



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM
808 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE, SAFFORD, ARIZONA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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: Michelle Hoshal, Nora Rogers, Toni Palomino

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dusti Brantner, Marie Arbizo, Tad Jacobson

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

- 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. NEW PARK DISCUSSION:**

John Cassella gave a brief introduction of the maps. 10th and 10th is 5 acres. The Shady Grove area is approx. 15 acres. The bandshell would work on the Shady Grove Park area because the neighborhoods are farther away, and the noise wouldn't interfere with the residences. The parking lot on 10th and 10th could buffer the residences. This area will be more low impact and include grass and ramadas. The covered area on the Shady Grove property could be used for Farmers Markets etc.

Toni Palomino: Include workout equipment on the teen area. She brought photos. Swinging monkey bars are also included. Photos attached. The youth are very athletic and are excited about the pickle ball and corn hole. They suggested shuffleboard as well.

John Cassella: Thatcher's park has outdoor exercise equipment.
Matthew- there are pull-up bars at the Shady Grove Park area.

Nora Rodgers: By the walking path, people are already in the "exercise mode"

John Cassella: ADA compliant areas.

Matthew Hoshal: This can be a trailhead for the walking path because of the parking area. Retention has to be included. Restrooms will be included.

Nora Rodgers: Bathrooms are a problem with high school students. They have issues if they are unattended.

Matthew Hoshal: Camaras will be at the parks.

Nora Rodgers: A lot of students walk along the canal already.

Lance Henrie: We don't own by the canal, we are looking to trade for it.

Toni Palomino: If there is lighting, the temptation for bad activities is less.

John Cassella: Would you be interested in swings, etc still so that entire families can go?

Michelle Hoshal: Yes, this will give teens an area.

John Cassella: It can be geared differently at 10th and 10th

Matthew Hoshal: Natural looking parks are more attractive to older kids.

John Cassella: Charging stations.

Toni Palomino: Nice seating areas.

Nora Rodgers: Shady area to work on homework.

Nora Rodgers: The cottonwoods are in existence there already.

John Cassella: We want to vary the themes so that we don't have duplication.

Matthew Hoshal: People use backstops for a lot of varied activities.

Matthew Hoshal: Listed the items for the group on the easel.

Nora Rodgers: Fencing.

Lance Henrie: Block walls can be isolating – the designer may have ideas.

Matthew Hoshal: Dog waste stations and trash cans.

Nora Rodgers: Workout equipment at both parks Lance Henrie agreed – this will make the 10th and 10th “speak to our kids”

Matthew Hoshal: Drew in the retention in on the draft.

Nora Rodgers: The mature cottonwoods are beautiful.

John Cassella: Walking path around the park? Group – yes 10th and 10th

Lance Henrie sketched in the parking and restrooms and the field with the football goals with soccer nets he needs to collect the flood water before it floods the canal.

Lance Henrie: Will make some drafts to scale to bring to the next meeting.

Jaime Embick food trucks.

Michelle Hoshal: Fencing by the high traffic road? John would take some thinking and planning – it will be in the design.

Lance Henrie the way the band shell is faced could make a difference.

John Cassella: One of the issues with downtown events is blocking the streets off.

Nora Rodgers: Pedestrian crossings is an issue – Lance – the speed on the road is too high the pedestrians have to yield to the cars.

Matthew Hoshal and Lance Henrie sketched in the parking and retention on the Shady Grove area.

Toni Palomino: Is there enough parking for an event? Lance Henrie– yes.

John Cassella: Asked Lance to put some prices on the drafts for next week as well.

Matthew Hoshal: Can parking be phased? Yes.

John Cassella: We have to keep in mind the maintenance costs in the future.

Toni Palomino: Can we have a higher quality grass? Lance yes for play areas. Bermuda will be used in the retention areas.

Lance Henrie: A sewer line will be one of the biggest costs.

Nora Rodgers: Porta johns could be used temporarily.

Lance Henrie: The council has approved the parking area funds but he needs to see where to locate it.

Nora Rodgers likes the draft design for Shady Grove and suggested a play area at this park too.

Toni Palomino: Keep the mesquite trees.

Nora Rodgers suggested shade sails at both.

Lance Henrie: Ramadas are less expensive than shade sails \$250/tree will buy mature tree starts.

Nora Rodgers suggested fast growing ash trees.

4. NEXT MEETING: To be determined. Make sure we get better attendance.

5. ADJOURN: 6:50pm