

1/22/03 Special Meeting

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003, IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT, CLARKDALE, ARIZONA.**

A Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 1:00 pm. The Commissioners met and toured the Clarkdale Park System.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Chairperson:	Tom Evans (absent)
Vice Chairperson:	Elizabeth Rose Augusto
Commissioners:	Rodney Fielitz Ed Knight (absent) Dewey Reiersen
Staff:	Beth Escobar, Grants Administrator
Members of the Public:	None

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Augusto called the meeting to order at 1:14.

**Public Comment:** No members of the public were present.

**Agenda Item: Tour of Clarkdale Park System**

The Commissioners and Grant Administrator Escobar toured the park system in the Town Van. Suggestions and comments were noted at each stop.

Mongini Ballpark: Park could benefit from a restroom, more shaded area and a grill. Commissioner Fielitz mentioned that a raised pitching mound would be a great addition but he wasn't sure if this would impede the soccer games.

Caballero Park: Commissioners agreed that a covered picnic area and a playground climbing apparatus would benefit this park. Commissioner Fielitz suggested examining the use of fibar or wood chips as a ground cover alternatives.

School Playground: Commissioner Fielitz suggested forming a partnership with Clarkdale-Jerome School to upgrade equipment in th playground areas since the park is used outside of school times by neighborhood children. Discussion included adding a rock climbing wall that could possibly be funded through corporate sponsorship and a handball court. Vice Chair Augusto noted that the large tires filled with sand that are at this playground would be a great addition

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to Caballero Park.

Town Park: Suggestions include additional lighting (perhaps solar) and covered picnic areas and benches under the large trees. All Commissioners remarked on the poor structural integrity of the Gazebo. Commissioner Reierson suggested having a joint meeting with the Heritage Board regarding the Gazebo. Commissioner Reierson would like the flagpole repaired so that the flag rises to the top.

Centerville Park: Vice Chair Augusto updated the Commissioners on the park that is currently under construction.

**Adjournment:** The Commissioners returned to the Town Hall parking lot and with no further discussion items, Commissioner Fielitz moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Reierson seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned the 2:28 p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:

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Beth Escobar, Grants Administrator

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Tom Evans, Chairperson