

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Chairperson: Lynda Zanolli  
Vice Chairperson: Barbara Van Wye  
Commissioners: Debbie Pickard (Absent)  
Shannon Westcott  
Peter Cure

Town Staff:  
Community Services Supervisor: Dawn Norman

**AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Lynda Zanolli called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT** - There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES-Discussion and consideration of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2012.**

Community Services Dawn Norman informed the Commission that a correction had been made to the footer of the draft minutes to display the correct date of December 12, 2012.

**Commissioner Westcott motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 12, 2012 as corrected. Commissioner Cure seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – A report from the Chairperson on current events.  
There was no report.

**STAFF REPORT** – A report from the Community Services Supervisor on current events.

Community Services Supervisor Dawn Norman reported on the following:

- 04/24/13 – 4:00-5:30 pm - Interactive Musical Performance featuring Johnny Lingo and Dave Rentz. Clarkdale Community Services has partnered with Parents as Teachers to present this event on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Men's Lounge. This interactive concert is free and is geared towards children under the age of 6 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult/caregiver.
- Crossroads at Mingus Park - The developers are working with Staff and Council to an amendment to the development agreement. This amendment includes the revised park locations recommended by Parks and Recreation Commission. Once the amended development agreement is approved by Council the developers can then move forward with the proposed park, Tract F.

- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5-6pm, in the Men's Lounge.
- Spirit of Clarkdale Awards have been reinstated. The last awards were issued in 2010. This year a new category, Sustainability, has been added. Nomination Applications and information are available on the Town website or in the library. Nominations are due May 15<sup>th</sup> by 5p.m.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **AGENDA ITEM: UPDATE ON THE VERDE RIVER @ CLARKDALE PROJECT – An update and discussion on the Verde River @ Clarkdale Project.**

Community Services Supervisor Dawn Norman reported on the following:

- In January, the preliminary site plan drawings for the first phase of the Tuzigoot River Access Point (TuziRAP) project were submitted for review by Shephard Wesnitzer and distributed to the Public Works Department, Fire District, Building Official and Arizona State Parks for review.
- Altria Foundation Work Crew is scheduled for July 15-19<sup>th</sup>. They will provide a group of 20 volunteers plus 10 staff including a film crew from the Altria Foundation (a national foundation) will be working on projects at the Verde River @ Clarkdale. We plan to have the group work at each of the Tapco River Access Point and TuziRAP building trails and river viewing platforms, kayak launch pads and performing general landscape grooming. A front team was in town last week to determine a rough agenda and to view properties, restaurants, and attractions and to arrange for security and emergency services during the scheduled trip. Following the logistics team visit, staff plus Chief Moore got together to brainstorm ideas on the project, process and ways in which we might approach using the volunteers. Clarkdale and Altria were partnered through the efforts of American Rivers.
- A new river access point for the Tapco RAP site has been identified. The new site is owned by Freeport McMoRan, approximately 80 acres and is approximately 1 mile upriver from the original proposed Tapco site that the Town had been considering for the lease negotiation with Freeport McMoRan. The upriver site is still in the proximity of Tapco but is a far more desirable site for our project. This location adds 45 minutes to a kayak float. Town Manager has met with Freeport McMoRan and both parties seem to be in agreement on the terms for the lease of the new proposed Tapco RAP site. The lease agreement is currently in review by both parties' attorneys and staff anticipates the lease to go before Council for approval on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The licensed fee/annual amount for the property is a nominal amount. In addition, Freeport McMoRan has agreed to donate the ramadas at Pecks Lake to the Town to reuse and relocate to the Tapco RAP site. Town staff will take down, transport and erect the ramadas.
- The Commission reviewed the new Verde River @ Clarkdale map identifying the new proposed Tapco RAP site and the TuziRAP site. There was open discussion on: site host, layout of trails and amenities at the sites, and camping.
- TuziRAP - Town Manager Gayle Mabery met on-site at the TuziRAP with Verde River Greenway Coordinator Max Castillo and Dead Horse Ranch State Park Manager George Christensen on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Town Manager Mabery had contacted Max Castillo with questions about the work that had been done to repair the Hickey Ditch Diversion and about the trail connections between TuziRAP, Tuzigoot National Monument and Dead Horse Ranch State Park. The on-site meeting was very instructive, and alleviated some of

the concerns that Town Manager Mabery had with regard to the diversion dam based on an earlier site visit. While initially it appeared as though the dam was reconstructed in a way that would prevent boaters from floating downriver, it was actually designed to allow the river to “cut its own channel” through the end of the dam that is closest to the Town’s proposed trailhead. In fact, the river had already made significant progress in doing so in the week since Town Manager Mabery viewed it. Max Castillo speculates that within 2 more weeks, kayaks will be floating through this stretch, and probably sooner if kids or others start shoveling or moving rocks when this weekend’s nice weather brings them to the TuziRAP. The Commissioners viewed a picture of the site and the work completed in question.

**AGENDA ITEM: CONCERTS IN THE PARK - A discussion on the 2013 Concerts in the Park.**

Community Services Supervisor Dawn Norman reviewed the following with the Commission:

- Concerts in the Park schedule for 2013
- Designated Donation Account for the Concerts - A donation/sponsorship had been received from The Clarkdale Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 bringing the account total to \$7,903.10. In addition, the Clarkdale-Jerome Lions Club had verbally committed to sponsor the Sentimental Journey concert. Community Services Supervisor Norman reviewed the costs to cover the band fees.
- Volunteer Opportunities - There was open discussion on volunteering at the concerts.

**AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION ON REGULATION, FEES AND USE OF TOWN PARKS - A worksession to review and discuss Regulations, Fees and Use of Town Parks.**

The Commission reviewed Resolution No. 703 setting Regulations and Fees for Use of the Clarkdale Park. This Resolution was approved in August of 1992 and was specific only to the Clarkdale Town Park. Since the inception of this Resolution the Town has attained additional park facilities, the number of which will increase in the years to come. In addition, the park facilities have seen an increase of use along with an expansion of types of use.

This worksession is scheduled as a beginning discussion on moving forward to developing a new resolution that would apply to all town parks and would provide guidance to Town Staff on the public’s use of the park facilities.

There was open discussion on current Town Parks, proposed Town Parks and future parks, and the types of uses of the parks, including those that are not typical use of park space.

**AGENDA ITEM: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Listing of items to appear on future agendas.**

*Regulation, Fees and Use of Town Parks*

*Concerts in the Park*

*4<sup>th</sup> of July*

**AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT-**With no further business before the Commission and with no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Lynda Zanolli, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

  
Dawn Norman, Community Services Supervisor