

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
PARKS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2016
4:00 P.M.**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, met for a Regular Meeting in the Chino Valley Council Conference Room, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Todd League called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2) ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Barnes; Todd League; Deryl Jevons; George Cooper; Celia A. Vander Molen;
Eric Smith

Absent: Donna Armstrong

Staff Recreation Supervisor Chris Bartels; Recreation Coordinator Katie Cornelius

Present:

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Consideration and possible action to accept the October 4, 2016, regular meeting minutes.

MOVED by George Cooper, seconded by Eric Smith to approve the October 4, 2016 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

4) PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Bartels reported the following:

- Carlos coordinated with the Yavapai County Adult Probation to cut weeds in and around the dog park.
- The Aquatics Center is closed and the fall cover will be placed over the pool.
- He is still awaiting the end of year report for the Aquatics Center from Joe Duffy. When received, he will review the report with Carrie Barnes and David Jaime.

5) COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- a) Committee Chair - Todd League

No report.

- b) Recreation Committee - Donna Armstrong

Donna Armstrong was not present.

- c) Aquatics Committee - Carrie Barnes

She has not yet received the finance report from Chris Bartels.

- d) Parks & Trails - George Cooper

George Cooper provided a map of the proposed Peavine connector trail. Prescott may add a trail spur that goes to the airpark.

- e) Finance Committee - Eric Smith

After the holidays, Eric Smith will recruit 3 people to participate on the Finance Committee. When that is accomplished he will report to the Board.

6) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Board concerning a subject that is not on the agenda. Public comment is encouraged. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 15 minutes per meeting. Board action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date, or responding to criticism.

There was no response to call to the public.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

8) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Continued discussion and review of the Parks and Recreation short term project priority improvements implementation strategy, receiving updates on high priority items, and revising priorities for Chino Valley facilities and programs for possible 2017 implementation.

Board members agreed to table this item.

- b) Consideration and possible action regarding a date for the 2017 Chino Mudder.

Katie Cornelius stated that August 19 and 26, 2017, are the two best dates for the Chino Mudder.

- c) Report and discussion regarding the Halloween Trick or Treat 2016 event.

Katie Cornelius reported:

- 28 businesses participated this year. Last year there were 19 businesses.
- The café lights strung across the park are permanent.
- Walgreens donated 856 pounds of candy. The candy was divided up and each vendor received about 50 lbs. of candy.
- There was approximately 75 lbs. of candy left over.
- The Fire Department attended the event.
- Based on Board member estimates, there were 1500-1600 people in attendance.
- Memory Park is a 2 acre parcel.
- The layout will be changed next year to allow for better flow of people.
- The time for the event will remain 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

9) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation by Gerald Szostak, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Arizona on locating a B&G Club in Chino Valley & possible collaboration of the Wild West Mud Fest with the Chino Mudder.

Katie Cornelius spoke to Gerald Szostak about possibly developing a Boys & Girls Club at the Community Center for ages 12-17.

As Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club of Central Arizona, Gerald Szostak presented the following information:

- Locally, the Club was founded in Prescott Valley in 1998.
- 2 clubhouses serving 565 youth ages 6-18 in Prescott & Prescott Valley.
- Currently there are 11 Board members, 3 full time staff and 12 part-time staff.

Each club provides:

- Academic Success
- Healthy lifestyles
- Community service
- Skills development
- Focus is on youth development. It is not a day care facility.
- No matter their family income, all kids need to connect.
- The Club is for teens who won't go the Boys & Girls Club.
- Staff also work with teens at the detention center.
- The Clubs are open for fall break, Christmas break and Spring break.
- In Prescott and Prescott Valley the Clubs are open after school to 6:30 pm.
- To accommodate the Chino Valley School District being off on Fridays, the Club would have Friday hours from 12-6:00 pm.
- Currently working with Prescott High School multimedia programs. There is a mountain bike group in the Prescott Club.
- They have 2 15-passenger vans for field trips.
- The Prescott Valley Club has a person who volunteers to teach Lego Robotics. There is also a gardening program.
- Teens (ages 13-18) are charged \$15.00 per year. Kids ages 6-12 pay \$40.00 per month.
- Develop relationship with local schools. There are 2300 kids in Chino Valley School District.
- Work with schools to locate bus stops near Club and focus on kids that are not involved in school sports or activities.
- Hook kids with video games for a few weeks, then follow-up with more services such as homework assistance and community service.
- Town of Prescott Valley awarded the Club a \$638,000 Community Development Block

- Grant to expand the PV facility.
- The Chino Valley Community Center is perfect. Initially the Club would require a minimum of 2000 SF and could configure the area for pool table, foosball, game tables, computers & skill tech areas.
- The Keystone Club sells food at the center and funds are used to provide Community Services and send kids to Keystone Conferences.
- The Club would require a commitment from the Town of Chino Valley. The best situation is a partnership between the Boys & Girls Club, the Town of Chino Valley and Chino Valley School District.
- In Prescott & Prescott Valley the Club has a 3-year renewable lease for \$1.00 per year and ½ the occupancy.
- As for utilities, Prescott Valley pays 50% of utilities. In Prescott the Club pays all the utilities, which in the summer was as high as \$1,200 per month.
- The Club would be staffed with local residents.
- Discuss a partnership for the B & G Club to run the building and be active to rent our part of the building for other events.
- Gerald Szostak will know more about funding for the Chino Valley Club in January 2017.
- Chris Bartels indicated that the sooner the better so that summer programs could be developed.

Wild West Mud Fest

- Developed the Mud Fest as a fund raising event in June 2014.
- 2014 – The 1st year there were 400 participants. They worked with Brian Witty the Recreation Director in Prescott Valley.
- 2015 – 2nd year there were 700-800 participants.
- 2016 -The weekend was bad and the course was bad. There were fewer participants.
- The Boys & Girls Club decided that it was too much work to put on the Mud Fest. The event was also too close in time to their other fundraiser, the Mile High Brew Fest, which took place 2 weeks later in Prescott.
- The Boy & Girls Club will give the Wild West Mud Fest web site, Facebook page with 1000 followers, medals, materials, sponsor list and participant mailing list to Chino Valley.
- Chino Valley has a good location already developed.
- The Board selected August 26, 2017 for the Chino Mudder.

The Chino Grinder will take place over the Mother's Day weekend.

The All Day 5K was canceled since it was scheduled for the same weekend as Whiskey Row Marathon.

- b) Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the development of additional activities surrounding the 2017 Chino Grinder.

This item was postponed to a later date.

- c) * Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding the development and implementation of a Christmas event to coincide with the Chino Valley Chamber Hometown Christmas Event in 2016.

This item was postponed to a later date.

10) FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

There will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., to discuss the items that were not covered at this meeting.

11) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Deryl Jevons, seconded by Eric Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

Submitted this 30th day of November, 2016.

By: *Amy Lansa, Town Clerk Assistant*

Approved: December 6, 2016