

TOWN OF FLORENCE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
AT 6:00 P.M. IN RUGGLES ROOM 1, LOCATED AT 778 N. MAIN STREET,
FLORENCE, AZ.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Tom Smith, Doug Stinson, Kelly Williams

Absent: Andrea Hild, Donald Woolridge

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the minutes from the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Vice-Chair Doug Stinson, seconded by Board member Kelly Williams, and carried (3-0) to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

5. New Business

a. Presentation of Florence Teen Council "Bully" video.

Florence Teen Council Advisor, David Lewis, played the "Bully" video to the Board. Teen Council Advisor Lewis stated that the Florence Teen Council is currently working on an Anti-Bullying Campaign that will include a 30-minute presentation with skits, dance routines, the "Bully" video and a brochure to be distributed to schools throughout the Nation.

Advisor Lewis also mentioned that a local news organization contacted the Florence Teen Council for an interview over the "Bully" video, which they were excited to participate in. The Teen Council also did a radio interview with Kevin McCabe on Arizona Sports Radio.

b. Presentation and Update on the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

Community Services Director, Bryan Hughes updated the Board on the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and shared dates of tentative Special Meetings.

- September 5th to review the DRAFT Heritage Park Master Plan Update

- September 16th at 4:00 p.m. to review the DRAFT Parks and Recreation Master Plan and DRAFT Heritage Park Master Plan Update; presentation to Town Council that night at 6:00 p.m.
- October 3rd to review the FINAL Heritage Park Master Plan Update
- October 21st at 4:00 p.m. to review the DRAFT Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Liaison Hughes presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation and briefly went through the survey findings compiled by GreenPlay, Inc. for the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

c. Update on Active Transportation Plan.

Liaison Hughes stated that on July 1, 2019 the Town Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan. This plan will be referenced to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and referenced as part of the General Plan Update that will be starting next year.

d. Update on Poston Butte Expansion Project/Land Acquisition from Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Liaison Hughes stated he continues to meet with BLM and the Design Consultant, J2 Engineering. J2 Engineering submitted their 30% preliminary design to BLM as part of the process so BLM may get an idea of where the trails will be also, the design concept was included on the cultural report that was done by Westland Resources.

Liaison Hughes stated that the BLM Cultural Liaison and the Westland Resources Archeologist met with SHIPO (State Historical Preservation Office) and the meeting went well. SHIPO is not requiring additional stuff to the cultural report and only recommended having an Archeologist onsite to supervise the project.

e. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of adoption of Poston Butte park/facility name.

On motion by Vice-Chair Stinson, seconded by Board member Williams and carried (3-0) to approve the name, Poston Butte Preserve and forward the recommendation to Town Council for consideration.

f. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of adoption of Florence Veterans Memorial Plaza name.

On motion by Board member Williams, seconded by Vice-Chair Stinson and carried (3-0) to approve the name, Florence Veterans Memorial Plaza and forward the recommendation to Town Council for consideration.

6. Staff Reports

a. Recreation Programming (John Nixon)

Recreation Superintendent, John Nixon, updated the Board on past and future Recreation programming and events.

b. Senior Center (Tonya Jaquette)

Liaison Hughes updated the Board on Senior Center.

Town staff has begun the process of renovating the game room at the Senior Center in an effort to make it more appealing for "Baby Boomers", as well as make it multigenerational so teens can potentially use it in off hours.

- 25 seniors went to "Globe for the Day" yesterday
- Carolyn Ballard, Recreation Programmer and Mobility Manager, will be giving an update to the Town Council on the Give-A-Lift program on August 5th.
- Received a Preliminary Award Letter from ADOT for grant for 5310 program:
 - o Preventive Maintenance \$4,320/\$1,080
 - o Give-A-Lift Program \$10,000/\$10,000
 - o Preplacement Maxi-Van No Lift \$28,350/\$3,780
 - o Total Grant Award \$42,670; Town Match \$14,860

Vice-Chair Stinson mentioned how important the Senior Center is and appreciates Tonya and all Senior Center Staff for their hard work and dedication.

c. Parks Maintenance (Bryan Hughes)

Liaison Hughes updated the Board on Park Maintenance Staff Reports.

- Working on upgrading irrigation clocks at Little League Park and the Senior Center. The new clocks will be WiFi enabled so staff can make adjustments remotely and be alerted if there is a system error
- Staff have been performing annual tree trimming in an effort to lessen the effects of the monsoon winds

d. Arts and Culture Commission (Bryan Hughes)

Liaison Hughes Updated the Board on the Arts and Culture Commission programming.

- Drum Circle has continued on the fourth Saturday of each month through the summer at the Suter House.
- The Commission is on summer break and will resume their monthly meetings on September 12th.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/BOARD RESPONSE

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD. COUNCIL RULES LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO THREE

MINUTES. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE COMMENTING, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW A MATTER RAISED OR MAY ASK THAT A MATTER BE PUT ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY MATTER DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION.

Mr. Mark Cowling shared with the Board that he is excited for the Poston Butte Preserve.

8. CALL TO THE BOARD – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

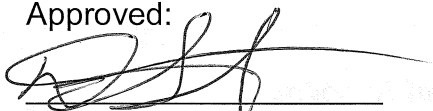
Liaison Hughes mentioned to the Board that the Casino Night is being hosted by the Community Center but put on by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019.

Liaison Hughes also mentioned the upcoming Centennial celebration of the American Legion being held on August 3, 2019.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Vice-Chair Stinson, seconded by Board member Williams, and carried (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

Approved:



Doug Stinson, Board Vice-Chair