

**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 the 8th day of May 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Men's Lounge, 39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Chairperson	Hilda Fish
Vice Chairperson	Howard Beck
Commissioners:	Rodney Fielitz
	Maya Radoccia
	Lynda Zanolli

Town Staff:	
Parks and Recreation	
Coordinator	Pamela Ravenwood
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll

Others in Attendance: Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer
Edgar Ball
Harvy Grady

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Hilda Fish called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer announced that the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a Spring Block Party May 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mountain Gate Development.

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES- Consideration of minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 13, 2006. Commissioner Beck moved to approve the March minutes. Commissioner Fielitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: REPORTS- Chairperson's Report – Administrative Services Director Driscoll reported that a Pool Manager has been hired and she has already implemented numerous programs for the pool including Junior Guard, Swim Lessons, and Scuba Diving Lessons. The pool will open May 27th.

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Ravenwood informed commissioners of a Boards and Commissions Conference set for November 3, 2006 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Black Canyon Conference Center.

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM: YOUTH COUNT- Discussion and consideration of a request by Youth Count, a nonprofit organization, for the commission to support a budget request to fund an agreement for youth development planning services. Youth Count representative Harvy Grady introduced himself and spoke about the program and how assistance from the Town could be used toward his services coordinating a Youth Program. Administrative Services Director Driscoll asked Grady to clarify the role of Clarkdale. Grady stated that town staff would organize the public meetings and write the plan and that his role would be to facilitate the process. There was discussion about a Youth Commission and what kind of resources would be needed to organize such a commission, a teen center, and providing kids with something to do to deter crime. Grady said there were over 800 kids under 18 living in Clarkdale. Commissioner Zanolli made a motion to deny the Youth Count proposal funding and to encourage Youth Count to apply for funding for next year's budget process. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Lynda Zanolli, Howard Beck, and Hilda Fish voted yes and Maya Radoccia and Rodney Fielitz voted no. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Commissioner Raddocia moved to reorganize the agenda by moving the Old Town Players Gala item in front of the Dorothy Benatz Trail. Commissioner Fielitz seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: DOROTHY BENATZ TRAIL – Discussion and consideration of the Dorothy Benatz Trail. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Ravenwood reviewed with the Commissioners the trail map provided by Public Works Director Steve Burroughs. She also reviewed the estimates provided by Public Works Director Burroughs on the provision of gravel to cover the entire trail, benches and signage. The Commission recommended the following amenities regarding the trail: Doggie-bag dispenser, bus stop pad, trash can at head of trail, benches at maximum standard, spray and harden surface to make the trail ADA accessible, signage, repair turn-sty near bridge and widen the trail to accommodate bicycles, signage indicating persons need to pack trash in and out, to pick up after pet, and a drinking fountain at trailhead.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD TOWN PLAYERS GALA: Discussion and consideration of the Old Town Players (OTP) Gala and new arrangement regarding Gala responsibilities. Administrative Services Director Driscoll reviewed the history of the Gala for Commissioners. OTP Board Member Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer also reviewed the history of the Gala and stated that the Gala ended up on the shoulders of OTP. After consideration of the cost and time, she stated that OTP wanted to review other options rather than having a sit-down dinner. Prud'homme-Bauer asked for feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission in how the two organizations could continue working together. OTP Board Member Edgar Ball commented that Gala's have not been worth the time and that OTP has been partnering with other nonprofit organizations to help them fundraise. Mrs. Prud'homme-Bauer said that even though OTP's contract with the Town was not up until

October of this year, their organization would like to renegotiate by June. She also stated that OTP does want to compensate the Town of Clarkdale in some way, either by increasing the cost of their ticket's or by starting a Youth Theater program, which would benefit Clarkdale youth. Commissioner Fielitz stated that maybe OTP should just develop a User Agreement with the Town and pay the Town directly. After discussion, it was decided that a relationship between Parks and Recreation and OTP wanted to be maintained and that further discussion needed to take place. Commissioner Fielitz moved to table the item to the following week. Commissioner Radoccia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raddocia moved to reopen the meeting public comment. Commissioner Fielitz seconded it. The vote was unanymous.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – Carolee Kimble of Clarkdale stated that she is working with a Clarkdale citizens group to form a dog park. The group is looking at becoming a nonprofit organization and will seek a site for a dog park, hoping the site would be donated to the organization. She said if anybody is interested in joining the committee they can email dogpark@caninefun.com.

AGENDA ITEM: FOURTH OF JULY – Discussion and consideration of events and duties for the Fourth of July event. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Pamela Ravenwood reviewed what would be occurring over the Fourth of July and that she needed two more parade judges. Commissioner Zanolli volunteered and Commissioner Beck said he would look into whether he was going to be in town. Administrative Services Director Driscoll stated that there would not be a 10K or 5K run this year.

AGENDA ITEM: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- Listing of items to appear on future agendas. The following items were listed:

Strategic Plan
Dorothy Benatz Trail
OTP Gala

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

Howard Beck, Co-Chair

SUBMITTED BY:

Pamela Ravenwood, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

