

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003, IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT, 45 NORTH NINTH STREET, CLARKDALE, ARIZONA.

A Regular Meeting was held, June 16, 2003 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Clarkdale Memorial Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Chairperson:	Tom Evans
Vice Chairperson:	Elizabeth Rose Augusto
Commissioners:	Rodney Fielitz
	Ed Knight
	Dewey Reiersen

Staff:	Administrative Assistant	Chris Keller
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Others in attendance: Pat Williams

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of the minutes from the regular meeting of May 19, 2003. Commissioner Reiersen made a motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2003 as corrected, Commissioner Knight seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Reports:

Chairperson Report: Chairperson Evans reported that the picnic in Caberello Park was a success. The Mayor, Michael Bluff, Vice-Mayor Ellie Bauer and members of the Fire Department attended. He stated that there was approximately 11 adults and several children. He noted that the fire department members continually played basketball with the kids and it was a good time. He requested a thank you note go out to the council members and staff of fire department who attended. There was about 48 burgers and 4 packages of hot dogs cooked.

Vice Chairperson's Report: Vice Chairperson Rose thanked fellow commissioners who attended the picnic in Caberello Park. Vice Chairperson Rose reported that several questionnaires were given out asking residents what improvements they would like to see in the park. There were 17 requests for picnic tables, 17 grills, 8 ramadas, 2 jungle gyms, 5 swings and 5 requests for grass.

Staff Report: None.

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING DONATION OF A CLIMBING STRUCTURE IN CABALLERO PARK. Vice Chairperson Augusto noted that Town Clerk Driscoll was unable to attend the meeting and requested she contact Commissioner Fielitz regarding the climbing structure to discuss ADA standards before accepting the donation.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN PARK GAZEBO. Vice Chairperson Augusto stated that she and Pat Williams, Chairperson for Heritage Conservancy met with Town Clerk Driscoll to discuss the repair or replacement of the gazebo. They both have done a lot of research on this subject and public input and consideration is very important with this project. She noted that the Clarkdale Foundation has raised approximately \$10,000.00 to go towards the repair or replacement. Vice Chairperson Augusto stated that a public meeting has been scheduled for July 16, 7pm at the Clarkdale/Jerome Auditorium. There will be a facilitator present at this meeting.

Discussion followed about distribution of a flyer and the information it would contain to reach the public to encourage attendance and receive their input, opinions, etc. It was apparent that the Gazebo is a very important part of the historic history of Clarkdale and there are passionate opinions on each side that need consideration. Discussion regarding the safety and historic preferences continued. Vice Chair Augusto noted that Angela from the Verde Independent will be writing an article. She also noted that the 1995

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blueprint plans of the gazebo should be in Phoenix at the State Historic Preservation Office and she would like these to be available for the meeting. ADA standards, addition of steps, a handicap ramp was discussed.

Chairperson Evans made a motion to move the meeting to town hall, Vice Chair Augusto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk Driscoll attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the gazebo flyer that commissioners had concern with. She explained that this flyer will be neutral, combing opinions and concerns of town staff, heritage Conservancy board and parks/recreation commission.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have flyers available at the 4th of July celebration in the park, Vice Chair Augusto will have a booth table with available flyers. Commissioners Reierison and Fielitz volunteered to hand out flyers to those watching the parade on the street.

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DISCUSSION OF 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES.

Staff member Keller stated that the annual 4th of July celebration will be in the park on Friday the 4th of July. She stated that volunteers are needed to help with the children’s games. Chairperson Evens noted that he and some of his family members could help. Vice Chairperson Augusto will be at a table with flyers available regarding the gazebo. Commissioners Fielitz and Rierisen volunteered to pass out flyers regarding the gazebo to those watching the children’s parade.

DISCUSSION OF HIKE/BIKE TRAIL CONCEPT.

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Future Agenda Items: hike/bike trail concept, Orianta trail, Caberello Park equipment. Report on 4th of July.

Adjournment: With no further discussion items, Chairperson Evans moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Reirison seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned the 3:35 p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:

Chris Keller, Administrative Assistant

Tom Evans, Chairperson