



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

Meets

Friday, April 24, 2026

10:00 AM

**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 Reports
 - Capital Projects Update
 - Winter / Spring Activity Recap
 - Review Summer Activity Guide
- V. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes: August 29, 2025
- VI. Adjournment**

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Celine A. Kidwell, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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Date: 12/02/2025

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY OF ELOY PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY ADVISORY
BOARD
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
August 29, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ronda Olson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chairperson Ronda Olson, Vice Chairperson Aurelia Saucedo, Board Member Anita Hunt, Board Member Larry Ginn, Board Member Tanya Cruz, Ex Officio Member Jose Garcia.

Board Members Absent: Board Member Jerry Olveda was absent.

IV. REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Announcements:

A. Chairperson Tanya Cruz, a 20-year member of the Corazones de Latinos Unidos Committee, spoke about the upcoming Fiestas Patrias. She reported that the Fiestas have been a successful event for over 50 years. The Fiestas will be held on September 12 and 13 this year. She provided the schedule of events and invited the members to attend. She also mentioned that there will be 20 food trucks and many informational booths.

Local churches will be in attendance. Chad chimed in to inform about the participation of a car show and many other attendees. Tanya added that the Community Services Department has been a great help with this event every year.

Paul Anchondo added additional information relating to the Fiestas Patrias for the new board members. Explaining the Corazones de Latinos Unidos Committee put on the Fiestas each year. The Community Services Department provide support for the fiestas, by putting up decorations, cleaning during and after the event & installing road closures.

B. Staff reports

Paul Anchondo welcomed the new board member, Larry Ginn, and asked if there was anything he wanted to add. He replied that he was there to listen and learn.

Paul Anchondo went on to report the following:

1. Capital Projects Update:

A. Director Paul Anchondo reported that we are continuing with the Emergency Generator project at City Hall, which started about a year ago. We are currently waiting on the equipment. Hopefully, this project will be completed by late November 2025. The project is approximately \$250,000.00.

B. The next project involves installing two shade structures at Jones and Trezell Parks. This project is budgeted at \$139,000.00, and we aim to complete it by the end of September.

C. Working on the Toltec Community Center modification project, which involves installing a concrete sidewalk and an ADA operator. This project is valued at \$185,000 and is funded by the Pinal County Community.

Future CIP projects:

A. Shade canopy at the visitor's center and an entry park sign as well. Approximately \$ 65,000.00 project.

B. We are also looking to replace the park signage at Trezell, Shumway, and Jones Parks with a uniform look.

C. We will be replacing picnic tables at Jones Park, and we have \$50,000.00 for this project.

D. Facility improvements at Troy Thomas Center are on schedule to remove the exterior stucco, reapply it, and paint the facility. We have \$100,000.00 for that project.

E. Landscape improvements at the Community Services Recreation Center, reinstall granite.

2. Summer Activity Recap: Presented by Chad Price.

A. Summer Activity Recap:

The month of August marks the end of the Summer Program, which is always enjoyable, and also the last weekend at the Eloy Aquatic Center. The summer concludes with a Labor Day pool party that offers free community admission. Our participation in pool programs has been great this year.

B. The swim team has been established for many years, and this year, we had about 30 participants. We travel and compete locally with Coolidge, Florence, and other nearby communities. Our team placed 3rd in one of the final meet events, even though we are one of the smaller teams.

- C. Swim lesson programs, including Parent Taught programs, also saw success this year at the pool. We have several other pool activities as well, such as Teen Nights and private pool parties. We offer approximately 24 opportunities for pool rentals, with 20 days already booked. This year, we had excellent staff and pool management, and we didn't encounter any major issues.
- D. Youth Summer Adventure Camp is one of our top summer programs. This five-week program runs Monday through Friday, all day. We provide breakfast and lunch for participants and staff. Throughout the five weeks, 60 kids enrolled, with a waiting list of up to 20 kids. The program included a travel week where kids traveled to Paris, and the crafts reflected this travel theme.
- E. Another highlight for the summer is the 4th of July Bash event. This event begins at the Eloy Aquatic Center with free swim during the day. We give snow cones to the 150 kids who attend. Then, we move to Main Street Park from 6pm to 8pm., where we feature 15 inflatables and food trucks. This year, we also offered a mechanical bull and, of course, our fireworks show!
- F. Eloy Santa Cruz Library is also one of our highlights with Teen Den in full operation. We offer about 12 free activities per month. These programs are for youth, teens, and families. The library is also available after school hours from 2:30 to 5:30 pm for the teens, during which we host about 20-30 teens each day.

Board Member Anita Hunt asked Chad about the Teen Den hours of operation because she took her niece and nephew, who were visiting, and they were told they were not allowed in the area due to technical issues. Chad was not aware of the reason why they were not allowed in unless they had problems with their Wi-Fi. Chad mentioned he would look into it and noted the date they might have visited.

Board Member Tanya Cruz asked if the library ever changed its hours of operation. Chad said yes, we basically open it when the students are on break. We have to enforce our rules because there are people who want to hang out, which are adults out of school.

Board Member Aurelia Saucedo asked if we require IDs. Chad said yes only when necessary.

Chad mentioned that we have had many successful programs at the library, such as Lego Building, and we ran out of Legos. We postponed it to the following week to suit the teens. The staff has been very creative; they brought in a makeup artist who created makeup tutorials, which was very popular with the girls. We plan to invite this young YouTuber back in October for a Halloween makeup class.

We also invited a gentleman who creates comic strips, handling both illustration and writing, and teaches teens how to make their own comic strips. He will also return to teach a class on Anime, which is very popular. We have a really good group of young staff members who stay up-to-date with popular trends.

3. **Fall/Spring Activity Guide preview:**

- A. Fall/Spring Guide covers September 2025 to April 2026. The Library will continue offering many fun activities, including lots of seasonal themes like lotería nights.
- B. Youth activity - the Eloy After School program is one of our consistent programs, which include Fantastic Friday, offered on the 1st and last Friday of every month.
- C. Youth break camps that are scheduled during school breaks.
- D. Teen activities — we will have glow-in-the-dark dodgeball in September. We also have a scary teen night in the program. Top golf is scheduled for a trip as well.
- E. Family craft activities are scheduled, like Bingo night for families. People will bring their own drinks and snacks.
- F. Senior centers are still very popular, with field trips to the movies, lunch, museums, and casinos on the calendar every year. We also try to get them out of their comfort zone. Maggie and their staff do a great job. We also have a daily activity program that includes breakfast and hot lunches. We have started a senior gardening club and a walking club to try to keep seniors active.
- G. Youth Sports — We are just starting a soccer league with about 8 teams and approximately 109 participants. We struggle to find volunteer coaches, but our first game is scheduled for next week on Thursday at Trezell Park. After that, we will move on to Flag Football, beginning in December, followed by T-Ball and Coach Pitch in February, and youth Basketball, which will take place around early summer.
- H. Youth Sports Camps – We organize several sports camps with the high school, such as Dust Devil Football Camp. We have partnered with the softball camp, the wrestling team for a wrestling camp, and the tennis camp. There is also talk about a Jr. Golf program. It might take place at Robson Ranch and Arizona City.
- I. Adult programming – We have tried Softball and Sand Valley Ball, but we have had zero participation. We will attempt a corn hole tournament in hopes of encouraging more participation.

Board Member Larry Ginn asked if Pickle Ball was an option. Chad responded that it's definitely something we can try. He also mentioned that our courts at Shumway Park are already lined for pickle ball.

Upcoming events:

We will continue offering Movie Under the Stars at our local parks. We have a movie scheduled at Jones Park this coming Saturday. About 20 families usually attend, bringing lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks.

Fall Concert in the Park is something we are looking forward to. We invited AAA Productions, which is a Motown band that I believe has performed at Robson Ranch in the past.

We have a couple of community yard sales, one in October and another in January.

Harvest Festival returning this October with our trunk N treat, carnival rides, and costume contests.

Veterans Day Celebration - November 11th.

Christmas in Eloy is one of our biggest events on Saturday, December 13th. It features an electric light parade, a tree lighting ceremony, and is an all-day event from 4pm to 9 pm.

Spring includes Easter, the Father Daughter Banquet, MLK Youth March, and a Spring Concert. The concert will feature soul music and funk, with a variety of Prince songs, which is a bit different from what we've done in the past.

Chair Person Rhonda Olson added that she is always very impressed by how much we have offered over the years. She sees how much the department's participation has increased. She also noted that the department offers a wide variety of activities.

Board Member Tanya Cruz commented that she appreciates the department's efforts, noting the attendance from other cities like Casa Grande and Coolidge. She observed that the department puts extra effort into these events compared to larger communities.

Board Member Larry Ginn asked if there was anything we needed from him as a board member. Paul Anchondo responded by asking for any suggestions to improve our activities. We might also ask for park signage suggestions. Often, we might ask the board to participate in judging the costume contest or electric light parade floats.

Chad Price emphasized the main point that members should take the information back and share it with their circle to promote the events and increase participation.

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

- A. Approval of minutes of the May 2nd, 2025. Meeting motioned to approve minutes by Vice Chairperson Aurelia Saucedo and seconded by Board member Larry Ginn. All approved the minutes no opposition.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Rhonda Olson adjourned the meeting around 10:40 a.m.

Chairperson

Date