

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
Vantage Conference Room  
April 1, 2009**

A **Special Meeting** of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 9875 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Ave in open and public session in the Development and Community Services Building at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Gregory Jones, Chuck Fitzgerald, Diana Bedient, Bill Collett, Jon Sears, Patrick Sponsel and Carol Ulshoeffter

Members Absent: None

Municipal Officials Present: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director; Brenda Rehnke, Recreation Manager; Kirk Haines, Parks Manager; Ellen Comella, Administrative Assistant; Heidi Gannuscio, Management Analyst; Maria Traci, Management Analyst

Audience: 0

CONSENT AGENDA: Jon Sears made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the absences and minutes of the November 20, 2008 special meeting. Bill Collett seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction

Gregory Jones introduced the new board member Patrick Sponsel. Patrick Sponsel has been a Peoria resident for over 13 years. His children have attended Paseo Verde grade school and Centennial High School. He was a former Little League board member.

All board members gave a brief summary of time as a Board Member and reason for being on the Board.

Recreation Programs

Brenda Rehnke gave a presentation on Recreation Programs and participant numbers over the years. This year is on course with Youth and Adult sports to be over last year's numbers. Cutbacks in the number of participants in the AM/PM program are mostly due to parents being out of work. Regular on-line surveys are given to parents/participants on how to improve overall programs.

Bill Collett asked how to reach people without access to the internet. Brenda Rehnke

provided information on the option for paper surveys and computers available at both Libraries and the Rec Center for those that do not have the option at home.

Greg Jones asked if results of the on-line survey are sent to parents. Brenda Rehnke replied having an email address for every account is the goal, but at this time, the majority do not.

Patrick Sponsel asked about the Liberty Pool start date. Brenda Rehnke responded that the pool construction has been delayed in the Capital Improvement Program.

Chuck Fitzgerald asked about the lunch offerings in the Summer Programs. Brenda Rehnke responded that the Peoria Unified School District does supply breakfast and lunch for the Summer Camp sites.

#### Capital Improvement Program

Kirk Haines gave a PowerPoint presentation on Capital Improvement Programs that have been completed, currently in progress and future 2010 projects. Kirk Haines handed out door holder cards that were sent out to residents for the public open house meeting to be held Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., to plan the development of the Palo Verde Open Space.

Bill Collett asked about the Paseo Verde Park electronic play feature (Play NEOS) and tracking of usage numbers and hours used. Kirk Haines offered to check into the availability of some type of tracking and volume control options.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

REPORT FROM STAFF: J.P. de la Montaigne reminded the board of the Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Terramar Elementary School for the public open house for comments and feedback on the design process for Palo Verde Open Space. Kirk Haines asked the board to keep Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> open for the yearly Boards and Commissions banquet at Rio Vista Rec Center.

#### REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Gregory Jones commented on the new Sunrise Mountain Branch Library opening and the wonderful turn out and beautiful facility. Gregory Jones also apologized for missing the last two board meetings.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Gregory Jones, Chair

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Ellen Comella, Secretary