

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 the 11th day of July, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Chairperson Jim Parsons
Commissioners: Howard Beck
 Rodney Fielitz (absent)
 Peg Sarkisian (absent)
 Hilda Fish

Town Staff:
Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll, Admin. Services Director/Town Clerk

Others in Attendance: Mr. Fish

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Parsons called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and noted that Commissioners Fielitz and Sarkisian were absent. It was noted that a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Fish stated that a good job had been done on repairing the fence in Caberero Park.

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES – Consideration of minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 13, 2005 and the Special meeting held on June 27, 2005. Commissioner Beck moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: REPORTS
Chairperson's Report – None.
Staff Report – None.

AGENDA ITEM: VICE CHAIRPERSON – Consideration of selecting a Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Beck moved to select Commissioner Fish as Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Parsons seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: YOUTH COUNT – Discussion and Consideration of nominating a representative to be the Town's liaison to Youth Count. Admin. Services Director Driscoll reported that there needs to be a town representative to Youth Count, appointed by the Council, and asked if a Parks and Recreation Commissioner would be interested in doing this. It was noted that there was not much information on Youth Count available. The Commission requested that more information be obtained on Youth Count before any Commissioner could volunteer to serve in this capacity.

AGENDA ITEM: OLD TOWN PLAYERS – Discussion and Consideration of the partnership with Old Town Players and their contract with the Town to use Town facilities. The Commission reviewed a draft agreement between the Town and Old Town Players. It was noted that Old Town Players was having difficulties in securing liability insurance for the facility. The consensus of the Commission was to recommend approval of the contract, but with the understanding that it would be on a “trial” basis and if the terms of the new agreement did not work out favorably for the Town, the Town would have the option to terminate the contract per the procedures outlined in the contract.

AGENDA ITEM: JULY 4 – Discussion of the event held July 4, 2005 and consideration of changes to the July 4, 2006 event. Administrative Assistant Driscoll reported that there were 20 runners in the Liberty Run. It was suggested by some attendees that there also be a 5k run next year. It was noted that adding water slides would be nice, however whether or not the town’s insurance covers such items will need to be researched. It was noted that people had chairs on the landscaping during the parade and it was observed that tree guards are needed because there are “holes” between the grates and the trees. It was noted that the lines for the games were long. It was discussed opening the games earlier and closing them during the parade, however this was not considered a viable option; rather the commission felt more games should be added. One of the hardest things to plan for is the relatively large number of persons needed to run the games. It was discussed getting one entity or group to take over the running of the games. In the past when this was done the event was a lot less stressful.

AGENDA ITEM: POOL – Report and discussion regarding the status of the Clarkdale Municipal Pool improvements. Administrative Services Director Driscoll reported the cost of the pool cover and rollers and reported on the available funds in the Parks and Recreation Donation Account. The consensus of the Commission was to purchase the cover and rollers and take the necessary funds out of the Parks and Recreation donation account. It was noted that this would leave a relatively small amount of funds in the account. A spreadsheet on pool usage was requested for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: CONCERTS IN THE PARK – Discussion and Consideration of the 2005-2006 concerts in the Park series. Administrative Services Director Driscoll reported that she has issued a press release for the next concert. She noted that a concert was held on July 9th that was not originally scheduled, however they played for half of the 50/50 raffle amount. Chairperson Parsons agreed to staff the July 23rd concert. Suggestions for types of music were discussed including marching band and classical. It was suggested to contact Northern Arizona University for their brass and string group.

AGENDA ITEM: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Listing of items to appear on future agendas. The following items were listed:
Mountain Gate and Cliffrose Developments, review of their recreation facilities.
Park and Recreation Master Plan.
Parks and Recreation staffing.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jim Parsons, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Joyce Driscoll, Admin. Services Director/Town Clerk