

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Members Present: Kevin Hart - Commissioner, Toni Hofland, Chad Gochanour, Art Villasenor, Tony Bartoletti

Members Not Present: Stephanie Galle, Dakota Norris

Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting held July 19, 2021 – Art Villasenor motioned to approve. Chad Gochanour seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes.

Old Business:

- Maintenance Concerns- Review Draft of Proposed Letter – Item continued to be tabled at this time to allow Stephanie Galle to be present to discuss her letter and to allow the new Parks and Recreation Director time to review the Parks.

New Business:

- N/A

Miscellaneous:

- Introduction of Joe Ungaretti, Parks and Recreation Director.
- Joe discussed some of his immediate safety concerns in the parks. These mainly include trees, walkways, and trails. He would like to see trees and shrubs planted in some of the Parks to help with drifting. Joe mentioned that there are also some trees that will need to be removed for safety concerns. He has a future meeting with the DNRC Arbor to discuss their tree inventory.
- Joe is also hoping to put a new roof on the Recreation Building located at Mitchell Stadium, and to clean and improve the Washoe Pool locker rooms.
- At Kennedy Commons, Joe has plans to repair and improve the planters. The Memorial Benches were discussed. However, the Parks Department will need to reassess in the Spring.
- The Parks Department is working on plans to have restrooms open and cleaned over the weekends. He would also like to have the Pavilions cleaned if they are used over the weekends.

Public Comment:

- Rose Nyman shared the two prevailing opinions on trees at Kennedy Commons. Those being:
 - 1: Trees would be nice for shade.
 - 2: Some feel the open concept is easier for Law Enforcement to patrol the area.

Public Comment:

- Mary Stallings of 1808 Haggin Street expressed her appreciation for the Parks and Recreation employees. She also requested that Jaycee Park at the 1700 block of Tammany Street be maintained. Ms. Stallings would like to see it fully restored in the future. She discussed the neighborhood's opposition and subsequent petition to stop the Jaycee Park land from being used as a Dog Park. Ms. Stallings asked that the Parks and Recreation funds being set aside as part of the Smelter City Estates subdivision be allotted to the Jaycee Park.
- Rose Nyman asked if the Parks and Recreation Board Bylaws addressed the procedure for removing a member from the Board for unexcused absences. Toni Hofland, Chairman checked the Bylaws and discovered that any "removal for cause" would need a majority vote of the Board to recommend removal of the member to the ADLC Commission. The Commission would have final authority.
- Rose Nyman commented that the Community has been thrilled with the quality of ice in the Commons. She also noted that while she agrees with the CEO regarding the designation of any more parks, she is curious where the money allotted from Smelter City Estates will go? Will it go into the Parks and Recreation budget or the General Fund?