daughter Banquet- This event happened at Robson Ranch. It's a very successful event. It fills the ballroom at 280 capacity. We have 4 staff members who work the entire event.
  2. Youth Sports programs:
    - A. Soccer League we had over 100 participants.
    - B. Over 90 for Flag Football, Coach Pitch, and T-Ball.
    - C. Youth Camps – We partnered with SCHS to get the kids involved with various leagues, like Softball Camps and Football Camp. 92 participants attended.
    - D. Wrestling Camp was also very successful full and will continue to partner with the coaches.
  3. The Eloy After School program continues to remain strong with the new housing at Troy Thomas. We average about 20 students per month.
    - B. Spring Break Camp had to be expanded to 40 per week because of the high demand.
    - C. Fantastic Fridays- Themed recreation program where kids come for free. We have tons of games for the kids to use.
  4. Santa Cruz Library- Our staff offers a ton of programming. We express the great effort in advertising and marketing our program because everything we offer is free to the public. We have a good turnout but would like to be able to turn people away because we don't have space for more. The programs are not just arts and crafts. We offer educational programs, literacy programs, fine arts, speakers, etc.

Board member Tanya Cruz, mentioned the schools have a parent engagement coordinator to help parents engage in activities they can do in the community as well as Classroom DoJo as a communication app.

Board member Tanya Cruz offered the 21<sup>st</sup> century as an idea to collaborate and use it as a source of marketing.
  5. Senior Center- We have been using the TeleVida network for the seniors. It's a Zoom network with other seniors where they interact and play trivia and bingo. We have guest speakers that will speak on health topics. They also get to socialize with other seniors and the same seniors they see every day. They also have a gardening group

that works with them to keep their plants alive. They also meet with the walking club where they walk around the center once a week.

Board member, Aurelia Saucedo asked about the average participation of the seniors at the center. Chad informed her it averages 15 seniors per day. It kicks up depending on the day or the program we are having.

We also offer various field trips. One we just took the seniors to was the Hall of Flame Fire Museum. They have some cool old equipment. The seniors loved it!

Senior Social and Health Fair was also offered and provided our seniors with lots of healthcare options.

Board member, Aurelia Saucedo inquired about attending when she is still able to drive. She was under the impression she had to attend every day to participate in the programs and field trips. Chad informed her any anyone can choose the program they wish to attend.

Board member, Tanya Cruz, inquired about the way the programs get advertised. She was inquiring about her parents since they don't use social media at all.

Chad, mentioned we create a monthly calendar with all the events listed out but one must have to attend to get the calendar of events. We do advertise some of the highlighter programs but not all we do for the seniors. It's a tough one but is open to ideas.

6. Teen programming- While it is challenging to create new programming and the bigger issue is getting consistent participation from teens. In the fall we offered a Fear Factor program and we had 50 in attendance. As well as an escape room field trip, glow-in-the-dark laser tag. We had more than 30 in attendance. We promote it by attending the schools on the breaks and providing them with the information that way.

#### Upcoming events:

The Easter Egg hunt coming next April 9<sup>th</sup>, with carnival rides, and about 8000 eggs for the egg hunt.

We continue to offer Movie's Under the Stars and we are potentially looking to move the event to different locations.

Community Yard sale moved twice a year and we have had great participation. We had 17 vendors participate in this event.

Concert in the park- April 19<sup>th</sup>, with a live band, plays a little of everything. Food trucks will be set up and bouncy castle.

The summer activity guide will be out in mid-April. It will be kicked off with a Summer Luau Party at Jones Park/Pool on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We offer the pool free to advertise our summer programming. The difference is this time we are giving away shaved ice to the first 100 attending. We have prepared inside the pool games for those in attendance.

Board Member Aurelia Saucedo, suggested we utilize the skate park and bring in some professional skateboarders. Chad agreed and said that is something we will look into.

Teen programs- Our goal is to take the kids outside of the city to see and experience other things outside of the city. We are taking them to Jakes Unlimited and we also planned a pool party. This event is completely free.

We are also adding some teen sports. Our focus will be to promote a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Some sand volleyball tournaments. Board Member Tanya Cruz, suggested having a kickball tournament. Chad agreed that would be a good idea, as well as pickleball and dodgeball.

Chad also informed the board we were awarded a grant to expand the Teen Center at the library. We have been actively clearing out books to make room for the Teen Zone. We will be offering programming on design and 3D art. We will have classes from the Arizona Science Center to train teens to utilize the program and printers. We will also have a section designed to offer E-Sports gaming.

Board Member Aurelia Saucedo, inquired about the High School board member position. Chad mentioned they have to be an Eloy resident and is hoping will be Junior in High School that way we have him or her for a longer term.

We have a volunteer teen group that has been a revolving group. Some of the kids have applied for our summer positions.

Chad went out to inform the board we have 63 applicants for our summer programs and it gives them the experience to go through an interview.

Board Member, Tanya Cruz, inquired about how one would sponsor a Teen team. Mr. Anchondo chimed in and informed her, that the donation would be received and sent to our finance department to be added to a special account so that the funds could be applied towards that specific event.

Board Member, Ronda Olson, gave words of praise to the department and cheered the department to keep up the good work.

Board Member, Tanya Cruz also gave great feedback to the department. She admired our park facilities as well as our programs.

She also brought up she has a connection in which she can get Mercury tickets about 2 or 3 days prior to the games. She will give Chad further information once received.

Board Member, Tanya Cruz, informed the board Title 1 gives Act 1 field trips. They pay for all field trips and the expenses involved. Chad stated we are currently utilizing that at the library.

## 2. City of Eloy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

December 12 the city of Eloy will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and is planning a celebration event. Asked the board for their input on combining it with the Christmas in Eloy event or simply having its stand-alone event.

Our Department's suggestion that we expand the Christmas in Eloy event since we will already have a built-in audience.

Board Member, Ronda Olson, suggests the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary should be a separate event. Where we highlight the decades somehow. Chad went over the scheduled events coming up closer to the actual date of the celebration and it would take this event closer to Nov 18<sup>th</sup> if we make it a

stand-alone event. Board Member, Ronda Olson, then saw the wisdom in combining the event with the already scheduled Christmas in Eloy.

Chad shared the many suggestions in which we can showcase Eloy's decades like having an art show and context or photo colloques displayed at city hall. Also doing a time capsule with music.

Mr. Anchondo asked if any of the board members will be willing to volunteer to create a committee. We will be working with the city council and the mayor to create this event.

Board Member, Tanya Cruz, mentioned she enjoys the light at Main Street Park and the city buildings. She recommends we keep them on.

**V. BUSINESS: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the following:**

- A. Approval of minutes of the Oct 18, 2023 meeting motioned to approve minutes by Board member Aurelia Saucedo and second by Board member, Ronda Olson. All approved the minutes no opposition.
- B. Appointment of a Chairperson for 2024- Board member, Aurelia Saucedo motioned to approve Board Member Ronda Olson to be the Chairperson for 2024. All were motioned was seconded by Board Member, Tanya Cruz. All approved with no opposition.
- C. Appointment of a Vice Chairperson for 2024- Chairperson, Ronda Olson nominated Aurelia Saucedo to be a Vice Chairperson for 2024, motion was seconded by Board member, Tanya Cruz. All were approved with no opposition.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Director, Paul Anchondo adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:20 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Date