

**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 11th day of September, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Finance Building Conference Room, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Chairperson | Hilda Fish (Absent) |
| Vice Chairperson | Howard Beck (Absent) |
| Commissioners: | Rodney Fielitz Maya Radoccia Lynda Zanolli |

Town Staff:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Parks and Recreation Coordinator: | Pamela Ravenwood |
| Admin. Services Director/Town Clerk: | Joyce Driscoll |

Others in Attendance: Randy Boardman, AYSO Clarkdale Soccer
Lee Canning, AYSO Regional Commissioner

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER: Administrative Services Director Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and noted that Chairperson Fish and Vice Chairperson Beck were absent, however a quorum was present. Commissioner Radoccia moved to appoint Commissioner Fielitz to chair the meeting. Commissioner Zanolli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM: REPORTS - Planner/GIS Technician Pamela Ravenwood reported on the Dorothy Benatz Trail. Ravenwood met with Community Development Director Sherry Bailey and Public Works Director Steve Burroughs. Currently they are working on the first phase of the trail and allocating funds from the budget. The work will start with the middle section of the trail. Ravenwood informed the Commission that the trail cannot be within 20 feet of an active railroad track. One end of the trail is at the railroad and the other end is at the current wastewater treatment plant. Ravenwood described the challenges with the project. At this time the location of the new wastewater treatment plant has not been established.

Planner/GIS Technician Ravenwood reported on the Strategic Plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission met with the Planning Commission. Public participation plan has not yet been developed. The staff will be making changes to the current plan.

Finance Report - Administrative Services Director Joyce Driscoll reviewed the monthly finance report with the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM: MOUNTAIN GATE PARK – Discussion and consideration of suggestions for the Mountain Gate Park. Community Development Director Sherry Bailey reviewed the history of the development process for Mountain Gate. She explained that Mountain Gate has a Development Agreement with the Town of Clarkdale and there has been discussion on: would the park be open to the public; would the use of Mountain Gate Park generate participation town wide; and would the public be able to rent the clubhouse. However, park components were not included in the Development Agreement. Mountain Gate is ready to present a design for the clubhouse and somewhat of a design for the park. Mountain Gate has designed the use of effluent for the watering system and has designed the park to be at the least cost to them. Community Development would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to start thinking about what they would like to see in the park, including: the framework for use of the clubhouse; amenities of the park; and maintenance. She anticipates the first review at the next Parks and Recreation Meeting. She is currently working to get an effluent line to the town park.

She informed the Commission that Mountain Gate Park consists of approximately 10 acres. The plans include a soccer field and there is an existing trail system. The site is fairly flat.

Community Development Director Bailey addressed why the Town would want to maintain this park. Originally it was discussed to be a town park because if homeowner's association maintains the park then the park would not be open to the public.

Discussion followed regarding the cost of maintenance, public comment when the development was first proposed and the council's direction to staff regarding the park being a public park.

AYSO Regional Commissioner Lee Canning addressed the need for soccer fields. He informed that AYSO consists of all volunteers and they are in need of space. He said they are very interested in any fields and they have the money to purchase goal posts. He said AYSO would help the projects along in any way including money towards sod or seed. He said AYSO has some money but they do not have the funds to purchase any land.

AYSO Clarkdale Representative Randy Boardman stated that he talked to Mountain Gate staff and said that AYSO could give the input on the size of the field and could assist with goals and striping of the fields.

AYSO Regional Commission Canning said there are all sorts of regulation sizes. He said a 400' x 260' would be a dream size. He would like a full size field with two Youth 10 fields and two Youth 5 and 6 fields going across. He said for tournament soccer he would like four or five of these size fields and that audience space would be needed between the fields.

Commissioner Zanolli commented on the importance of having restrooms.

AYSO Regional Commissioner Canning said AYSO doesn't need lights but it would be nice to have them for in the future.

Discussion that if it was a town park the town would have control over it and there would be the ability for AYSO to use the facility.

In discussion it was noted that the Regional Park plan includes a major soccer complex.

AYSO was invited to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for October 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

The projected growth of AYSO was discussed and the need to get fields now.

AYSO Clarkdale Representative Boardman commented that the Clarkdale-Jerome School is seeing a 10% increase in students this year.

AYSO Regional Commissioner Canning said he would like to see two to four fields.

There was open discussion on the parking needs. It was discussed that there are approximately 60 players and families for three Youth 10 (10 yr. old) games; 80 to 90 cars for tournaments; 120 players and families for six Youth 10 games.

There was open discussion of the balance of grass (effluent area) verses the parking area which is not watered by effluent. There was discussion of putting a field at each end with a play area in the middle verses having the grass area all together.

AYSO informed the Commission that they contribute to field upkeep. They said the adult league is hard on the facility. AYSO carries their own liability insurance and that they train and require certifications from their volunteers.

AGENDA ITEM: MAIN STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Discussion and consideration of making improvements to the Main Street Park. Discussion of the need for benches around the playground area. The staff will approach the Clarkdale Foundation about the benches to see if they would purchase them.

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

Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments

Dog Park

Mountain Gate Park

Main Street Park Benches

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lynda Zanolli,
Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Joyce Driscoll,
Administrative Services Director/Town Clerk