

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE**

A Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Clarkdale was held on the 22nd day of January, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

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| Chairperson: | Lynda Zanolli | |
| Vice Chairperson: | Maya Radoccia | (Absent) |
| Commissioners: | Krysta Dehnert | |
| | Bethany Bezdek | |
| | Alice Burroughs | |

Town Council:

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| Mayor Doug Von Gausig | Councilmember Patricia Williams |
| Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley - Absent | Councilmember Curtiss Bohall |
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Town Staff:

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| Town Manager Gayle Mabery | Assistant Town Manager Janet Perry |
| Finance Director Carlton Woodruff | Town Clerk Kathy Bainbridge |
| Police Chief Pat Haynie | Community Development Director Sherry Bailey |
| Public Works Director Steve Burroughs | Interim Utility Director Ron Doba |
| Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dawn Norman | |
| Utilities Technician KC Bailey | Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good |

Others in Attendance:

Ellie Bauer, Richard Dehnert, Drake Meinke, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Jim Spears Highland Development, Sharron and Roy Vance, Todd Etshman of Journal Extra and Phil Wright of Verde Independent

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION- A joint worksession with the Town Council to discuss possible land use of the current waste water treatment plant scheduled for decommissioning and the Town of Clarkdale Halloween event.

Dawn Norman, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission held worksessions on January 14th to discuss possible land use options of the current wastewater treatment plant and possible options to address the concerns which have been raised by residents regarding the annual Halloween event. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman stated that the Parks and Recreation Board was present to discuss these options with Council and introduced the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Zanolli stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission toured the current wastewater treatment facilities and developed this vision:

1. The areas should be utilized as a natural and nature observation area to allow citizen enjoyment of the area and protect the riparian habit.
2. Provide small covered ramadas with picnic tables and barbeques for family picnics.
3. Partial fill in of the large pond on the Tuzigoot side to establish a grass field by the picnic areas.
4. Place a water aeration device in the pond and stock it with fish, not for fishing, but for watching.
5. The small pond should be fenced off and buffered with natural plantings.
6. Re-locate the access to Tuzigoot Road which already has a natural flat area for parking.
7. The existing and future trails could be used in the trails plan. ADEQ will have to approve the proposed use change of the area.
8. Utilize existing buildings for bathrooms.
9. River access by a walking trail.
10. Reinforce retaining wall behind existing buildings in the form of terraced planters.

There was open discussion on the Parks and Recreation Commission's proposed ideas. Public Works Director Steve Burroughs stated that the large pond has a clay liner which will have to be cleaned before the pond could be used. There was discussion on the ADEQ permit process. Councilmember Williams inquired what the hours of operation would be. Parks and Recreation Chairperson Zanolli stated that the hours of operation and other operational details had not been discussed yet.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman informed that the results from the Parks and Recreation Survey reflected natural areas/nature parks as the number one requested type of park facility. Mayor Von Gausig stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council are both in support of this conceptual idea.

Halloween Event

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Zanolli stated that Parks and Recreation provided a survey to residents on Main Street, First South Street, and First North Street regarding the Halloween event. Items being considered to lessen the impact on upper Clarkdale residents are:

1. Schedule trick-or-treating at the same time as other events in the Verde Valley and shorten the time frame from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as in the past.
2. Offer to supply volunteers to upper Clarkdale residents who either want to participate but need assistance with handing out candy, or for residents who do not wish to participate, but would allow volunteers to hand out candy in front of their residence.
3. Advertise for volunteers to assist with handing out candy. This will give residents from all Clarkdale neighborhoods the opportunity to participate.
4. Offer an escort service provided by the Explorers for the residents feeling trapped or hindered from leaving/arriving at their homes.

There was open discussion on the Parks and Recreation proposed ideas. Councilmember Williams agreed that the "timing" was essential in the control of the numbers. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dawn Norman reported that it would be very difficult to broaden the

event due to limited volunteer and staff resources. Mayor Von Gausig stated that the Town needs to have a long range vision and questioned if they were looking at moving this event to other areas of the Town. The Mayor preferred subjunctive changes instead of bandage fixes and stated that this was an opportunity to do something new and creative. The Parks and Recreation Commission wants to preserve the Halloween event, with changes. Town Manager Mabery reported that 45% of Main Street residents did not participate this past year. The event is great but has problems and Council looks forward to what solutions could be brainstormed. Mayor Von Gausig thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their work on these issues.

AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lynda Zanolli,
Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Dawn Norman,
Parks and Recreation Supervisor