



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

**Meets**

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

**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 Reports
    - Capital Projects Update
    - Winter Activity Recap
    - Summer Activity Preview
- V. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**
  - A. Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2024
  - B. Appointment of a Chairperson for 2025
  - C. Appointment of a Vice Chairperson for 2025
- VI. Adjournment**

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Celine A. Kidwell, CMC, FCRM  
City Clerk

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Date: 04/09/25

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ELOY CITY OF ELOY PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY ADVISORY  
BOARD  
CITY OF ELOY  
595 NORTH C STREET  
November 8, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ronda Olson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

**I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Chairperson Ronda Olson, Vice Chairperson Aurelia Saucedo, and Board Member Anita Hunt, Ex Officio Member, Sylvia G Rodriguez.

Board Members Absent: Board Member Jerry Olveda, Board Member Alan Friedman, Board Member Tanya Cruz were absent.

**IV. REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Member Announcements:**

A. Chairperson Ronda Olson reported that she was excited to attend the Teen Center inauguration at the Library. Vice Chairperson also commended the staff for the consistent flow of events.

B. Staff reports

1. Capital Projects Update-

A. Director Paul Anchondo reported that the LED ballfield lighting at Trekell Park has been completed. It is fully operable from the office computer. The project cost approximately \$250,000.00. This amount was previously allocated for the PD gain event.

B. The next project, the Recreation Building Enhancement, was completed with the installation of artificial turf, which included stucco and interior painting enhancements.

C. The City Council just approved the installation of a 16x16 metal Ramada structure at Maddox Park.

D. The restocking of the Recreation Building furniture was also approved. The furniture is intended for rental.

E. Automatic Pool Scrubber was purchased

F. Bench replacements at Trekell Park were purchased, they will be installed soon. They will be bolted to the ground for security.

G. Pickup Truck was purchased for the Parks division and it's arrived.

H. City Hall generator was approved in the last meeting. We have \$300,000 budgeted for the project.

I. Facility improvements at Troy Thomas center will be taking to city council this Monday for approval. This project will be to install the drywall and acoustic panels in the building.

1. Fall Activity Review: Presented by Chad Price.
  - A. The Fall/Winter 2024 Activity guide was given to all.
  - B. Special Events: 4<sup>th</sup> of July event took place- It was a successful event with inflatables and games. We had 11-12 inflatable offered to the kids and family. The fireworks show cost a little under \$20K. The fireworks is usually 25-30 minutes long and it can be viewed from almost everywhere in town.
  - C. Fall Concert and block party- We usually have this event once a year. This year we brought a stage and professional light system at Main Street Park. We had two live bands performed. This was a 4-5 hour event. We had inflatables for the children and food trucks.
  - D. Harvest Festival- occurred a few weeks ago. We had a really good turn out with approximately 17 trunk or treat participants. We had multiple carnival rides, inflatables and a large costume contest. We had about 150 participants. New costume contest category was introduced as the best-dressed family.
2. Youth Sports programs:
  - A. We had over 150 participants in our Youth Soccer League.
  - B. We are getting ready to start Flag Football so far we have 85 participants so far and the first game starts Nov. T-ball and Coach Pitch will start right after that.
  - C. Football camp was also very successful with the Santa Cruz football program. More than 70 participants showed up. We gave 120 hotdogs and a shirt.
  - D. Teen sports programs haven't been as successful. We have offered a few sports but we had a few Dodgeball participants but we didn't have enough people to play. Chairperson Aurelia Saucedo asked why we have such a low participation level with teen sports. Chad mentioned we try to fill in the gaps when other sports are not offered but there is only so much we can do.
3.
  - A. The Eloy After School program continues to remain strong with the new housing at Troy Thomas. We average about 25 students per month. We have kids from Picacho as well as the local schools.
  - B. 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 variety of programming. We provide 9-10 programs each month, with some offered after school and others after 5:30 pm. We

have seen an increase in participation from teens with the opening of the Den, averaging 18-20 teens daily. The highest attendance occurred on a Wednesday, with approximately 36 teens present. Teens have been very respectful, and video games are particularly popular among them. We have also hosted a movie night, which has been well-received. Our staff gathers feedback by asking teens what they would like to see offered.

5. Senior Center- We continue to succeed with the Televeda network, where we hold trivia and bingo with other senior centers. They also offer exercise classes, such as Tai Chi and chair yoga. We attempt outreach to attract more seniors to our programs, and partnered with Pinal Gila for seniors to visit the Santa Cruz department. They provide snacks, which has helped us gain two new seniors as a result.
6. Teen programming- We recently had our Teen Fear Factor event in October, where participants ate gross items. The winner received a \$25.00 gift certificate for eating a dead tarantula. Both participants finished the tarantula. A total of 38 teens attended this event, and we also hosted a glow-in-the-dark dodgeball game, which was very popular. .

#### **Upcoming events:**

The 75th Anniversary will be held on December 14th in conjunction with the Christmas in Eloy Event. We started promoting this by giving away 75th Anniversary items such as towels, T-shirts, and cups at the Fiestas Patrias. We also handed out challenge coins to promote this event. The challenge coin commemorates Eloy, featuring the city logo on the front and several Eloy landmarks on the back, including cotton fields, skydiving, the water tower, and mountains. ELOY stands for East Line of Yuma, which was its original name. We wanted to reflect our Hispanic heritage as well, so there is an image of Ballet Folklórico dancers included.

We are currently working on a design for a potential mural. We plan to gather input from the community by showcasing it on our website to get their feedback. Additionally, we are organizing a 75th Time Capsule, which is being put together in conjunction with the local schools. We have asked the city council to contribute a memento that represents the City Council at this time.

The schedule for the 75th anniversary is as follows: It will start at 2pm with a full stage and live bands. We will be giving lots of items, such as T-shirts, glow sticks, and a few other goodies. We will also provide cupcakes and have tons of food trucks available. We will be expanding the carnival rides, on top of the 6-7 inflatables. There will be opportunities for pictures with Santa, as well as photo props for families to use. Our traditional tree lighting ceremony will also take place. After the lighting ceremony, we plan to feature a drone show, which is a new addition and will last 10-15 minutes, synchronized with music. The theme will be a Christmas Celebration transitioning to the 75th Celebration, followed by the Electric Light Parade and concluding with a Fireworks Show.

Ex-Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez subjected adding more props for the photo booth were people have access to take photos. Mr. Anchondo mentioned looking at the budget to see if it can be purchased.

Art contest is a new thing we have added to the 75 anniversary festivities. We have partnered with the local schools and distributed over 1900 application for the contest. We have different

categories in which they can participate. The idea of the contest is with the question, what do you see when you think of Eloy. What is the person, place thing that reminds you of Eloy. The art is due next week. They will be displayed at City Hall.

Chairperson Ronda Olson, asked about the newsletter they used to receive by mail in the past. Mr. Anchondo offered to ask the finance director if that is being sent anymore. She recommended we return to include that mailing.

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

- A. Approval of minutes of the March 15, 2024 meeting motioned to approve minutes by Vice Chairperson Aurelia Saucedo and second by Board member, Anita Hunt. All approved the minutes no opposition.

Ex-Officio Sylvia G Rodriguez asked if she can share a few things since she this was the last board meeting as a council member. She suggested having a tour of the cemetery since this is done in Georgia, at their historian cemetery. Mr. Anchondo mentioned discussing her request with the city manager and finding history involving the cemetery.

She also suggested Ronnie to be a tour guide since he knows where a lot of people are buried. She is also suggesting that we having more events out there aside from the one we already have. She thinks by doing this will draw people to want to make their final resting place at the Eloy Memorial Park.

Chairperson Ronda Olson, agrees with the idea and thinks it could be a beautiful thing to implement. Vice chairperson, Aurelia Saucedo suggested sending a poll to see if others would be interested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Director, Paul Anchondo adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Date