

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

**Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street
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6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Members:	Officers:	Visitors Signing In:
T. Peeler, Chairperson	M. Meersman, Parks and Recreation Director	See attached list
David West - V. Chair	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 [6:11 p.m.](#) and roll call was taken.

Commission Members Present: West, Brown, Dehaan, Dunshie, Potter

Commission Members Absent: Gillenwater

Staff: Yocum, Meersman, Cossio, Reynolds, Fogg

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Meeting minutes of February 18, 2015.

Commission Member Brent Potter made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015. Commission Member Corralyn Dunshie SECONDED the Motion and it was APPROVED by a vote of 6-0.

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 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 et al. Comments from the Public will be restricted to items not on the agenda. There will be no comments allowed that advertise for a particular person or group. Comments should be limited to no longer than 2 minutes.

3. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Chairperson Peeler welcomed new members Brenda Dehaan and Corralyn Dunshie to the commission.

Tom first time having a full commission in a long time so welcome and we look forward to your participation, your comments and support.

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

Discussion and Action on annual nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

A motion by Member Brent Potter to nominate Chairman Tom Peeler to retain his seat as Chairperson was seconded by Member David West.

Chairperson Peeler stated that he was more than glad to serve another term as the chairman doesn't want to control everything but is more than glad again and he enjoys doing it.

All favored by a vote of 5-0.

A motion by Member Brent Potter to nominated David West for Vice Chairperson was seconded by Member Brenda Dehaan. All favored by a 5-0 vote.

5. **COMMUNITY GARDENS PRESENTATION**

Director Mike Meersman stated that Mike Roundy was in attendance to talk about the community garden.

Kingman resident Mike Roundy is bringing a presentation to the commission members and turned the podium over to Ron Tanner, Master Gardener Coordinator, to present the power point slide show on what the community garden is and what we are asking for.

The name of it is "Dig It Kingman Community Gardens". Some history behind it is the Master Gardeners are a part of the University of Arizona Co-Operative Extension. They were formed in 1914 as a part of the Smith/Lever Act passed by Congress. It's cooperative funding of State, County and Federal Government that's why it's called Co-Operative Extension. We're right over on Beale Street. We engage facility, students and community members throughout the country in education activities. Our Mission is to make science useful. It's based on the needs of the people and that's what a community garden is. As a result the Kingman Master Gardeners have become an intricate part of the development of the community garden in Kingman

The Kingman Area Master Gardener in Dig It Kingman Mission Statement

Mission Statement: For the community garden, it's to provide a locally affordable source for fresh fruit and vegetables to all residents of Kingman community.

Goals: To build a stronger sense of community through the Kingman and surrounding areas through a cooperative and enjoyable gardening experience.

Grow: Allowing individuals to grow their own fresh produce at minimum cost. There a lot of folks in town that may not have ability to garden. They may live in an apartment, they may rent. We are going to provide them a low cost place to garden and grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables. We are also going to encourage people that do have plots to them to share some of their food with less fortunate at homeless shelters, food banks, churches, missions etc.

Objective: Is to facilitate food security and community involvement. With the support of non-profit groups, churches, food banks, we are encouraging gardeners to give back to the community.

Sustainable Growing Techniques: We encourage use of minimum chemical gardening. We try to keep the environment as pristine as possible not using harsh pesticides and chemicals to destroy the earth and environment. We want to conserve water. We are going to use water wise gardening techniques by using soaker hoses, pressure compensating drip headers, natural rainfall because waters always an issue. We want to provide a safe place to garden to community members who may not have the resources or space for their own home garden.

Education: Our aim to provide an off-site education.

Mr. Tanner has seen places in the country where they are not safe cities but when they set up a community garden, the garden is not touched, no graffiti and people take ownership and pride and makes communities come together. He has seen gang members working in community gardens and different people with different back grounds.

Stay Local: We not only encourage people to plant vegetables and fruits which are sustainable in our local environment. Everything you see in the stores are not necessarily grown here. One of the things the Master Gardeners do is teach what things we can grow and what things we shouldn't try to grow. For example if we were growing trees we would not try to grow citrus.

The have a flier out that encourages people to come and grow with us. We have a face book site. The community garden is located by Cecil Davis Park on the corner of Lillie and Harrison Street right off Hualapai Mountain Road.

The plots will be 6 X 25 and people that lease plots will be asked to donate about four hours a month to keep the garden open to monitor for pests, over watering, drought, chemical use so part of the garden is to participate in the running of it.

Ron showed the sign that Mike made, which is our logo. We already have a volunteer data base with about one hundred fifty members from the community. People that want to support the garden, help us build it, help us grow, maybe lease lots.

One of the important things is the fear that if a person lets you use the land, they might be sued, somebody's injured or accident occurs. So one of the things we're going to ask people to do ultimately hold harmless clause so if something happens to them, they won't sue the owner of the land, the master gardeners of anybody involved in the endeavor.

A sample of what a community garden look like was shown. Their structure is a little different. Mike is the hand, we have master gardeners to do education, we have outreach, and fund raisers.

This is not the actual way ours will look he has another diagram not included in the slide show, The plots will have a water line coming in with the plots having spigots where the water used with water gardening techniques.

Monitor Duties: They will have duties, signs, vest, they will issue out tools. It will important they monitor the garden to make that whole garden doesn't become infested with pests or pesticides, over or under usage of water. The monitor will have a sign in sheet, which is important. In Payson they did this and we will do it here. The best thing you can get is a purple flag which means you have a beautiful garden. The second best is that it's time to harvest. If you get a flag posted on your garden that means you've got water issues. You're either over watering or under watering so you've got to take care of that. Bugs you would have to deal with that because you don't want it spreading to other plots. Some people will harvest their product and enter into the fair.

Minimum chemical gardening is using natural, maybe sticky fly traps instead of using harsh pesticides which would be the worst case scenario.

We'll have the garden hours posted Water wise gardening techniques, showed a slide of a manifold with pc emitters off the lines for soakers. He showed vegetables growing alongside the lines. You don't want vegetables growing opposite across the lines. If you water by hand, that is the most efficient way to water. If you have soaker hoses or pc emitters with a timer you will know exactly how much you are watering, that's how you control your water usage. We'll give cool tips and people will be able to construct their garden within the parameters set forth so that, maybe a person with a bad back could have a higher raised bed. We will probably encourage intensive gardening which means you're probably putting a lot of stuff in a small space. To feed a family of four you would probably only need a 4x4 spot. So they will have a lot of room to garden.

How You Can You Help

- 1) Spread the word about the community garden
- 2) Support the community garden to the full City Council
- 3) We may be looking for more land in the future maybe you can help thru out the city and greater Kingman area
- 4) Donations from your friends
- 5) Irrigation supplies
- 6) Construction equipment
- 7) We have fencing but may need more in the future
- 8) Compost/Mulch

The sign says volunteers, interest organizations, sponsored organizations

The community garden can ultimately make Kingman a more attractive and beautiful place to buy a home, settle down and raise a family. It's a wonderful place for children. These days a lot of kids videoing, the get to experience things growing, experience things live from inception and get the real value of growing things and being outside exercising and learn to appreciate the value of living things more. It's very important for kids in the community, keeps them out of trouble. Plus, if they grow it they will eat it.

This is their facebook: www.facebook.com/digitkingman They are in the process of having a website soon.

Mr. Tanner thanked the commission members for their time and if they had any questions.

Member Dorothy Brown asked how big the place on Harrison and Lillie is.

Mr. Tanner said it was one acre, with initially twenty plots and will have room to expand.

Member Brenda Dehaan for leasing is there a cost with leasing it.

Mr. Tanner said that Mike would be addressing that. There will be a minimum cost for leasing because we have to pay for the water, tool rental. Basically people who come to the garden will be able to use the tools there so that's the minimum cost.

Member Dehaan is this all U of A and donations doing this?

Mr. Tanner said that we're the master gardeners, we're the education component. We will do onsite teaching. We're pursuing a lot of people who haven't gardened before. We will teach instruction in how to garden.

Member Dehaan asked other than the land the City hasn't committed any funds for water or water lines.

Mr. Tanner said no.

Mike Roundy, 794 S. Pennington Place, handed out some brochures.

Chairperson Peeler asked when they are looking to kick this off or are they ready to go now.

Mr. Roundy said it's already evolved. The concept was back on April 7th and 11th we had a meeting at the local church Praise Chapel. We had great participation with almost 100 members who were interested in the community garden. We planted the seed to see who was interested. At that time, in 40 days we had already acquired the land, we have a sponsor. He wanted to give praise to Praise Chapel Church, we are a non-profit 501C3 corporation and they were able to acquire the land which is part of the church's property next to Cecil Davis Park. We wanted to try and utilize the land there because we know families hang out there. There's an agenda item about a Splash Park and we want to try and utilize that and be centrally located with participation in gardening as we can. In thirty days we had the property graded, a water meter put in, a fence is being installed now. We're looking to have plants in the ground by June 1st. those are the concepts we are trying to accomplish. Ron touched on the basis of what the garden does. We're trying to bring community back there. He's fought a lot of battles with the City and the County personally and just thought fighting those losing battles, he just wanted to do something more positive and do something for the community. We want people to engage their neighbors again. Start to talk with your neighbor's not just drive by. Put down your electronics, and engage with one another. This is all about gardens. We want to invite gardeners, non-gardeners, we want a children's garden and educate. We've aligned ourselves with one of the schools, they seem very receptive in it. I've had great support from local business donating materials and funds. Great support from just citizens and our volunteer staff has been amazing. In the forty days we've not

only developed literature, logos and data bases and other stuff. He had the concept of putting the community garden together and knew U of A extension office was trying to do things in the past. The three things they struggled with in the past was securing land, a possible sponsor and securing finances because it is costly to get started. So we've overcome all those hurdles and are able to secure financing to get the garden started a sponsor and the land.

Mr. Roundy would be happy to answer any questions the commission members may have.

Vice Chairperson West asked if they anticipate out growing the space and hoping to. How much room are you able to expand at that.

Mr. Roundy said there are over 18,000 community gardens in the United States. A great example is Tucson they have over twenty four community gardens. They are aligned somewhat with the University of Arizona. Instead of setting up community parks, they set up community gardens. They may have a park close and set up a community garden. We want to have multiple gardens in Kingman. We want one downtown and have already acquired the land there. We chose the sight locally in the middle of town, which is called the flag ship area where people from the Camelback area can come in and visit the garden or downtown just to get a concept of what a community garden is.

The ultimate goal is to have gardens downtown, midtown, maybe the Camelback area as we can acquire Butler land even though it's in the county. Those are the things we want to do and it's critical for the Kingman name it's about getting Kingman involved in the whole process. We would like to see multiple gardens in the future.

Vice Chairperson West said part of the reason he asked is that his day job he's, a flood control district engineer for Mohave County. One of the things he's taxed with is to maintain all the county drainage infrastructure including a lot land purchased behind the Mohave Wash. Parts of that the County and Flood Control District has land that it's not enough to sell but right now costing the County just to mow a lot of weeds. Some of these are fairly large parcels along the pathway and some have existing water meters where homes have been removed and the services are there. As a future expansion sight that might be a possible conversation that would be available. We've talked about developing some of these areas for parks but the County Parks Department is limited in their ability to take on and maintain something like that. Working out a cooperative agreement with a community garden would be a good alternative to work out something with that because there wouldn't be turf maintenance. The garden would be the primary function there and there's quite a bit of property to work with.

Mr. Roundy said that they want to align themselves with not only the City of Kingman and Mohave County. Parks consume almost five times more water than a garden and the water evaporates quicker than a garden. We would love to be able to use areas like that water. One big hurdle was water rates. Maybe, down the road, if we could adjust water rates just for the community garden. We're not expecting anything for free but because it is a benefit back to the City of Kingman, you've already acquired the water meter and we have done the irrigation so we are able to get the cheaper water rate for that and be able to utilize. It comes back to more of the community. Once people take equity in the garden, ownership and they want to make sure the

area is taken well care of. We want to see what this one will take care of and go from there as a far as other areas or locations.

Member Potter asked on the city side don't we have some pretty sizeable odd shaped lots.

Chairperson Peeler spoke that we've talked about what to do with them.

Director Meersman thought they may be looking for something larger than the size the City has along the wash.

Mr. Roundy said he has seen lots as small as 100x100 sq. ft. up to two to five acres. We would like to incorporate maybe an orchard in some of these gardens. So we would like to plant some fruit trees. Those are some of the other concepts of trying to not only fruits and vegetables but bring in some mature trees that can be sustained.

Mr. Roundy appreciates the time and presentation. We're just trying to get the word out and trying to get the City support and let the garden flourish.

Chairperson Peeler was in Boston where he saw one of these and said it was an amazing place. Some people have put in benches and sit there. It's very neat. Chairperson Peeler asked Mr. Meersman is they needed a recommendation for this.

Director Meersman said he just wanted Mr. Roundy to come in and share their information and hear it from them instead of through the grape vine. If there's something they need from us and they're going to ask the commission for that you would be educating about it.

Mr. Roundy said in the City of Phoenix 43% of their land is vacant. So they are trying to design a community garden and take a lot of these vacant lands and incorporate more of these community gardens in the greater Phoenix area. Tucson has already done that. The City of Seattle has over 60 gardens. Different cities are on board. The City of Seattle through the Parks Department is the community garden it's not a non-profit and private entity. So different cities, just like community parks will have community gardens.

Director Meersman said the City of Detroit has community gardens where they have cleared up neighborhoods and put huge community gardens in.

Mr. Roundy stated that in downtown Kingman they've done an amazing job trying to clean up stuff that's decaying for a long time. What they find, when they come in with community gardens, the actual neighborhoods been cleaned up. There's one in South Phoenix off of Mohave and First Street called the Salsa Garden, it's put out by a community tire store. The neighborhood has started to clean up but when the garden goes in there. People are out engaging, painting their house, engaging with the schools. We are finding that the blight is being taken from the neighborhood and improving the neighborhood.

Member Dorothy Brown said they will have to work hard to get this planted by June.

Mr. Roundy said they have been working hard and the weather has been kind to us. We've had an unusually cool May. We'll have something in there, even if it's pumpkins.

Mr. Tanner to address the issue, if people want to grow corn, he generally tells people that its best to grow corn mid-July on when the days are shorter and the sun is not so intense and you get fuller kernels. He specializes in watermelons and doesn't plant them until mid-June when soil is warm. You can grow some later season crops, even if you don't plant until June that date will be sustainable up until October. Those are things we teach as master gardeners all the time.

Chairperson Peeler asked if that will part of the education people get when they garden?

Mr. Tanner said yes and they have lists of all the crops you can grow, the dates you should plant them by. We are assuming they might not know all the much about gardening and that's what we do, we teach gardening and will continue to we will be successful at it.

Chairperson Peeler said that this sounds promising.

6. RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
See Attachments/Reports/Pictures

Recreation Superintendent, Yvonne Cossio's Report

SELF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS:

- ❖ Winter/Spring Programs concluded are they are gearing up for summer.
- ❖ New classes added Navajo Tacos & Fried Bread and several dance classes

YOUTH SPORTS:

- ❖ The Winter Youth Basketball was completed in March.
- ❖ Spring Youth Tennis brought out several kids for lessons
- ❖ Summer Sport Camps are being organized

ADULT SPORTS:

- ❖ The Spring Adult Volleyball had eight teams with seventy participants
- ❖ Saturday Drop-In Pickle Ball has been picking up and will move to week nights now that it is getting warmer
- ❖ Craig moved back to Colorado to be closer to family and we are looking to hire by mid-June

CHILD SUPERVISION:

- ❖ The After School Program is winding down
- ❖ Summer Fun Daze Camp registrations have begun and will start on June 1
- ❖ Staff is still learning the REC1 Program

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS:

- ❖ March 14th Jersey Boys Trip to Vegas was sold out
- ❖ April 18-19 trip to Sedona had beautiful weather
- ❖ June 13th trip to Las Vegas to see Ringling Brothers Barnum & Baily Circus/El Dorado Canyon Mine
- ❖ August 1-2 trip to Semi Valley to see the Reagan Museum & Library/Universal Studios
- ❖ November 6-8 trip to Antelope Slot Canyons/Lake Powell and Balloon Regatta

AQUATICS:

- ❖ Pools Open on Saturday, May 23rd
- ❖ A modified schedule will start June 27th with KUSD opening earlier
- ❖ Lifeguard Class Trainings will take place soon
- ❖ The pools are scheduled to be close on August 9th

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ❖ March 27th was the first Drive-In Movie Night at Southside Park.
- ❖ April 4th was the Annual Egg Hunt and Toss. The Rotary Club donated \$500 to this
- ❖ May 1-2 was the Family Campout with gorgeous weather for all families to enjoy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ June 12th will be the Summer Carnival & Movie Night
- ❖ July 16th will be Mud Mania – the date needed to be changed because of school opening sooner
- ❖ July 17th Float In Movie at Centennial Pool Sponsorship Donations were from UniSource Gas & Electric and Suddenlink to offset expenses
- ❖ August 7th Movie in the Park

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ❖ Interviews for summer position were held with 27 new employees hired
- ❖ Recreation Coordinator position closed on May 10th
- ❖ The Recreation Department continues to recruit Instructors to teach various classes
- ❖ The Fall Brochure will be released on September 6th

Member Corralyn Dunshie asked if we ever interns from the Community College for people who are taking recreation type background courses or agricultural?

Superintendent Cossio stated that we have, but it's not too often that they come to us. Superintendent Cossio recalls three in the past and she's been with the City sixteen years. The option has been there and available.

Director Meersman stated that we are considering interns to help in the office from the high school. We use them at the City complex in the finance department, they get one a year and we're looking at getting one to help out in the office answering phone calls, we're in the process of looking at that.

Member Dunshie said that sometimes for scholarships students in line as a scholarship recipient, that was part of the thing that she had to do; we had to provide hours of community service as part of the internship program. She was wondering if the Community College had anything like that. We now have AZ State University here as well.

Superintendent Cossio most of the interns we had in the past have taken their classes up in Flagstaff. She wasn't sure if the local College, she could be mistaken, but I'm not sure if the offsite campus here offers a Recreation Background Degree.

7. **PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
See Attachments/Reports

Parks Superintendent, Guy Reynolds Report

He wanted to add a comment on the Drive-In Movie regarding the quality of this team, this family that we have to create this out of thin air. It was excellent! The digital project was second to none. People commented on the quality of the picture. We rented an FM transmitter from a communications company in Havasu with 12 gigahertz blasting in each car, it was just fantastic. There's room for 115 cars in the lot and room for another 40-50 cars if they want to view sitting in the front area. We did create a viewing area.

MRO'S:

❖ 41 Maintenance Repair Orders were completed, 51 in the Parks system and 24 in the Pools/Recreation
MAINTENANCE:

- ❖ The pre-season ball field maintenance was done in March for lighting, fences, gates, warning tracks, base sockets, burn lines, turf maintenance complete
- ❖ Ball season in full swing: they did 600 game preps, 800 ball field rentals and 59 park permits

IMPROVEMENTS:

- ❖ Field #4 at Centennial renovations are complete
- ❖ McKee Foods Ramada installation & ADA approved concrete path is finished. The concrete stamp logo was applied and the electrical, grill, landscape, and ADA tables remain to be finished.
- ❖ Metcalfe Park concrete foundation was installed for the new stage. The state structure and roof are complete. The final paint and cleanup still needs to be finished
- ❖ The old irrigation system is in disrepair and will need to be replaced once the construction is complete
- ❖ The new chain link fence added for safety was painted black

IRRIGATION:

- ❖ Irrigation is back to 100% on one run cycles and all systems are back on line
- ❖ Mechanics are busy starting a city wide service of all systems
- ❖ Problems were identified after the winter startup
- ❖ Issues of broken head, plugged lines and valves needed to be addressed
- ❖ New valves and irrigation rotors have been installed

POOLS

- ❖ Pre-season maintenance and startup is finished for both pools
- ❖ Painted decks and restrooms, cleaning tiles, windscreens installed and evaporative coolers checked

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ❖ Park maintenance crew are busy mowing, servicing the parks
- ❖ Spray Technicians are treating the landscapes, Complex, Route 66 and other areas
- ❖ The 15 passenger van lost power on a trip and needed to be towed back to Kingman
- ❖ The parks crew helped the recreation staff with the new Drive-In Movie at Southside
- ❖ IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) held a meeting with Superintendent Reynolds, Director Meersman and City Manager John Dougherty in attendance.
- ❖ The following day there was Trail Construction Training Project at Fort Beale Loop. The IMBA group had 20-25 volunteers working on the trail.
- ❖ Since the last report 952 hours of Inmate Labor was used
- ❖ The parks system experienced 11 vandalism events

DRIVE-IN MOVIE:

We were able to build the structure completely in house. We didn't need to utilize Unisource we utilized Public Works small crane and we dug the holds ourselves and set the poles. The movie screen is the same one we use for the Movie-In the Park that goes up on the racquetball courts. It's a 26x25 and pulled into place by pulleys then ratchet strapped in opposite directions. It didn't take that long. The new service we ran over for the power is GFI and also locked out and just for the projector area for the sound. It's also in a metal valve box. The movie was great. You have to come to the next one, it's so nice to be out to a Drive-In Movie again.

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) had a trail care and construction meeting to get ideas and some support from City and County. So the City Manager, John Dougherty, Mike and Guy attended there meeting and they also had a construction date which Mike attended. They are looking at bringing in more trails and trying to interest in funding and are getting in correlation with other communities that do it and what it's bringing in tourism. It's a great idea and we have opportunity to connect downtown with bike trails which would be great for small rides. Maybe facilitate and use our vendors and store and restaurants.

We used 952 hours of inmate labor. Our crews have to be trained but they are labor only. They cannot drive our vehicles and operate heavy equipment, so they dig ditches, we train them to run chain saws and weed eaters, they can run ride-on mowers but only in specific areas there is no public. It's an excellent way for us to get more manpower. He has asked to get one more groundskeeper to help us with the work load.

8. METCALFE PARK UPDATE

The Metcalfe Stage project was completely done by Toby Orr. The structure is painted, the new lighting is in. the ADA ramp with handrail is complete. There is a section that needs a handrail, which we can do. It wasn't in their project. We knew it was part of the deal. We just complete handrails for the steps. We will be done prior to their grand opening.

We completely relocated all the irrigation to complete that project. We're going to give the existing building a face lift so it ties in with it. That will give that park a nice and clean for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. If you haven't seen it yet it's a very nice structure they did a great job and is a great improvement to the park.

Chairperson Peeler picture from the report is that the actual new stage.

Director Meersman said that's the actual new stage and the dedication is June 14th Sunday with a concert in the park after that. We would love to have you guys there it's turned out really nice. We have a little more work to do. We're extending the sidewalk along there but the Sounds of Kingman will be having the dedication.

Chairperson Peeler told Superintendent Reynolds that we appreciate it.

Member Brown said she works over at the Museum voluntarily and is amazed by the amount people that go to Metcalfe Park. They come in and tell us what a great park that is. It's absolutely wonderful over there. So neat and clean and there is a lot of comment on Metcalfe Park.

Chairperson Peeler thanked Guy and his crew also.

9. SPLASH PAD UPDATE

Director Meersman just wanted the members to know that the Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Venture Club and City. They are raising money now for the splash pad. We're excited about that.

Councilman Scott Yocum stated that Storm is doing a presentation at the Sand Box Meeting at Garlic Clove this evening.

10. SMOKE FREE PARK ZONES

Director Meersman stated that we've had a few little incidents where people want to smoke in there and the rangers have to tell them. He thinks it's worked well.

The KYC Butt Organization sent us a letter and thought we should put more containers at the Skate Park. They get torn out as fast as we put them in there. It's a battle we are not able to fight with the amount of people there smoking. We would have to patrol it 24/7. We kept up with the four of them and the maps of each parks with Centennial and Southside done. It's an ongoing thing and we're still working at it out well and have had interest from other cities about it.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Meersman welcomed the new members and wanted to thank them for their time and also the existing members.

The City has recovered restitution from the kid of \$1,275 for the damage at Centennial Park concession stand. It's not very often we get the money paid back.

Guy touched on how much ballfield work they have to do. May 27th Kingman South Little League is hosting a Major Tournament of Champions (TOC)

May 26-28 is the Miner TOC hosted by Kingman North Little League

Starting July 16 Kingman North and Kingman South will be hosting the 9-10 State Tournament.

It's keeping us busy and if you are around and about stop down.

The 4th of July we are not having fireworks and at the Council Meeting, with the City being sued there's a lot of concern about fireworks and the Council wanted us to try and have an event. Our department right now isn't able to do it. The Fire Department has done the fireworks through the

years and have done a great job of it and since they have done that for our employees, it's one of the few weekends they can take that holiday and go on a three day weekend. They do events many weekends, many holidays and this is one of the few our employee are scheduled away take with family. The following weekend we have a huge event, it's the J.O. Girls state Tournament so all of our people will be working at that. It's not that we're anti 4th of July but the Recreation Department is very shorthanded right now

On the 4th of July pools are open for free swim and full to capacity. In the parks system most of the ramadas are rented, there's very heavy traffic in the parks.

Yvonne touched on that we don't have part time employees available under the Health Care Reform Act. The City policy is our part timers are only allowed to work 19 hours and that's been a challenge to get enough help to do any other events. The weeks before the 4th staff is very busy with the Little League Tournaments he touched on.

On Guy's crew there are sixteen and two are off for medical procedures, three are on limited duty. It's very challenging to try and get all the stuff done with the limited crew.

Director Meersman said with us not paying overtime our crew accumulates comp time for the overtime that they work. Right now a lot are at the top level they can get for that.

He just wanted to touch base with you if you had heard about the 4th of July. We're very patriotic as well and we would love to have fireworks and love to have a party in the park or close the street and have a block party it's just that right now our department isn't staffed enough to be able to do it.

Councilmember Yocum said it was unfortunate that the Fairgrounds gave us as late a notice as they did.

Director Meersman said that he and Superintendent Reynolds attended a meeting with Arizona Game and Fish and County Commissioners who would like to see a community pond and maybe more go in for kids to fish in. They would like to see them possibly near or in parks. It would be challenging for us plus we can't afford to give up turf space to put into a pond. There are some locations which he thought would be good to put it. Maybe the Fairgrounds or they thought it would be nice to see the pond from the freeway. Our legal department and risk management departments would see some concerns about a pond that wouldn't be fenced around so kids could go there and fish. We have another meeting to attend in a few weeks. If it comes to you, you can be thinking about it too. They want kids to be able to walk to it. They've got a lot of good thoughts to it and our department doesn't have the labor to take on more additional responsibilities of more maintenance. They would like to put one in a park because of existing restrooms and we would be able to maintain it.

Member Dunshie said the water would be a problem here too with evaporation. Look at the pond at the golf course they have issues keeping water in that.

Director Meersman said there are all kinds of issues and we've talked about all kinds of issues and there are a few people who are very excited about it. So you're abreast of what's going on, I would rather you hear it from me first.

Vice Chairperson West stated that there was one many years ago when he was eight or ten years old at Fire Fighters Park. Depending on how serious the County Supervisors get about it, they have a large parcel of land with a high dollar figure attached to it across from Centennial Park. If they're really that serious about it they can bring something to the table.

Director Meersman said they talked about that and he also suggested the County Park on Jagerson which is very underutilized. He also has said at many commission meetings that we need more turf space for soccer and other fields. He would like to see that out at that end of town where we could maybe get the reclaimed water from the waste water treatment plant. The dollar figure to get water back here and start utilizing that water is about \$2,000,000. It's not going to happen any time soon but maybe if we could get that water piping back this way by the airport or that areas, then maybe we could get more companies in the airport industrial park to maybe buy the water from us. He hopes that would happen. He's brought it up in budget meetings and sessions.

Next meeting will be August 19th.

Chairperson Peeler gave commented kudos for pointing out the needs of your staff. The whole Parks and Recreation Department have done a wonderful job shorthanded throughout this whole recession. Our parks have not suffered and if they have its not obvious they remain beautiful, they've had improvements to them and they continue to serve the function. We've heard no complaining from you or Yvonne or Guy. So every once in a while we need to realize that departments don't do that work, people do they deserve the likes of kudos for that. This is not the first time about the pond and if you polled the public they will probably be looking for more park space and turf space than a fish pond.

Member Dunshie stated they would need more soccer fields. There is an alternative, he father took them in New York State where there is plenty of rain to these places and teach us to fish and they were big metal stock tanks full of water and would have these fishing tournaments where they stocked trout and had poles for them for the kids to fish from. It was an event put on by business people in the community rather than the parks department. It was part of the 4th of July picnic put on by the community.

Chairperson Peeler said we are getting a lot of ideas to grow and make Kingman more attractive. He always has the fear that when people look at that, it takes infrastructure to support that. It's one of the questions we ask every time. When they came with the Splash Park can your crews support that? They're going to have to be careful or we'll have facilities that we can't maintain which become liabilities and eye sores.

Member Potter asked about Kingman Crossing, a long time ago that was supposed to be our next big park expansion.

Member Dehaan asked a question regarding how the pools are heated. Is that gas, electric, solar.

Director Meersman stated it was gas. The baby wading pool is solar.

Member Dehaan asked if we had ever looked into grants for solar heating.

Superintendent Reynolds stated that when we were looking at complaints for the baby pool being quite cold we would take the heated water out of the big pool so we installed a small solar unit in there which maintains it very well for them. It's the surface area for the amount of panels needed to heat that many gallons of water and we don't have it on our roof so we have to come up with some additional areas for the heat exchangers and stuff.

Member Dehaan said covered parking.

Superintendent Reynolds said that would be great. The City of Havasu is doing that but they are turning that into energy instead of water heating. During winter we shut the pools completely down, eaters and everything.

Director Meersman we're out of line when it's time for announcements, you can't ask questions and discuss.

Member Potter thought we were still on directors report when he asked his question.

Chairperson Peeler said Brent's question was related to your report which should be allowed.

Member Potter said it was going back to the ponds and turf that's why he was asking about it. At one time that was a huge area of the expansion for parks and have the plans changed since they are reopening that and the possibility of pursuing at Kingman Crossing. Is that still in the plans that one day right next to the commercial that there would be softball fields right next to hotels for tournaments. That's where he was going with that question.

Director Meersman said there hasn't been a lot of detailed plans about that and the Kingman Crossing thing, they were doing that to be able to look at and it would have to go to a vote to the people in order to sell that property to get the interchange put in possibly. That property that was zoned for parks, they feel it's too valuable now to put a park along there. If feeling is that a park is needed out more north of town where we can get the reclaimed water to it. Water is going to be an issue no matter where we decide to put a park. Water is a very precious commodity and that's why it should go out somewhere near that property.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

Commission Member Brent Potter made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Commission Member Brenda Dehaan SECONDED and it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by 6-0 VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 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 May 20, 2015.

Dated this _____ day of August 19, 2015

Karen Fogg, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary