

CITY OF KINGMAN
MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street
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6:00 P.M.

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting minutes of November 18, 2015.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Those wishing to address the Commission should fill out request forms in advance. Action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for consideration and decision at a later time. Those wishing to address the Commission are limited to two minutes in matters regarding Parks & Recreation.

3. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Commission would like to welcome David Wayt and Edward Pyrzyński

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON / VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Annual nominations of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

5. **CITY POOL UTILIZATION**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Utilization of City Pools

6. **SPLASH PAD UPDATE**

Update on Venture Club Project

7. **PARK TOUR**

Discussion and Possible Action on Securing a Date for a Park Tour.
Purposed dates: April 23rd, May 14th or June 4th.

8. **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Discussion and Possible Action taken pertaining to Parks & Recreation Business

Next Meeting – May 18, 2016

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Limited to announcements, availability/attendance, requests for agenda items for future meetings.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Posted _____ by **Jennifer Wheeler** _____

Parks and Recreation Commission Members Attendance Sheet

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Cossio (Recreation)			P						P															
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Reynolds (Parks)			P						P															

Membership Code:

YR - In first 3 year term

YR = In second 3 year term

YR * Appointed to less than 18 month term

YR -- Serving third 3 year term (super majority vote)

**CITY OF KINGMAN
REGULAR MEETING OF PARKS & RECREATION**

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6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Members:	Officers:	Visitors Signing In:
T. Peeler, Chairperson	M. Meersman, Parks and Recreation Director	See attached list
D. West, V. Chairperson	S. Yocum, Council Liaison	
D. Brown	Y. Cossio, Recreation Superintendent	
B. Dehaan	G. Reynolds, Parks Superintendent	
C. Dunshie	K. Fogg, Recording Secretary	
J. Gillenwater		
B. Potter		

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairperson Tom Peeler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Commission Members Present: Peeler, Brown, Dehaan, Gillenwater, Potter, West

Commission Members Absent: Dunshie

Staff: Yocum, Meersman, Cossio, Reynolds, Fogg

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Meeting minutes of August 19, 2015.

Commission Member Brent Potter made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2015. Commission Member Dorothy Brown SECONDED the Motion and it was APPROVED by a vote of 6-0.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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3. **SOCCER FIELD LIGHTS**

Bennett Bratley – Vice President of Kingman Youth Soccer League

Director Meersman introduced Mr. Bratley to the Commission Members and added that their organization has done a great job this year and would like to discuss soccer field lighting.

Mr. Bennett Bratley gave the commission members an overview of soccer through the years in Kingman. The History of Soccer in Kingman and then go into the National Growth and then Regional growth in Mohave County. In closing he wanted to lay out a plan or frame work in about lights on a soccer field that is noted as an existing soccer field.

Mr. Bratley appreciates having the Commission Board hear him speak and show a slide presentation.

Soccer has over 30 years of history in Kingman. From 1983-1984 there was a U10, U12 and U14 Division, which was a coed league. In 1995 a group of volunteers got together to build upon that and formed the Northern Arizona Youth Soccer League (NAYSL). That league consisted of a coed U6, U8, U10, U12 & U14.

NAYSL continued to partner with the city through the use of the parks green space. They stored equipment on the parks fields and the city donated survey crews to help strip fields before the season started.

From 1985 to 1999 to league continued to grow and add teams. During that time there were no changes in the sizes of the fields or the number of players on the teams.

In 1995 some of the major changes took place, the size of the fields and number of players on those fields. The size of the fields were lower and the players were lower. These changes created very positive results beyond creating the ability to get more fields on a smaller amount of space with the younger kids. It also gave them the ability to touch the ball more and to get more involved in the game. In the near future, the league would be able to put the U6 & U8 fields on the outfields of the baseball and softball diamonds. During that time the league remained coed.

From 1995-2005 more kids were exposed to soccer. Players were growing up in the league and their younger brothers and sisters were starting to play.

Between 2000-2005 the City of Kingman witnessed a second generation of soccer being played. The children of the parents that played in the late 80's were beginning to kick the ball around the field.

Mohave County owned land adjacent the City Maintenance Yard. Along that time the City of Kingman purchased the property which enabled tow things to happen. The City put in two additional softball fields and added more green space for playing soccer and other activities.

2015 is where we are today with a new soccer board has come into leadership. One slide showed the 1986 NAYSL Kickers. You see two moms coaching, which may be where the terminology, Soccer Mom, started here in Kingman. One of the small boys on the slide is the KYSL President. You can see that the future volunteers of KYSL and past volunteers continue to be within the organization. It continues to grow with people that move here and continue to support it on a volunteer role.

Kingman has a 30 year track record of success of steady growth.

The 2015 board decided they would implement some new and exciting changes. Many of us live and work here in Kingman, the fields we play on are in Kingman so we decided the name of the organization should represent Kingman. We incorporated and being on Route 66 we built upon that brand and incorporated the US 66 logo into our crest. So when it comes to soccer in Kingman KYSL really does represent “Getting your Kicks on Route 66”.

We currently have 14 board members, with 3 vacant positions and are a 501 C3. We implemented new league management software this year, a new website with online payment options. As far as he knows, they are the only youth sports organization to offer parents the ability to register their child online and take payments online.

The new board also decided to split up some genders. In the U6-U10, they decided to split out the girls and from the boys. Looking at past statistics, they felt girls were falling off as getting older. This has been done nationally and other cities and thought it was time for them to get away from the coed and try to start working the boys and girls into their own divisions.

As a board to take the next steps in growth we need to prepare ahead of time. This is why we implemented many of the new management tools. The record keeping is meticulously done and with QuickBooks software we record all income and expenses with the profit loss statement available at a click of a button. With that we can submit for grants. Any time as 501C3 organization you want to get grants. They will look at the organizations record keeping and bookkeeping. All of that is ready for us to do that, so we will be very aggressive in the coming seasons to look for grants and those opportunities.

In 2015 we registered 723 children, 110 volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. That included doing back ground checks on all the coaches. Every team formed has a sponsor, which was over 65 teams and raised us \$19,350 in sponsorships.

KYSL also created employment. Our league helps the future work force of Kingman with work ethic, confidence and character. We also pay to have the fields striped on a regular basis which is done every week. KYSL also rents fields from Kingman which this year was \$2,723 which averaged about \$225.00 a month. This doesn't include any field rentals the coaches would have done for practices. There are also adult soccer groups that play at night and rent facilities.

Soccer is growing nationally, and Major League Soccer, which is the MLS, is the top Northern American Professional League. It had an average per game attendance of 21,000 this season which was an increase of 40% over the past ten years. The leagues title game, the MLS Cup, pulled in 1.6 million viewers in December, the biggest audience since 1997. If participation is an indication of future growth, the prospects look good for soccer. It has surged the past three decades for boys and girls. It only trails basketball in combined numbers. The National Confederation of State High Schools reports that soccer participation in 2013-2014 was up 8.7% from the same numbers in 2008-2009.

According to a 2014 ESPN Sports Poll, a survey of more than 400,000 people that measure sports fandom, ranked professional soccer at the #2 sport behind football for among 12-17 year olds. The survey found that soccer was as popular as major league baseball among the same age group. A new Women's League was formed nationally and are in their third season. Last season nine teams drew an attendance of 4,129.

America is watching soccer. The US went over to Japan for the World Cup Final and was the most viewed soccer game in the history of American television with 25.4 million viewers. This was more viewers than the 2014 World Series Game and the final game of the NBA Championship.

Soccer is growing regionally. Lake Havasu City had 750 children signed up this year. The City is in the process of finalizing a study on soccer in the Havasu Community. The study will be released later this month and presented to the City Council. The study concluded that they are in need of five soccer fields in the Lake Havasu area. Bullhead City registered 1000 children this year. Bullhead currently has seventeen soccer fields with lights and are in the process of adding ten more.

We don't have a regular soccer fields, we play on the open green space. Currently we have access to the softball fields for lighting for the litter kids on those diamonds but we really don't have any lighting to get the bigger kids the ability to be able to play.

Fort Mohave built two new soccer fields this year. They have a population around 15,000.

There is a potential for soccer tournaments which is becoming a big thing in the State of Arizona. A recent study assessment on the economic impact of sports tournaments in the Bullhead City Community and there is a Regional economy hosting 120 soccer teams which will approximately generate 1.7 million and they hold two tournaments in Bullhead.

The Bullhead City Manager said that hosting large events in Bullhead City would not be possible without the community organizations, non-profits, businesses and foundations and many other individuals and businesses that have donated time, money and other resources to help with those soccer complexes.

In going back to the study just released by Lake Havasu City they pulled out the numbers for tournaments to see what potential there would be if they built the fields in Lake Havasu. The average tournament with 15 players/coaches per team coming to town, twenty five parents and spectators with a total of 2000 person per tourney. 90% stay in the Tournament City 10% travel home overnight, a typical spending would be about \$60 dollars per person. So the total spent for the tournament is over \$248,000. Hotels were around \$111,000, food \$70,000, transportation \$24,000, miscellaneous \$42,600.

This was the first year we introduced night games under the lights into our league. A lot was due to lack of available space when we created many more divisions with splitting up the girls. In order to get parents and players home at a reasonable time on a Saturday. Let's play some evening games, they do it for softball. We did some U8 Girls and the U10 Division played the first night games. The U8 Boys also played a makeup game under the lights.

Mr. Bratley would like to see what it would take to get lights on a soccer field. They would like to partner with the City of Kingman and the Parks Department to bring lights to the U19 field.

Tonight we would like to get your support to work with the City Parks Department in support for getting light on this field. The next slide showed the project layout of the field. They are looking at four lights with running 830 ft. of conduit and wire to get to those four lights.

They would also propose to trench an additional line for future growth to get to the other fields. The estimated budget for the project would be about \$80,000 for the four lights. The poles would be about \$2,800 per pole. Electrical wire, conduit, insulation and trenching would be around \$5,000-6,000 per pole. The total projected cost would be around \$115, 200.

As a league and partnering with the City is to try and get donations and private businesses to help with this project.

We have talked to people regarding the installation of the poles. He has spoken with Bill Degilleo, with Unisource about digging the holes and also installing the poles. That would be a \$10,000-\$11,000 in-kind donation. For the conduit being put in, he will be reaching out businesses in regards to donations at the Kingman Industrial Park in regards to discounts or conduit we could use for the project. A donation of wire from businesses and then donations of electrical work from local companies.

We've had sponsors that are electrical companies and other companies in the community that are willing to partner with us to do the installation of the lights. If the City has time to do some trench work and they have an existing transformer they would potentially be willing to donate, that could be a potential \$4,000-\$5,000 savings.

Our league could potentially do between \$5,000-\$10,000 in-kind donations to help and any other money they could go out into the community that could be brought in.

Mr. Brantley stated they also be looking into a Grant that the US Soccer Foundation has. The Foundation was established in 1984 and serves as a charitable arm of soccer in the United States. Since its inception it has awarded over \$100,000,000 in financial support.

The grant has two deadline application deadlines for the grant. They have a spring and summer. We picked these two deadlines because their season starts in August. He would like to have everything in line to be able to submit for this grant prior to these time frames.

Some recent communities that have received grant funding from this association. There were two in Arizona. There were two fields in Yuma, two fields in Tucson and the Boys and Girls Club in Tempe. They each had two fields and the organization put lighting on those and they each received \$25,000 per field towards lighting those fields.

If we are to win the award, we have to structure it the right way and have the community support and different entities involved, that's what they like to see. He thought that at a minimum they could probably get \$25,000 grant to help the project.

With the \$115,000 cost and if we could get the \$25,000 grant, \$5,000-\$10,000 from KYSL, \$11,000 for the pole installation and then \$25,000 of in-kind donations, we would be looking at the City to help in regards to doing this at about a \$54,000-\$60,000 investment into the community.

The lighting company does have some ability for financing. That could be something to look at through Parks whether there could be other opportunities with other lighting that we want to do on some of our other facilities.

Mr. Bratley closes with saying that KYSL and soccer in Kingman has a proven track record of success. Their organization has worked tirelessly to bring private partners to make this a reality, we know we cannot do this without the City help and we would really appreciate your support to move this project forward.

Member Potter asked if that if we had lights, that increased capacity for youth participation, we would have more teams out there if we had more times, would you have the capacity to increase the teams.

Mr. Bratley stated that they could increase teams. One of the issues they have is that the older kids on the field have to play a couple games during the week to finish up for their high school. The sun is going down and players and spectators can hardly see. We would be able to have more evening games and that would free up fields as we grow to get the other leagues in. Next year we will be splitting off the U12 age division. We will try to bring those U10 Girls up to U12 Girls. We will need another field because we will be playing U12 Boys and U12 girls. With the U10 Girls we added the baseball field this year to accommodate the U10 Girls. Brent you said yes.

Member Potter asked Director Meersman if he had any concerns about lights.

Director Meersman said he didn't have any concerns and its good and something that's needed. We have some stuff on the five year plan and have been put ahead over the years. He thought about combining the two and talk to Council about doing a lease package and get support from this group and go in that direction. It's challenging for him to jump in and totally support something that's this new when we've had stuff on our five year plan for years and years and years. Soccer is growing like crazy and they've done a great job and there's lot of good from it. Maybe tag this along with softball and talk to Kingman Softball Association about contributing to the lighting upgrade for the lights needing it. That's the direction I am looking at possibly going.

Chairperson Peeler this would be a great benefit and great addition to our park system. Chairperson Peeler stated that the one concern he has was looking at the 5 Year Plan and since 2007 we've received no funding to do anything. So he doesn't know what the chances of the funding are, that's up to the staff and Council. There is a plan in place and he would like to indicate our support and if the other commissioners support this, he believes as a body they need to turn this over to the staff to incorporate into the plan to see if we can get partnership. To see what the best solution is. We have Monsoon Park three soccer fields in size, which is in our plan to expand the facilities there and maybe have three soccer fields lit. He doesn't know what the feasibility of this program is for your timeframe because Council and Staff are already getting their budget cycle. He certainly sees the needs for the enhancements, he just doesn't know about the do-ability of the timeframe. As commissioners we need to turn that over to staff. We could indicate our support for the enhancements and look at it into the plan.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIRPERSON DAVID WEST TO INDICATE THIS COMMISSIONS SUPPORT FOR A SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT AND RECOMMEND THAT IT BE REFERRED TO STAFF TO GATHER INFORMATION AND RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY TO MEET THE TIMELINES. THAT WILL ALSO GIVE BENNETT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLIDIFY SOME OF THE FUNDRAISING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER BRENT POTTER. MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0.

Member Potter what do you need for your grants that you're going after. Do you need to show that you have from Council the agreement for matching funds in-kind funds or just saying that the City would support money if money came to it?

Mr. Bratley stated that the grant says in order for him to go in, see if the City is in support of it and then they will come back and give them an amount they are willing to do and then the City can look at and see if it's something they could work with, to see if the number is reachable. So we would have to have something from Council.

Member Potter said he didn't want to give any false hope giving their support.

Chairperson Peeler was a little worried about the timeline because he doesn't know when the budget will be adopted.

Director Meersman stated they were just beginning to work on the budget.

Mr. Bratley would like to get before the Council so they could decide if this would be something they would want to put in this budget coming up for this season. We just need the Councils support. He would like to get in front of those folks and see if this is something they are willing to do based upon Mike's and staff recommendations.

4. CITY POOL UTILIZATION

Chairperson Peeler stated the Vice Chairperson West asked about this as a discussion item be tabled or delayed until you get the new committee members. They should have the opportunity to have input on this discussion also

Vice Chairperson West was supportive of that and would give them more time to gather information going into the discussion with the members going forward.

5. RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

See Attachments/Reports/Pictures

Recreation Superintendent, Yvonne Cossio, handed out Reports on Revenue and Expenses regarding Spring, Summer and Fall Classes, Trips, Child Supervision, Special Events and Pools

SELF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Fall Season programs are about to conclude
- ❖ The new dance classes are going well with a recital scheduled for December 10th
- ❖ The Kids Craft and Cooking Class are full each month

YOUTH SPORTS:

- ❖ Volleyball began in September with 45 kids enrolled for five teams.
- ❖ Basketball registrations have begun for the three programs for kids in 1st thru 6th grade. This league will begin January 9th.

ADULT SPORTS:

- ❖ Coed Volleyball is at the end of their season with an end of season tournament.
- ❖ Coed Kickball had 9 teams with 124 players.
- ❖ Mens Basketball registrations are at 10 teams with still room for 14 more. The league will begin in early December.
- ❖ We are currently recruiting applicants for Referees in both upcoming Adult and Youth League Basketball Programs.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM/DAY CAMPS:

- ❖ The program has a continuing registration process from all local elementary schools.
- ❖ We are looking to hire a couple more program aides for the program.

TRIPS AND TOURS:

- ❖ November 6-8 we took a sold out trip to Page to see Antelope Slot Canyons, Tour inside Glen Canyon Dam, a narrated boat ride on Lake Powell, and Little Hollywood in Kanab, Utah. The weekend also had a Balloon Regatta
- ❖ Trips currently being worked on for 2016 are Cinderella Ballet, Renaissance Festival, Spring Training Game in Phoenix, Catalina Island with the Holocaust Museum.

AQUATICS:

- ❖ Closed for the season

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ❖ The Andy Devine Days Parade was held September 26th. It was a huge success and one of our largest in over a decade with over 123 entries.
- ❖ The Best of the West Festival was also held September 25th-27th
- ❖ The Annual Fall Festival was held October 24th.
- ❖ The Drive-In Movie nights seem to be taking off with three that were scheduled on August 28, October 2, and November 13.
- ❖ Recruitment for Santa's Calling volunteers have started.
- ❖ Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance at the Kingman Cancer Care Unit Arts and Crafts Fair.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be December 12th at Golden Corral
- ❖ Letters to Santa
- ❖ The New Year's Day 15th Annual Polar Bear Plunge will be at 12:00 noon at Centennial Pool.

Chairperson Peeler asked if she needed volunteers for the Santa Letters.

Superintendent Cossio stated that she generally has about 120 letters that come in and there are pre-drafted letters with just a few words need to be changed. She has someone that prints them out and addresses them. The envelopes already come pre-addressed and stamped. Calling volunteers is what we need because 400 calls are too much for one person.

Chairperson Peeler thanked Yvonne for the excellent program and say kudos for coming up with new things, like the San Francisco trip.

Director Meersman also thanked her and the whole departments coming together and working on the Fall Festival and Drive-In Movies.

Superintendent Cossio stated that we've pulled people from the golf course to help work the events. It's a bigger event each year and eventually we can work it so that it doesn't all fall back on one person. Her goal for next year is to have committees to be in charge of different things because we have back to back to back events.

Chairperson Peeler said that the Tucson Rodeo Parade is the largest non-mechanized parade in the world.

Member Brown made a comment regarding the Museum Float she helped with. They started at 8:00 and some way it got so messed up and we didn't get around until 1:30 in the parade. There was a car that broke down, then there was a car that caught on fire, then they had to stop the parade because the Catholic Church had a funeral. There were horses there that were really edgy. A lot of people made comments and there were over 120 entries and we were number seventy one.

Director Meersman said there were more horse entries than ever before.

Superintendent Cossio said there were over 80 horses in the parade and where they normally would have been staged, last year would have been the first year for the trial run, since the BNSF closed off where we normally staged the horses and all their parking, this year had to make some adjustments because last year's parade was rained out. We normally would have over 30 horses and it would have fit but with 80 horses, we had to change where you're going to place everybody after you've sent out all the information. They also reduced our parade route because of safety reasons. Next year they are looking at changing the parade route, it will not be on Beale Street, it will be moved back to Andy Devine.

Member Brown said she felt bad for the Catholic Church and how that looked but they wanted to stop the parade so they could go through.

Superintendent Cossio said it was offered to them to post pone the funeral for a couple hours because of the parade and they didn't want to change. She suggested next year that they not have anything prior to noon and they will still choose whatever they want to do. We tried to prepare them for next year and they will do a wedding or funeral at 10 o'clock. It's an inconvenience to both parties and they will do what they want to do.

Chairperson Peeler it's a shame they encountered this because that makes for a long day for the people on the floats and horses. I can't think of a time, with all the times he's been involved with the parade, where we've ever encountered this, especially three incidents. Normally the big hurry is to keep people moving.

Superintendent Cossio said there were a lot of delays this year and we've tried and there's so many people pointing their fingers. With me not being in the parade route and Mike not being in the parade route, we don't know specifically what it is. There are a lot of contributions as to why the parade was delayed this year. We ran out of places for staging, we were putting people where

they shouldn't have been but they needed to be moved because they needed to get off the main drag. The parade was still done by 12:30, the last entry was through the exit by 12:30.

Member Brown said that by the time they got to around the church it was 12:35.

Superintendent Cossio it started at 10:00, with the parade normally getting done around 11:45-12:00, so this one ran about a half hour longer.

Member Brown stated that Ryan Fruhwirth was bouncing around trying to pacify everybody because we couldn't move.

Chairperson Peeler said that based upon your track record, your needs will be addressed by next year.

Superintendent Cossio next year it will also be an experimental year because, years ago when it first started it was on Andy Devine so we are going back to having it on Andy Devine and we'll see how it works. With the parade as long as it is, she thought that was why it was moved off of Andy Devine onto Beale, but now we're going back to half of the distance.

Member Brown said there were so many events going on at Locomotive Park and you couldn't get through. The Route 66 Festival added so much to it.

Superintendent Cossio stated that they will have it again next year too.

Member Gillenwater asked if they will have the Rodeo at the same time also.

Superintendent Cossio stated they will have one Festive weekend. The Rodeo had a great turnout too. We don't run the Rodeo but she was told it was one of their largest also.

Member Brown said it was sold out Saturday Night. They told people they could go in free because there's no place to be seated, it was packed.

6. PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

See Attachments/Reports

Superintendent, Guy Reynolds, since we last met the ball seasons are over. Football fields are slowing down. We are concentrating on some of our winter projects.

MRO'S:

- ❖ 52 MRO's – 47 in the Mechanics Shop – 29 in Pool and Recreation
- ❖ 420 Inmate Labor
- ❖ 17 Different Vandalism and Graffiti Events – Nothing Major just standard tag here and there, a couple lights knocked off.

MAINTENANCE:

- ❖ The crew prepped 355 ball fields for regular games.
- ❖ The park system had 189 reservations

- ❖ The McKee Food Ramada at Centennial Park was dedicated month. It was through their outdoor programs they've come up with for healthier living. It was attended by local officials and members of this committee.
- ❖ We had three Drive-In Movies at Southside with a lot of positive comments. The whole team works together to put that on.
- ❖ We experience three different lightning events at Centennial Park causing damage to the ball field lighting system. The crew had to work quickly to get the system back on line for regular league games.
- ❖ Some main line leaks at Centennial irrigation, it's an older system, not as old as others but some of the tree roots have moved things and have experience some leaks which have caused some problems.
- ❖ The Southside concession stand up freezer went down for the last time. The vendor we work with hooked us up with factory direct and were able to save about \$1200 for a brand new unit. We took the old unit, with is insulated in stainless steel which is fireproof, is now one of storage units for our five gallon gas cans.
- ❖ There was a sewer line blockage during softball games. Water was coming out of the restrooms and concession stand. We had a half roll of toilet paper and an old shirt stuffed down and blocking the main line. We looked and worked very hard to get that taken care of found the plan where the sewer line was and found the cleanout. The crew experienced another one and knew right where to go. That was also another piece of cloth.
- ❖ At Metcalfe Park the monsoons caused a tree limb to fall down and damaged the power line which services the old restrooms, maintenance shop and new stage. We had to cancel a Concert in the Park due to that. We worked with an electrical contractor to get that back on line, they put a new line in and we had that tree removed also.
- ❖ A winter project will be an entirely new irrigation system. We have many leaks there. The 4" mainline is now about ½" main line because it's so corroded. We will be doing an entire new system there with a computer, satellite system controller.
- ❖ We started the Christmas light decoration on the train and then the Complex. Instead of gluing on the 10,000 lights, we've made components that mirror the train wheels and things and screw them in place. What used to take two weeks, just takes three days. The Complex will be decorated then the large tree.
- ❖ Southside field #4 has been changed from baseball to football with the goals going up.
- ❖ Southside was also hit by lightning and we lost lighting transformers and contactors. We had some in the shop because the same thing happened last year. It's very cost efficient to do that in-house. Crews are very safety conscious when they do that type of work.
- ❖ We were short staffed this whole year and are still short staffed due to medical and re-staffing.
- ❖ The weed abatement was behind by a 1 ½ months. Pawnee Park was a victim of the weeds and we received several calls from locals about it. We were finally able to get up there with the inmates and get it taken care of. It's just one of the things we inherit with all the weed growth and not being able to get all the grounds covered. The crew has done really well with all the weather events and everything else thrown at us. I'm really proud of them.
- ❖ The Route 66 roadside landscaping and weed abatement has been complete including 93. We just going back behind now with some spot treatment. We will start up Hualapai Mountain Road after the Christmas decorations are complete. That will include the trimming and cutting back on all the shrubs and trees.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- ❖ Santa's Castle received a much needed renovation. A new coat of paint, all new led lights, carpet, seat covers on the sleigh. It will look really nice in the parade and at City Hall for the Tree Lighting. Karen made some curtains for the inside and they made a big difference.

- ❖ A local artist donated a couple of iron art pieces to the City of Kingman. We poured concrete slabs and cleaned the area up. We're using our same landscape theme we've put in all over town. The same color rock and boulders for continuity. It really enhanced the Powerhouse with that big wheel and the corner of Camp Beale and 93 where the "Bikes Around the World" was set.
- ❖ We are very grateful to receive our new triple deck mower. The piece of equipment is capable of more faster and efficient performance. It has an 18' wide cutting swath vs. the 6' wide. It will do the work of three mowers. It's capable of cutting 100 acres in a day. We are hoping to utilize the increased productivity to eliminate one day a week and have reached that goal. It's actually one and a half days a week. Now the mowing crew can become the tree crew and that's at the busy time in the summer when we mow twice a week on the athletic fields and all the other parks, we're going to gain a day and half and gain that crew to utilize in other areas

Chairperson Peeler asked if the graffiti and vandalism instances growing, remaining about the same?

Superintendent Reynolds stated that there's been a slight reduction. He and Director Meersman have discussed having the rangers lock up and that has knocked about 90% of what they normally get. The skate park at Fire Fighters still gets a lot of hits. There are sometimes when one doesn't get locked and that's when it gets tagged. All restrooms have been painted the same color and are in the process of finishing them up. For large events the crew takes a picture and reports it, the small stuff just gets documented and painted over, before we had to call the Police Department. It's calmed down and we're not getting as much. At Walleck Ranch they kick the light ballards over.

Chairperson Peeler just wanted to recognize what you and your crew does, short staffed, limited resources, the parks look great. There are a lot of improvements that you've done a lot in-house and it shows a real commitment and real success of the part of your team.

Superintendent Reynolds stated he's very proud of them and couldn't do any of this without them. It's believing in them and their ideas. Their ideas have given us the ability to do this stuff in-house. We have to do it right and represent the city right with risk management and those kinds of things.

Chairperson Peeler thanked Guy.

Superintendent Reynolds thanked Tom for his service and time on the commission.

7. SPLASH PAD UPDATE

Director Meersman showed a power point on the splash pad. He's kept the commission members updated by email.

He wanted to add what a great job the Venture Club has done in getting the funds for the splash pad. Storm Hargrave and Lisa Bruno have researched everything and worked real hard at it.

They've addressed the Council on this and have changed their feeling on what type of water management system they would like. They are leaning toward the recirculating and he would like to see the repurpose system.

There are a few more meetings with Venture Club and they are trying to convince each other and work together. He will be going back to Council, being that the community support is there and have the city contribute some funds what he feels the citizens of the City of Kingman deserves.

There are five reasons why he feels the repurposing is important.

Public safety – with repurpose, it would be spraying potable, drinkable water from the apparatus of the splash pad. Then that water would go into a storage tank and be used for irrigation at night. We're already using that water, so the cost is zero waste.

Liability – there have been instances where chlorinated and treated water and if chlorinated has not been kept up throughout the day, then people will end up getting sick from bacteria and stuff in the water. If there is too much chlorine, kids haven't gotten burned. So there are concerns with that. Our crew does a good job of managing the pools and that would end up managing the water at the splash pad too. With the recirculation system, the water is treated like a swimming pool.

Water Conservation – we're already using that water and it will be used for irrigation.

Cost of Ownership – this will be a lot less over the 20 years of the City owning the splash pad but the initial cost upfront is a little more, the Venture Club thinks it's a lot more but it's not really. It's a little closer than they think, he believes and is trying to convince them of that. He will be going back to Council to get support from the City for the repurposed system. There is also a flow through system where the water just goes down the drain. Most of the splash pads in Arizona and Nevada are flow through, they use clean water and it goes to the sewer. If we could use waste water that would be fine but our waste water treatment plants are about two million dollars away from us utilizing the reclaimed water, then to pipe it back to the golf course is another five million dollars. So it will be a long time before we are able to do that. Repurpose is better we could have a tank keep it in the park where we have the splash pad.

Bullhead City's splash pad pumping station has five pumps in there. With a repurpose, there are no pumps it would run off city water pressure. They are like solenoids on your sprinkler system, when the kids hit the mechanism on the apparatus, the solenoid kicks the water and the city water pressure squirts on the kids. We would also be saving a lot of electricity and it would be clean water and you're not dealing with different pumps.

Repurposing would require UV treatment as well after the water has gone through the splash pad it would be UV treated before it into the holding tank. The cost of the UV is about half as much as it is for the recirculation because they're higher pressure UV treatment. When it's used for treating the water after it's gone through the splash pad its lower pressure and everything is half, even the replacement parts. The UV balls which are \$700-\$1500 apiece, that adds up when you are looking long term and we'll be the ones maintaining it.

The recirculation water is treated like a swimming pool and would you or your kids drink swimming pool water. There was research that three out five kids drink the splash pad water that's chlorinated.

The repurpose splash pad has a 50 thousand gallon tank in the ground or whatever size tank you will determine you want your splash pad to produce. The Venture Club originally talked about

using 30 thousand gallon and now they said they wanted to have bigger and more water throwing so we can go to a 50 thousand gallon at that park with repurpose.

Modular tanks can be made to any level and we have bedrock at that park down three to four feet. The modular tanks are like milk crates stacked on top of each other with pvc liners around it like our swimming pools. The 50 thousand gallon tank we really can't do. Another way we could do, Colton, California has five foot pipes, we could use four foot in diameter corrugated pipe and it would take 600 feet which is the length of that park, so we could put them the length of the park or go around the splash pad with them. There are different methods we are still open to looking at. The system that goes under the splash pad makes the most sense because of all the excavation.

The City of Kingman has to live with and maintain for the next twenty years with what we come up with. There's a lot less maintenance involved with repurpose than there is with sending someone over there every morning. It will take a CPO, one of our pool operators to maintain that water and will have to go over there to check the water several times a day. Diapers may go down there and they have to clean those out and re-chlorinate the water, there is just a lot of issues to be taken into consideration.

There are some other statistics to consider on recirculation filter than repurpose, some water uses. For repurpose the water use is zero because we would use that water to irrigate the park. For recirculation it's medium use because they have to drain the tanks, backwash the filters. In Bullhead City they drain and refill the tank 2-3 times a week and that water goes into the sewer. The electricity is a lot less because you're just running the irrigation pump instead of all the pumps that pump the water to the apparatus.

Member Gillenwater we have the recirculation medium-medium, high-high and then the repurpose flow through isn't as efficient. You would have zero water use because you would already be using it. You wouldn't be wasting it because you're using it already.

The high maintenance of the circulation is to monitor the chemical level and clean filters. Depending on the location, would you have to have an employee there all day.

Director Meersman stated they are saying you don't. The Venture Club has talked to a lot of different Splash Pad people and they say there isn't very much maintenance to recirculation. The people he talked to said there was a lot of maintenance with recirculation. People with water balloon parties, then the balloons get down into the pumps and then the pumps kick off.

Member Gillenwater asked that during the working months when it would be on with the pool, would it be equal to the amount of like checking the articles that were given to us in the news video. There was talk of about the chemical concentrations and if they are too high, it could burn people and if the concentration gets too low it's more susceptible to disease or whatever is in there. In order to maintain the pool, is there an automatic maintenance person who goes to check the water.

Director Meersman stated that for recirculation, if you spend more money and that's why I'm in favor of spending more money and getting the best system we can get, but if we get

recirculation, he wants to get the best recirculation system they can get. I want safety measures put in there so when the chemicals get out of balance, it shuts off and you can't bypass it. There are systems like that and if we get the cheapest one we get, we're not going to have those safety controls on there and he feels liability wise, safety controls are very important.

Member Gillenwater stated that in some of the articles you gave us they went through some of the lawsuits that have taken place. Some of those lawsuits resulted in \$50,000 settlements.

Chairperson Peeler stated there was one lawsuit at two million dollars.

Member Gillenwater asked if that were to happen that would put a precedent as to what we are looking at if those lawsuits were to take place, that same level of liability is out there.

Director Meersman said it's very important for us to pursue the one that we feel is the safest because those things can happen and they have happened. Every lawyer in town will be ready to sue the City when things like that happen and we're trying to look out for that. It's very worthwhile for the City and Council and he plans on going to the Council Meeting and hopefully get them to decide to contribute City Funds for getting the best possible splash pad we can get. The community support with the Venture Club has shown is there. Hopefully he can convince the Venture Club that repurpose is the best way to go.

Member Dehaan asked if he was looking for an addition \$350,000?

Director Meersman said that would be the total cost.

Member Brown said that it wouldn't be that much difference for the repurpose splash pad then if they do a great recirculation one.

Councilman Yocum stated that the Venture Club is claiming \$150,000 up front difference in cost between the two types. Do you feel that's accurate, you haven't seen their bids.

Director Meersman is not opposed to the City spending an additional \$150,000 more to get the best possible splash pad. The community support is there and the Venture Club can spend some of their money, if any is leftover, for more shade structures and benches. For the Cities with splash pads, we've asked what they could have done better and it would have been more shade structures and benches. There's going to be some construction costs with the shallow soil amount, there will be some construction issues and it will be a little more costly. It's hard to get an exact number but he's prepared and willing to go to Council for another \$150,000.

Member Gillenwater inquired about the \$150,000 up front for a repurposed instead of a recirculating

Chairperson Peeler explained it's due to the cost of the tank in the design issue.

Member Brown said the repurposed gives you clear water, recirculation is giving you chemical water.

Member Gillenwater said so if a kid goes up and drinks out of the spout it would be like what is coming out of my sink rather than out of the pool. He just wanted to be clear on it.

Chairperson Peeler wanted people to keep in mind it's what they are drinking and what they are playing in. One consideration with the recirculation is not just the maintenance; it requires the purchase of filters and pumps. One of the things that Mike found in his initial research is that he had a number of people telling him that the filters were not lasting the life that they were told they should. These are hard cost items for a department that has not had any increases for a while. The other thing is he could see the potential; you basically have kids running from outlying areas in and bringing debris in. He believes there is some potential that during the middle of the day filters could clog and now you have an immediate need to go restart the part.

Director Meersman said that in Bullhead, it happens quite regularly. They contact the park ranger, they would contact Mike, he would contact the City employee to go out there at time and half callout pay and those things are really going to happen.

Chairperson Peeler said for our community to drain the tank three times a week and with the concerns the community has regarding water in the county, we would be adding the equivalent of three days of watering. We still have to water and there will be no way to use the water in the recirculating tank to irrigate fields and must go down the drain. As we move closer, we will hear why are we using all this water. We've got a good plan here where basically we will use the water twice that we're already using.

The Council has really tough decisions to look at with all the support the community has given to this point, he hopes to the extent it can. He believes our Council will be supportive but they can't just write blank checks.

Councilman Yocum how adamant or set is the department on Cecil Davis Park as opposed to Centennial?

Director Meersman stated that we have good reasons for not having it at Centennial. It is our busiest park and there's not really a good location.

Councilman Yocum said they're pushing more for the recirculation splash pad and linking to existing pool structure.

Director Meersman said you can't link it to the pool. Putting it at Centennial would have it closer to our certified pool operators but if you look at Centennial Park, it's very, very busy and there's different age groups that would be trouble for the splash pad. There are a lot of high school and kids in the 20's that play basketball in the evening and may look at the splash pad. It's concerning having a park that's that busy and have an amenity like this added to it.

Chairperson Peeler recently was in New York City that had a splash pad and it was 100% adults running through the splash pad before the water turns off. From what he hears, he thinks the commissions support your feeling for repurpose splash pad and would like to state he feels this has been our support from day and our initial support was for repurpose and would like to help you if we could get a motion with our continued support for the repurpose plan and we would work with Venture Club until all reasonable attempts to make it work still with a repurpose plan.

Councilman Yocum asked why the repurpose initial costs are more expensive than the recirculating which has the pumps.

Director Meersman said it depends on who you talk to. It's not that much higher, part of the expense is the shallow soil there and there are other complications to that site. We still feel it's the best site.

Councilman Yocum asked why one of their perspective contractors not be interested in doing the job if we were to go with a repurpose. That restricts their contract candidate's pool to two instead of three.

Director Meersman didn't know if that was true. There are two repurpose contractors who have submitted bids. One has done a lot more repurpose than anybody else. There aren't a lot of them in the country. His feeling is that there will be more in the country due to the seriousness of water. I'm not afraid of holding and pumping water. I've been in the golf business most of my life and I've pumped water out of lakes, streams, rivers, swamps. The pumping of the water doesn't scare him and it doesn't scare Guy. We're not afraid of that part of it. In some cases some people are afraid of doing that.

Chairperson Peeler said the major concern of recirculation, in addition to the health concerns those are big, what do we do if we put in this very fancy system, which requires a sophisticated and we found out we can't afford the hard cost of keeping it running and we shut it down. He realizes it's not the same discussion but it reminds him of unfunded mandates that we see coming down from higher levels of government. He really appreciates what the Venture Club is doing to essentially provide us with a splash pad but now he's looking at the back end to keep it running. He has seen and encountered this. You folks who have been on the Commission for a while and every time someone comes up with an idea, the first thing he does is to ask Mike to see if we can maintain this.

Member Dehaan asked since this will only be run during the hottest months, is there a by-pass system for the repurpose if you are planning on using repurposed water and it's going to water the grass, do you have a by-pass to still water the grass.

Director Meersman said there is a fill valve that basically when you use the repurpose water and it's down too low, then that valve will open and fill up. If we produce too much water for the splash pad the community garden is there and could be a potential use over there. We would

have to get the water tested to make sure it's good. We wouldn't be able to do it right away but it would be worth looking at sharing the water. That's a great program they've got over there. We have to have signs posted and would have to change our sprinklers to purple for using repurposed water. If we have recirculating, we'll have to have signs that say don't drink the water.

Director Meersman showed the members more slides that were in their packet. He will be meeting with the Venture Club again on Friday.

The cost of ownership of the repurpose splash pad over 20 twenty years is \$461,000 less than the cost of ownership of the recirculating. The initial cost is a little more upfront, but not a substantial amount.

Chairperson Peeler said the big difference of the tank they show on the recirculating is 4,000 gallons versus the 50,000 gallon.

Director Meersman also pointed out that for recirculation you would need a building. You would have to have a place for chlorine, a tank inside and for repurpose you don't need a building just a panel that has solenoid controlled valve like for the sprinklers on your house. Its more simple and a lot less maintenance that's why he's sold on that this is the best way to go for the City. Director Meersman showed them case studies from places that have done it. Colton, CA is the City that made the tanks out of pipes and have had it more than ten years.

Member Gillenwater in the articles and videos it talks about the issues that has arisen, the bad water, the lawsuits that have come from over /under chlorination, just stuff getting into people and causing issues. He didn't see anything with a flow through or a repurpose, but the stuff that he read all had to do with recirculation. His question is if the water that would come out of your faucet comes out in pools would it have the same danger or greater danger if that water were high chemical.

Director Meersman said the splash pads are designed not to hold waters, not to pool. They are sloped to drain so they don't pool.

Member Gillenwater said that answered his question but the news article said virtually none of them came from potable water.

Director Meersman said there haven't been any documented cases that he is aware of.

Member Gillenwater said we should have a motion to support a repurpose splash pad.

Chairperson Peeler stated that Mike didn't skew what you provided to use. You could not find any documented similar problems with the repurpose system.

Member Gillenwater said we could perhaps re-recommend what we initially recommended when we first discussed the splash pad the outlook was to repurpose the water. That's what he had in mind when making the original recommendation he still supports that with all the stuff he had been given in trying to look up and still supports the repurposing of that water. Long term the initial cost is going to hurt but with the community support with the Venture Club doing so much with the overall cost, he still thinks that's probably best in his opinion but if the Council feels the same, he would be happy to put together a motion.

Member Dehaan thinks repurpose is the way to go.

Member Brown also said repurpose.

Chairperson Peeler thought it would be very appropriate to do the motion and if you would Jon indicate in your motion that this is consistent with what we have stated from the beginning.

Member Gillenwater motioned that we, once again, recommend that we have a repurposing splash pad and would comment that this was our initial thoughts and in order to continue our consistency in our initial thoughts that we would in our recommendation to support a repurposing water management system for the splash pad.

Second Dehaan seconded the motion, with no further discussion there was a unanimous vote of 4-0.

8. **PARKS & RECREATION 20 YEAR PLAN**
See Attachments

Chairperson Peeler stated that he had asked for the twenty year update plan because Brent and he were the only ones who on the commission long enough to have seen it. He recommends this item not be done until the two new commissioners are on the board.

9. **PARK TOUR**

Chairperson Peeler wanted to hold off on the Tour Date discussion until the new commission members are at the next meeting.

10. **MEMBER REPLACEMENT/REAPPOINTMENT**

Chairperson Peeler stated that Corryln Dunshie is up for reappointment for the 1st Full 3 Year

Term because she was filling out a partial term of a former member. She has been here and participated. Then the commission will need two to replace Member Potter and himself.

Applicant Edward Pyrzynski addressed the commission members by giving a little background. He is a retired newcomer to Kingman from Chicago. He was a letter carrier for 41 years, a father of four, which is his biggest credential to come to the Parks and Recreation because he realizes those needs for our young. From what he has seen in Kingman, we have some good services already. If there is anything thru his past experience to help develop services, he would gladly do that. Since he does have kids back in Chicago he does go back at times but is willing and able to help if he can.

Applicant Dave Wayt also addressed the commission members. He is a Deputy County Attorney and moved here over a year ago with his wife and three kids. They came from Nebraska, where he went to law school. They have purchased a house and are here to stay. He loves the parks and has taken his kids to just about all of them. He has wanted to get involved in the community since moving here and this would be a great opportunity for him.

With discussion, Vice Chairperson West stated that we have four applicants and two are here tonight. One of the applicants, Sydney Bailey has spent many years on the this commission, and likes the idea of having here available for a backup if someone drops off the commission. With applicants here now that shows a good sign for attending meetings in the future.

Member Gillenwater added that he works with him and vagues for his character.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIRPERSON DAVID WEST RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT CURRENT MEMBER, CORRALYN DUNSHIE BE APPOINTED TO HER 1ST FULL 3 YEAR TERM ON THE COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER BRENT POTTER, MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIRPERSON DAVID WEST RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BOTH DAVID WAYT AND EDWARD PYRZYNSKI FILL THE TWO UPCOMING VACANT POSITIONS OF OUTGOING MEMBERS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER BRENT POTTER, MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6-0.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Meersman that Greg Arnold was the sculptor who did Giganticus Headacus. He's really proud of how they look where we put the Wheel and the Bicycling around the world. It's really cool where it's at and is a nice addition to our City. He has a nice sculpture he would still like to get for by our parks. He calls it the Athlete where it looks like someone it throwing or catching a ball and it turns in the wind, if we could get that and put if over by Centennial Park. He's very proud of the work he's done and how it looks, it helps add a little culture to our city.

Next Meeting – February 17th.

Let you know that Karen is leaving us in January. He would like to say thank you very much she has been an awesome help to me in my time in this job and I will miss her.

Also, Tom, you've been an awesome commissioner member for a long time and I hate to see you go. Kingman is lucky to have people like you.

Chairperson Peeler stated that it's been his pleasure and the Parks and Recreation team is super all the way around, you do a great job and then on a closing note, you talk about no resources but for the Council Members, even during these difficult times during this recession you could have looked at parks as a place to cut back and you didn't do it and our parks are still beautiful and kudos to the Council for that because I travel around the state and it's not like that everywhere.

Director Meersman thanked him for that.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Limited to announcements, availability/attendance at conferences and seminars, requests for agenda items for future meetings.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Jon Gillenwater made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Commission Member Dorothy Brown SECONDED and it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by 4-0 VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT: 745: p.m.

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MOHAVE)ss:
CITY OF KINGMAN)

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION MINUTES

I, Karen Fogg, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary of the City of Kingman, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Kingman held on November 18, 2015.

Dated this ____ day of February 17, 2016

Karen Fogg, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary

Additional Pool Usage Considerations 2016

The following information represents the current pool schedule and budget. In order for other events to operate at the pools outside of the present schedule we would need to supplement the current budget to accommodate for any changes. The availability of staffing, primarily lack of qualified lifeguards, is the biggest issue when considering additional pool usage.

Ten years ago, the pool was scheduled to open from Memorial Day to Labor Day (approximately 105 days), the old standard summer vacation. Currently, we open late May (generally Memorial Day) until the second week of August (90 days). This is due to the City of Kingman policy for Seasonal Employees allows them to work 90 consecutive days due to the City Administration concerns with the Health Care Reform Act. Once the 90 day season period ends they cannot work again until one year from the start of the previous 90 day season.

The other challenge for the pool schedule was when the Kingman Unified School District went to year round school and school starts in July. The current pool schedule was modified due to lack of staff available (primarily Lifeguards) once school started and the lack of participants using facilities starting in August due to summer break ending and the cost of maintaining the pool were also taken into consideration.

Due to concerns with the Health Care Reform Act, the City of Kingman's policy for part time employees allows them to only work 19 hours each week. Our policy for Seasonal Employees allows them to work 40 hours per week for 90 days. Our season is limited to the 90 day period to directly correlate with the City's policy. To keep lifeguards working past a 90 day period would mean they would not be available during the peak of the season when all 22 lifeguards are needed to keep the pool in operation during the week.

We have difficulty recruiting lifeguards to work for the city run pools at this time. Lifeguard candidates have to pay \$100 to be certified in a 24 hour class they must pass, apply for the job, interview and then be selected. The current pay scale for a lifeguard is \$8.71 for a first year lifeguard, \$8.97 for their second year and \$9.23 for three plus years.

The swimming lessons require certified Water Safety Instructors (WSI). Certification for WSI requires \$110 for the class which is a separate certification from being a lifeguard. Generally the lifeguards hold both certifications. All staff is welcome to certify to become a WSI. When teaching classes the WSI compensation is \$8.97 for the first year, \$9.23 for the second year & \$9.75 for three plus years. When you compare city pool pay scales to other positions, such as fast food, summer camp employee and other seasonal positions for young adults with no required training or certifications, it is \$1.00-\$1.50 less per hour. Teens are not drawn to work for the pools as they make less money and have to pay for their own certifications.

Staffing generally consists of young adults in high school and college; therefore limiting the availability of work hours when these employees go back to school. Having the KUSD year round school schedule, KAOL traditional school schedule, and Arizona college schedules to work around for a 90 day swim season is challenging for hiring staff and utilizing the pool for the best swim season to accommodate everyone.

The revenue taken in through fees for swim lessons and pool parties are set to cover the cost in staff and materials for these events. These events help offset the cost of running the pools. The number of lifeguards required for these events are based on the number of participants and the area of use. These events are most popular during the 90 day swim period. Operating costs such as natural gas costs, chemicals and employees keep the season set at 90 days. If it was feasible to extend the season and staffing was available, we would extend the availability of the pool until Labor Day. Employee availability is another one of the many challenges that we face within our current schedule.

Additional budget challenges for post season swim meet utilization include:

- Heat – budget to heat the pool for the 90 day season is \$25,000.
 - 2015 we went over budget by \$2,300 due to the price of natural gas
 - To heat the water back up for a swim meet two weeks after our swim season cost \$830
- Labor - finding lifeguards that are available to work (they cannot have exceeded 90 days of employment) once school has started and the funding to pay them.
- Equipment - The current equipment used for swim meets is in need of replacement including lane lines and diving blocks.
 - This equipment is only used during swim meets and no other time. It is not currently feasible to replace this equipment for the 2 swim meets that are held at Centennial pool.
 - The cost to replace the lane lines for the length of the pool would be around \$650 per lane line and would require 8 lane lines--\$5,200.
 - The cost for the diving blocks is around \$2,300 per diving block and would require 16 blocks--\$36,800.

Along with heating of the pool to operate a swim meet, we require 2 lifeguards that must be present on the deck at all times and 1 staff member to be in the office to manage and maintain the facility. These are some of the costs along with the setup/tear down, cleaning and maintenance before and after the event.