



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

5:30 PM

In accordance with Section 2.04.120 of the Municipal Code of the City of Safford, and Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01 et seq., and §38-431.02 et seq., NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the general public that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee will be held.

MINUTE RECORD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nora Rogers, Tad Jacobson, Pete Gauna

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dusti Brantner, Marie Arbizo, Michelle Hoshal

STAFF PRESENT: John Cassella, City Manager, Matthew Hoshal, Assistant to the City Manager, Jaime Embick, Planning & Community Development Director, Lance Henrie, Public Works Director, Jennifer Surber, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Toni Palomino - GC STARS

- 1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. No quorum was present
- 2. MINUTES:** Minutes will be approved when quorum is present.
- 3. REVIEW VISION STATEMENT:** The vision of the City of Safford is to provide safe, all inclusive, recreational amenities that support and sustain local culture and community.
- 4. EXISTING PARKS INFORMAL DISCUSSION:**
EL PASO PARK:
Matthew Hoshal: We did get guidance from counsel on the designs provided of El Paso and Firth Park. At El Paso Park considering input made by committee we did make dog park smaller and added a zip line section. Lance Henrie passed around a picture of the proposed sky run zip track that also has an ADA seat with a seatbelt and gave a presentation of the features. One of the concerns that were voiced by council members and committee members was to have ramadas. This design does have two ramadas as well as bathrooms.

Pete Gauna: With the splashpad there it's going to be pretty busy and there is just not enough ramadas and seating.

Lance Henrie: The idea without a splashpad is still a concept right now. There is a little line around the edge that is a wall that you can sit on by the splash pad.

Pete Gauna: But it's going to be hot. Maybe some more trees or grass so you can put a lawn chair.

Nora Rogers: I was thinking over the dog park area and make the dog park even smaller. Can we put grass over it and just have a grassy area.

Lance Henrie: The soccer field are staying there.

Nora Rogers: Maybe some softer grass that you could walk on like Bermuda. Somewhere where the small or large dog park is or over the gas line area.

Lance Henrie: It's really hard to run water lines over that kind of stuff. We can put grass in that retention and around the ramadas.

Matthew Hoshal: What about the landscape in the retention area?

Nora Rogers: It will be yellow in the winter and nice in the summer.

Jaime Embick: And flooded when it rains.

Tad Jacobson: Will the playground equipment be covered?

Lance Henrie: Yes it just is not shown on the map. The playground itself but not the swings.

Pete Gauna: In the future will 20th Avenue connect to 20th Street?

Lance Henrie: Yes it will. We don't own anything past what's going on at the park. But there's a lot of thing that can happen to make that work.

FIRTH PARK

Matthew Hoshal: Currently we just have the volleyball court that is all sand.

Lance Henrie: There is a couple of picnic tables right on the corner of Main St. & 10th and some rock landscape. There is a lot of wasted space. Council members suggested we do something to make better use of that area. Putting up shading and seating areas, putting pickleball courts. Pickleball courts would be fenced with lighting. One where the sand volleyball court is and one closer to the swimming pool.

Nora Rogers: I like that idea. That will bring a lot of public attention in the evenings and detour the homeless like we've been talking about. We want more grass areas because you want to be barefoot and on a summer day when I would take my kids, I'm packing for the day like 3 or 4 hours. We're packing a picnic; we need a place to sit and have drinks.

John Cassella: We're serving these advisory roles, so ideas are good.

Lance Henrie: During one of the council work sessions it was discussed that on 10th Ave, pushing that sidewalk back and having parallel parking so we can get more parking in there. I haven't look at that yet but I am sure It's doable.

Pete Gauna: Is there any plans for the north side of the park where all the grass is?

Nora Rogers: The pickleball and the lights will bring some attraction and stuff.

Pete Gauna: To me it would make more sense to take these two pickleball courts and put them over here on the north side end to end over here and reserve this for something more associated with the swimming pool.

Tad Jacobson: I was thinking the same thing. Putting the pickleball courts between the Chamber of Commerce, the bathrooms and the skate park and there is parking. Pickleball's a big deal. People as all the time if they can come play Pickleball at the High School and we have one court. If it was used and there were adults over there and people at the skate park, that is just good for our kids and the area is lit up.

Pete Gauna: If you move them to west side, you have westside parking, northside parking and eastside parking all basically surrounding those courts.

Lance Henrie: You will lose all your grass are but if that's what you want to do that is fine. Skatepark is not used as much.

Pete Gauna: That might rectify that problem. If I'm going to go play pickleball and my kids are right there at the skate park where I can watch them.

Tad Jacobson: If there is a bunch of adults around that may detour the homeless. Right now the kids don't scare the homeless. But if there is a bunch of adults out there it's less dangerous. I don't know how much that grass area is being used right now.

Jaime Embick: What if we put a fence around the area where the pool is and have a grassy area.

Lance Henrie: Then that could only be used when the pool is open.

Matthew Hoshal: How much does a pickleball court cost?

Lance Henrie: I asked Thatcher and they did all the work themselves it was roughly \$30,000.

Pete Gauna: The only problem with that is it is popular right now, but it is going to be popular in two years and now we have four courts.

Tad Jacobson: That is what we did with the skatepark. That first summer it was there we couldn't get kids off of there. Look at it now.

Lance Henrie: Pickleball has been pretty popular for a while. Was popular 15 years ago.

Nora Rogers: Arizona has the perfect weather for it. It's almost a year-round thing.

Toni Palomino: The volleyball court is just in a bad location and the ball rolls away. But they do want to play. I do like the idea of putting the pickleball courts in the front. It would be a bigger attraction and keep the park busy and hopefully keeping the homeless away.

Mathew Hoshal: The nice thing is too that they are fenced in so no one can walk thru your game.

Jamie Embick: And the ball can't roll off like when you're playing volleyball.

Matthew Hoshal: My idea was to move the volleyball court between the two pickleball so if the ball is rolling it will be rolling in the grass for a while.

Nora Rogers: What if we put some play equipment where one of the pickleball courts are closer to the entrance.

Lance Henrie: When we built this equipment in the back there at the top right corner, there's actually a playground in the little shaded area that never gets used. It's just tucked back there.

Nora Rogers: I think that might work because when kids are waiting to go to the pool or get picked up, they can be occupied.

Pete Gauna: But then again, if you move the pickleball back here, then you'd want your kids to be playing where you can see them.

Tad Jacobson: I like the pickleball courts in that area by skatepark now. Have we ever considered a Putt Putt golf course? Thatcher doesn't have one. I know someone who can built replicas. We could build one by the pickleball courts and pool area so theirs light. During the day they could check out colored balls and putters during pool hours and after hours you have to bring your own. I think families will come out and use if well done. Part of course, if it is done right. It's in a pretty high visibility area. I would like to see something like that.

Pete Gauna: If it's not staffed, is it too easily destructible?

Tad Jacobson: Any of that equipment is destructible. If we have cameras that are built right. I think they would only be able to be checked out a limited time by a city employee.

Lance Henrie: That would only be three months out of the year.

Matthew Hoshal: Maybe why not have a putt putt section at our golf course. We already have the land, the clubhouse, and staff. You have people who know how to manage a golf course so why not invest in putting it out there. There is space out there right?

Pete Gauna: No not really.

Lance Henrie: I understand the concept but you can't walk thru the course to get to the putt putt so that lessens the area available. It would be great if it were free. I think the reason why the putt putt in town failed was because it was too expensive.

Jaime Embick: Could we make it out of concrete so it is less destructible?

Lance Henrie: I think most of it is. It's the clubs that would get destroyed and the arms, windmills.

Tad Jacobson: I think if you have a thicker blade like for a sand trap. It wouldn't be the scale of others maybe more mountainous, 9 holes. No windmills and stuff so you can squeeze it in there.

Matthew Hoshal: If you have it more fenced around by the sidewalk area and create that barrier and people are less likely to walk across it and destroy things.

Lance Henrie: This is something that could go in at 10th and 10th.

Nora Rogers: I like the idea but maybe in a different location. Firth Park has a lot of street traffic. The pool entrance could look more inviting. Maybe add some trees. Somewhere for families to go hang out or to take a lunch break.

Lance Henrie: One of the council members said that we need more places to just hang out and sit there whether they are waiting for the pool or not. So I think his idea was put up some shade, maybe some grass. Then it turned to pickle ball.

Tad Jacobson: Pickleball is a home run right now.

Lance Henrie: Are we limiting ourselves to two pickleball courts? They are becoming so popular, even Thatcher is putting more of them in. Maybe we need to plan a spot where we can expand to six or eight.

Pete Gauna: You definitely can get four in at Firth Park if they are end to end and side to side. Or even more.

Lance Henrie: You could put one on the north side of the property and then do something different and have them back to back next to the playground. They'd be on the street but then the other area can be something else.

Nora Rogers: What if we keep the play structure where it is and also putting another smaller one by where the pickleball courts are going.

Pete Gauna: If you add more stuff, like the pickleball courts then kids are going to be playing on the play structures while adults play pickleball.

Tad Jacobson: We could give the Boys and Girls Club the opportunity to go to the park supervised with pickleball equipment and golf equipment all year round. Right now they walk to the Jr High and play on the football field when they can. Here is an opportunity that's two blocks away. So if your kid goes to the Boys and Girls Club they get an hour and half over there and they have this and this to play all supervised and the equipment is stored at the Boys and Girls Club.

Lance Henrie: That's for the Boys and Girls Club kids but not everybody else.

Pete Gauna: If it's open like that or just fenced off with one entrance. Anyone can go anytime until the parks closed. You should have a putter and a ball.

Jaime Embick: Could we donate some for kids that don't have any.

Pete Gauna: The only problem with that is the wrong people might get ahold of them and doing whatever.

Tad Jacobson: The good thing is that it is right by the police station.

Pete Gauna: Maybe you can go check out a putter from the detectives.

Jaime Embick: Get fingerprinted and get a putter.

Nora Rogers: What about moving the golf to 10th and 10th?

Lance Henrie: That's the property we are going to talk about. It's definitely an option because that's five acres of blank slate.

Matthew Hoshal: When we are thinking about amenities are we thinking location? We could put pickleball courts on 10th and 10th and Discovery Park Blvd.

Pete Gauna: I think pickleball courts will help Firth Park survive. If you put them then you will have more people using the playground.

Tad Jacobson: Firth Park is more visible as a street traffic attraction. 10th and 10th you don't know unless you are from here.

Lance Henrie: Are we trying to attract outside traffic or are we trying to appease our locals or both? Firth Park is not the best location for a park. It's on a highway. You are always going to have homeless or maintenance.

Nora Rogers: What if we put all of our energies and did the whole putt putt and pickleball on the 10th and 10th location.

Tad Jacobson: I would put the dog park on 10th and 10th and make more grass area on El Paso Park by splash pad and make it more a family park. If you want to play with your dog go to 10th and 10th it's by a canal by a house that looks like it's always under construction. Not an appealing area to drive thru. High school kids walk down those abandon roads near 10th and 10th and hang out at the canal and make bad choices. That land could be put to better use. Maybe possible trade with Mt. Graham High School land and have the two high schools closer together.

Pete Gauna: We talked awhile back about 10th and 10th being a concert venue. But there is houses around there and yes not appealing area.

Lance Henrie: Going back to Firth Park. I agree, I think if we did something to help boost the stuff there. But we have a problem with parking. So the more stuff we add the more we run into a parking problem.

Tad Jacobson: Are we able to use the VFW parking by the wall? Lance Henrie: Yes we own that.

Pete Gauna: With the new one, the one by VFW and Chamber of Commerce you will have parking surrounding the pickleball courts.

Matthew Hoshal: If you look at the General Plan it actually has a picture of a trail right by the canal that leads from the schools to the library and by the City Annex. Now whether that is going to happen now or in five years. So that might change your outlook on the 10th and 10th but then again you do have properties around that.

Toni Palomino: That would be great.

5. NEW PARKS INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Matthew Hoshal: What we came up with and gave you in your packet this week was some equipment that we came up with that we thought you might like. This isn't what you have to use but just concepts and ideas. There is pricing on some of them too. So when we look at our spaces you have in your binder of 10th and 10th and the 8th and Discovery Park designs. Look at how you would lay them out. We will dig into that next meeting and come up with two designs we want to take to council.

John Cassella: The one on 8th and Discovery Park is an old design that was already on the books.

Jaime Embick: There is a list of websites provided in your packet that have playground equipment that you can look at.

Nora Rogers: Pricy.

Matthew Hoshal: So think about designing the playgrounds and the budgets that we have with these playgrounds. It starts to get big when you have a lot of equipment and features.

John Cassella: Most of the original 1.14M will go to Firth Park and El Paso Park. So whatever we do here in planning for the future we may phase these because these will be rather large facilities. We won't fly through the whole thing and build it from copy and paste it over time that could be something to do as a forward-looking activity.

Tad Jacobson: Near 10th and 10th does someone own those two properties near it? It would be nice to buy that corner lot and make it a parking lot. Kids hang out there and cops are there all the time.

Lane Henrie: Yes, someone owns two lots and spot near canal. We're trying to get that property if they want to swap it out.

Pete Gauna: The walking path near cemetery and along Discovery Park Blvd is probably the most popular as far as your walkers go. So, if there was some exercise equipment like the ones that Thatcher put in by their pickleball court. You know the permanent exercise equipment that goes along the walking track.

John Cassella: What about band/shows at the 8th and Discovery Park site?

Tad Jacobson: That is what I was thinking. There is not a lot of housing there.

Pete Gauna & Nora Rogers: I agree.

Lane Henrie: It shows an amphitheater on the old design in your binder.

Tad Jacobson: It looks like a amphitheater with a step down.

John Cassella: And we could add a new design. The other thing to think about is we are having ongoing discussions with our council right now regarding our special events and some of that might take some of the pressure off the downtown which a place that this would. If we built a stage and had music up there could be a nice fit. You'd have quite a bit of parking. We could

think of it as an ancillary place to have some of the downtown events where the vendors can go, and we have a lot of them. We continue to add them so this would be an ideal spot.

Lane Henrie: We brought this to the council and they liked the idea of that area on the west side of the wash with the parking and gave approval to go ahead and grade that out and just let people park there and put a bridge across the wash so we're going to start that route. There are two things; that is a low spot, it has a retention area so that whole grove area is underwater after a storm. We got to collect the water somewhere so building it up or creating drainage not really an option. Everything on the south side of the road drains out the road and come out right there in the shady grove area. So anything we build there will be under water when it rains. I want to add that we don't own the property right next to it but I keep telling John I want to talk to him about it. There is 25 acres just to the west of this on the other side that we could get back on a regional park right there will ball fields.

Nora Rogers: I like that idea.

John Cassella: And maybe we can conclude that in our forward thinking because that is how we're going to wrap this up. So we'll design these parks and we will have a section at the end that says long term here's how our vision plays out.

Nora Rogers: The dirt lot behind the Mt. Graham High School basketball court near the walking path. What if we could put a mountain bike area?

Lance Henrie: That's all cemetery.

Tad Jacobson: Maybe buy out the Mt. Graham High School for cemetery use. Need to put it closer to Safford High School.

Pete Gauna: Maybe possible trade with 10th and 10th.

Tad Jacobson: Yes and have the two high schools closer together.

Nora Rogers: It would be fun to have something for mountain bikers like hills and ramps. The area with trees has trash dumped in there and stinks like dead animals. Someone is storing gallons of oil up along the fence line. Could be put to better use.

Lance Henrie: I'm afraid that area is going to catch fire one of these days. I am going to make contact about this.

Pete Gauna: That's the problem with the owner private and not being local and no fence.

John Cassella: So let's kick around this idea of drainage in that area. How difficult would it be to make that work? Can we divert that drainage to another spot?

Lane Henrie: We would have to get it over to the wash where it eventually goes anyway.

John Cassella: So if it became part of the design does it create an exorbitant additional cost or is it just part of the engineering plan?

Lance Henrie: What we do is we divert the water coming into it and no matter what we do we will have a hole until we fill in. Which is going to be quite a bit of fill which is going to destroy the trees.

John Cassella: The trees may come out or move. If you have a large band area those trees are not going to survive the project.

Lance Henrie: We can divert the water but if we have a big storm that area fills up to about 4 ft and to top of the trail and into the wash. There is a pipe maybe we can get some it and keep it lower. There is a pretty high functioning phone line that runs through there.

John Cassella: And we design any type of permanent structures with some type of myth that would accommodate some level of flooding. We will dig deeper into that if we do start to design it. That will be something we will want to look at but it seem to be a rather popular spot. What we are going to be doing going forward is building a couple versions of these parks and like legos Lance can help us figure out what goes where. This kind of forward looking gives us an idea of some of these future amenities that we may want to add as we get outside the existing parks. As we get into larger structures like the bandshell which may help offset pressures from the special events so there's a good synergy there. It seems to be liked by most people. So what would we have to do to make it work.

Jaime Embick: And you could be nosier at the 8th and Discovery Park Blvd area.

Tad Jacobson: Yes and there is no one around.

John Cassella: That's why we're supplying some this background stuff so we can get an idea of what some of the things can be and then we can figure out where we might want to put the. Think about the original lists that we did and some of the thigs we put on there. You want to think about some of the amenities that we already have and what's around them. Complimentary and duplication is fine as long as it is something you really want. In the big picture, you know what would throw well in that space given all those considerations.

Nora Rogers: North of the cemetery right below the walking path there is an area we could possibly put pickleball courts. I am thinking for retirement age/adult type things.

Lance Henrie: The only thing we own is the wash itself.

Pete Gauna: Again the land swape with 10th and 10th.

Lance Henrie: The thing we hear most from council and a lot of people is they want something more in town and on the other side of the highway. Something closer to them. That's why we were talking 10th and 10th and by the Catholic Church has potential to do something over there.

Tad Jacobson: A lot of people don't know the differences in Glenn Meadows Park. So when we do events and stuff maybe have it at these updated or new parks so people see it and know it's there. People that live around there like La Tierra Park don't know how it is now. We got a find a way to drive people there.

Matthew Hoshal: The event advertises the park. We usually have the Summer Block Party at Glenn Meadows but it was cancelled this year. Other than that we really don't have events at

the other parks. If we put amenities there that they will want to have events there and bring them from downtown.

Jaime Embick: Lane and I brought some catalogs to look thru and we provided some websites. We printed some pictures with prices. The committee wanted to steer in a direction of not just any park USA equipment but local things so we have tractors and you can get rocking horses or cows. The next thing is accessibility in a wheelchair or you can walk up to it. I put color palettes in there so you can see they have copper. Then you have structures like the pioneer wagon. There is a climbing wall. Some people were afraid it was too high so there are lower ones. There is an inclusive merry go round that is tilted and it has a seatbelt option so everyone can play together. Bucket swings is something we need so I added those in the packet.

Nora Rogers: I really like the merry go round.

Matthew Hoshal: Someone had talked about the one swing where you can sit on the opposite side and swing with them.

Jaime Embick: These are just some of the things I found flipping thru the catalogs. Our catalogs are a little old so prices might not be accurate. Jennifer has provided some website to do some shopping around. I will mark the merry go round as a yes if everybody agrees? So it give you an idea of where to shop and then next week we will see our budget and start moving the pieces around the parks.

Committee: Yes agree with merry go round.

Toni Palomino: These are aimed more towards younger kids. My youth were concerned about the majority of these parks being aimed at just younger groups.

Jaime Embick: What kind of equipment would they like maybe you could take them a catalog or have them look online. What would be included in this space or just stuff to hang out or an activity.

Lane Henrie: Most of the catalogs online are grouped into groups. There's really a cut off at a lot of stuff for older kids. There is some climbing towers and stuff.

Matthew Hoshal: On the website I went on there was a 12 plus group. Look at some of those and bring back what they like.

Toni Palomino: That is was one the reasons the youth was interested in 10th and 10th. They could walk to the basketball courts or walking a short distance from the high school or middle school or the swimming pool.

Nora Rogers: Maybe if you paved it and made it look nicer people would actually use it and it is closer to town and lights up for a dog walk.

Toni Palomino: It will clean up the area. We've got a lot ore traffic there and you start seeing positive work.

Nora Rogers: Walmart is right there. There is a lot of traffic anyways and the retirement manufactured homes. We don't have to put all our resources in it but more access to it like the library or the old library by the pecan trees and picnic tables. They can get a soda at Speedway and walk over to annex to hang out.

Jamie Embick: That are at annex gets used a lot. There are kids there every afternoon.

Tad Jacobson: Maybe a concrete permanent structure for cornhole.

Pete Gauna: I would like to see like 10 sets and have events there for cornhole.

Tad Jacobson: They also have table tennis but instead of nets they use wire and you can play and it's permanent. You got to bring your own balls and paddles, but people use the all the time at the time. You could have tournaments.

Matthew Hoshal: Chess tables.

Lance Henrie: We were just talking about the annex and how there is an old shuffle board and concrete that are not being used that could be where cornhole goes and has shade with trees. City could pour concrete.

Pete Gauna: I think you want your boards metal. You want your bags to slide. Maybe drill it into the ground.

Lance Henrie: Concrete or wood we could use gloss on it.

Pete Gauna: We're talking about parks and how to bring events to them. Cornhole is a big event even on ESPN.

John Cassella: Handball or anything like that.

Matthew Hoshal: Recap. For the existing parks we like the way that El Paso Park is going if we can tie in more grassy areas and shade. The Firth Park there was a general consensus that the pickleball was moved more toward the north where the grassy area is. Or put one in that area and something else in that corner. For future parks we really like the 8th Ave and Discovery Park place. We are not too keen on 10th and 10th. What we will do at the next meeting is work on designing the future parks at those locations. You have the website and bring some ideas you would like to see in those locations. At the end we will see the cost and what we really want where we can cut back and stay within a reasonable amount. We did not have a full quorum tonight, so this was just a discussion.

Lance Henrie: One more website: aaastateofplay.com That is where we bought our equipment for the last three parks. They got a nice variety of equipment and they have specials once in a while. It only goes up to 12 years old.

Jamie Embick: So we will have to be more creative for the older kids. That is there homework for Toni Palomino to ask the STARS program for input.

Pete Gauna: What is the status of lowering some of the hoops at the Ed Ragland Basketball court? They are adjustable. The two on the east side so younger kids can play.

Tad: When they were originally put up we were worried about kids playing dunk ball or breaking backboards. I think they all got the idea now and we have only had one broken back board.

Lance Henrie: So try one at 8 and one at 9? We can try that and see if they get beat up.

Pete Gauna: Or 6 and 8? Regulation is 10 so 8 is not much lower.

Tad Jacobson: For younger kids 6 would be good.

Lance Henrie: You don't think someone will run into it at 6ft?

Pete Gauna & Tad Jacobson: No it is way off the path.

Lance Henrie: We will look at it and see what we can do.

Nora Rogers: I had a question about working with the schools to use their facilities? Has there been any progress on that?

John Cassella: It's a slow process.

Tad Jacobson: I really hope we can get something going. We used to back in the day.

John Cassella: Yes we will get something. The documents are written in such a way that we can engage different pieces of it over time and just amend it.

Nora Rogers: I like seeing the community being out and being visible. Playing flag football and practicing and stuff. It gives comradery to the community.

Lance Henrie: I have a lot of people call and say we need more fields to practice on not realizing that they can go to the schools and use the fields.

John Cassella: That can be part of these agreements as long as the school is comfortable with it, to make things more visible. We could do a radio spot to kick it off and the city can do more on the website or Facebook.

Nora Rogers: Maybe let the coordinators of the sports leagues know and they can hand out flyers letting them know where they can have practices.

Tad Jacobson: If you ever want to talk I use to help the summer rec program in the 90's. It was weight room, basketball courts and football field. Everything was wide open and the city really was a huge partner of house things ran and used teachers and city staff. It was awesome and very well organized. We had age groups and levels so it's not overcrowded or over bearing. When the taxpayers see it and tell the city they are doing a good job. We can see what we have and what we need more of and what to improve. So we when ask for an override they will give it to us. The coaches are not going to let the gyms get destroyed. They are there and helping out.

Lance Henrie: Those facilities are nice and do not get utilized as much.

Nora Rogers: And it could be a part time job for teachers in the summer.

Tad Jacobson: That is how it used to be.

John Cassella: We are just starting, and people have good ideas. We have people who have done it before. We need to get back to a more cooperative thinking and doing something where you

are getting more use of the equipment and cost sharing as well. Certainly, that will help the schools.

Tad Jacobson: Robert Avalos and I ran the pool for years and we were thinking about how that position could help coordinate with the rec park and having like head leads that are 20 or 21 year old's working there way thru collage and making \$16 an hour to supervise the weight rooms and different stuff. Then there could be a city staff that oversees the rec areas and floats back and forth and does the scheduling. It could work we just have to put it to paper.

Pete Gauna: Back to 10th and 10th why don't we just make it all grass and make it a multipurpose practice field?

Matthew Hoshal: We will see next week when we design it.

John Cassella: It's an idea and should go on the list. That idea could grow and become a bit different. Let put stuff out there and we can organize it at the end

Lance Henrie: 10th and 10th has its own challenges. Just to put a restroom there we would have to build it up to get the sewer.

6. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:30pm at the Safford Public Library Program Room 808 7th Ave, Safford, Arizona.
7. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned 6:56pm