



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF SAFFORD LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM

808 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE, SAFFORD, ARIZONA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

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 (via Zoom), Nora Rogers, Toni Palomino, Tim Linden, Tad Jacobson, Pete Gauna

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dusti Brantner

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Embick, Planning & Community Development Director, Matthew Hoshal, Assistant to the City Manager (via Zoom), Jennifer Surber, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. A quorum was present.
2. **AGENDA:** It was motioned by Tim Linden, seconded by Toni Palomino and carried unanimously to approve the agenda for the January 19, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meetings.

MOTION ADOPTED

3. **MINUTES:** It was motioned by Tim Linden, seconded by Pete Gauna and carried unanimously to approve minutes from the December 15, 2021 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meetings.

MOTION ADOPTED

4. **JANUARY COUNCIL PRESENTATION FINALIZATION**

Discussion: The presentation will go in front of council on Monday, February 14, 2022. We will meet via Zoom one more time on January 26, 2022 at 5:30pm to go through whole presentation before we meet in front of council.

Need to add that the walking path should connect to all parks. Need to add ADA enhanced and more accessibility and inclusive. Add large ramada picture from fairgrounds to Discovery Park presentation.

5. DISCOVERY PARK DETAILED PLAN VOTE

Discussion: Need to make sure amphitheater is facing north to south. Would like a large ramada like at the Graham County fairgrounds with counter tops, grills, and lots of tables. Also want 6 smaller ramadas because they get reserved a lot. Maybe 3 small ramadas by kids play equipment and 3 small ramadas by teens play equipment. Would like real sand used for sandboxes. Durable, low maintenance, user friendly work out equipment lined up around walking path. Add some exercise equipment at north end of park where it narrows next to the permanent outdoor games. Adding another Harper's playground to Discovery was talked about since it is affordable and relates to families and children plus adds to the ADA enhancement. Play equipment that is ecofriendly, allows interactive play such as musical instruments to go along with the amphitheater/creative arts theme, has natural settings like wood paneling that would withstand the heat. Use local artists using metal/iron work. Having an area and play equipment that distinguishes between teens and elementary kids, so everyone has their spot. Add communal seating with a fire pit that we could get someone local to build. Need electrical power drops strong enough for food trucks, at least 20 amp. If we could add big fans like at Napa to the ramadas. Add a rock foundation with possible water fall and lots of trees for shade. We will need lighting and would like solar lights around the walking path areas. Would like to add more bottle refill stations around the park and walking path. There is already a plan to add more around the current walking path. SEACAB could possibly help with a grant for the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle program.

1. Beautification: Trees, lighting
2. Rock Waterfall
3. Electrical power drops – 20amp for food trucks
4. Everything needs to run north & south due to sun, especially amphitheater
5. Large ramada with countertops, grills, big fans
6. 6 small ramadas: 3 by smaller kids play equipment, 3 by teen equipment
7. Workout equipment stationed around path near narrow northside
8. Real sand used for play areas
9. Solar lighting for walkway
10. Wi-Fi
11. Multipurpose path connects all parks
12. Refillable water stations

It was motioned by Tad Jacobson, seconded by Toni Palomino and carried unanimously to approve the final design for Discovery Park with the following suggestions:

Rogers - Yes
Hoshal - Yes
Palomino - Yes
Linden - Yes
Jacobson - Yes
Gauna - Yes

MOTION PASSED WITH 6 VOTES AND 0 AGAINST

6. **ADJOURN:** It was motioned by Tim Linden, seconded by Toni Palomino, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION ADOPTED

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