

**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 Wednesday, March 11th, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Town Hall Administration Building, 39 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

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

Town Staff:
Parks and Recreation Supervisor: Dawn Norman
Community Development Director: Sherry Bailey

Others in Attendance: None

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER –Chairperson Zanolli called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES-Discussion and consideration of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2009.

Chairperson Zanolli motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 11, 2009, as written. Commissioner Dehnert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: REPORTS- Reports on current events

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – None.

STAFF REPORT – Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman informed the Commission that the Council had discussion on March 10th on whether or not the pool should open for this season. She said that Council is to make a final decision at their next meeting scheduled for March 24th. Council has reviewed operational costs verses revenue generated and due to the large financial expense to the Town the Council was struggling with supporting the idea of opening the pool.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman continued that in addition, congress had passed the Virginia Graeme Baker Act which addresses pool drainage systems on both public and private pools. She stated that the act has placed stringent standards requiring anti-entrapment drain cover upgrades to the pool, costs of which range from \$2,500 to \$3,000, and with that, there was a possibility that additional upgrades would still need to be made in order to comply with the stringent standards required by the act. These costs would be in addition to the normal operational costs.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman stated that she had contacted the pool staff from last season and updated them on the discussion and informed that she would contact them when the decision was final.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman informed the Commission that she was currently organizing a community night at one of the Arizona Diamondbacks games. She continued that she was working with the school on use of a bus to offer the option of transportation to and from the game. Ticket prices would be \$10 - \$15 depending on game selected and transportation would be an additional \$5 if chosen.

FINANCE REPORT – Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman reviewed the finance reports with the Commission.

Chairperson Zanolli inquired about the funds available to the pool reflected on the report. Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman explained that the reports reflect the 2008-2009 budget amounts which were approved prior to the current fiscal year which began July 1. She continued that the budget is generated by projected revenues and that the figures reported were not actual cash value available in an account for use. She stated that with the current economy and the budget crisis the state faces, the projected figures compiled for the 2008-2009 were going to fall far short, thus why the town has made and will continue to make as many cuts as possible in order to adjust to the diminished funding that will be provided to the Town from the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Zanolli motioned to move Agenda Item 6. Discussion of the 2009 Concerts in the Park before Agenda Item 5. Worksession to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on the agenda. Commissioner Dehnert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION - Discussion of the 2009 Concerts in the Park.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman presented the schedule for the upcoming series. She said that the town was very happy to be able to offer the Concerts in the Park regardless of the current budget shortfall. This was due to several factors: the funds accrued in the concert donation account from 50/50 raffles, the collaboration of the scheduled bands working with the town on their performance fees, and the generous donation pledged by the Clarkdale Foundation.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman explained that past sponsors were not in a position to assist and that it was fortunate timing for the Clarkdale Foundation to pledge sponsorship for two of the concerts. She continued that the Clarkdale Foundation will set up a table at the sponsored concerts in an effort to promote the foundation and bring awareness to the community of who they are and what they do. In addition, the Lion's Club will still attend all concerts and help with the 50/50 raffle.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Norman informed that all costs associated with the concerts will be deducted from the donation account, including staff wages. She presented to the Commission the idea of scheduling two volunteers, with at least one being a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, who would perform the staff duties at the concerts, for as many concerts as possible. This would slow the depletion of the donation account. Then, combining those funds with this season's 50/50 presents a strategy for funding a 2010 concert season. There was open discussion on volunteers. Chairperson Zanolli requested that Parks and

Recreation Supervisor Norman email the volunteer sign-up sheet to the Commissioners to review and sign-up for volunteering which they would return to her.

AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION – A work session to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Commission and the group reviewed the results from the charette performed at last month's meeting. Community Development Director Sherry Bailey combined the work performed and documented the outcome. She noted that these results would be incorporated into a map reflecting the vision of the Commission which would be presented at the next regular meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Listing of items to appear on future agendas.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Future Parks and Recreation Projects

AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT-With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lynda Zanolli
Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Dawn Norman
Parks and Recreation Supervisor