

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

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

Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 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 [6:02 p.m.](#) and roll call was taken.
Commission Members Present: Brown, Dehaan, Dunshie, Gillenwater, Potter, West
Commission Staff Absent: Yocum
Staff: Meersman, Cossio, Reynolds, Fogg

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Regular Meeting minutes of May 20, 2015.

Commission Member Brent Potter made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2015. Commission Member Brenda Dehaan SECONDED the Motion and it was APPROVED by a vote of 7-0.

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. **ARIZONA GAME AND FISH / KINGMAN ELKS**

Bill Shilling with Bob Kay on behalf of the Kingman Elks Lodge were present for the Fishing for Smiles Program. Also present is Matt Chmiel with Arizona Game and Fish. Appreciate the time to inform and update about what we're planning and proposing. Right now they are calling it Centennial Lake which is very preliminary, they're not set on that name it's a Community Fishing Pond.

Mr. Shilling gave a little history on the Fishing for Smiles Program which began about 10 years ago. A kids fishing day was put together for the first Saturday in June every year. They arrange to take about 200-250 kids on a free fishing day at an area lake or pond. Then the following Tuesday they take about 100 special needs individuals from the community to do the same thing. It's a chance to fish for free, lunch and snacks. It's a great day, the Special needs day has come to be our favorite. It's rewarding to see how they enjoy their time out there.

Over the years we've had discussions with the Game and Fish volunteers who've helped us out. For quite a few years we've fished at Yellow Pines Lake up off the back side of the Hualapai's. In recent years we've moved over to Fort Rock Ranch on Dunton's property. They built a small pond for us, then Game and Fish stocks the lake for our events. They help keep the biology just right for the fish and then stock it before we go out there. It's been very rewarding for the volunteers as much as the kids really enjoy it. So that's the history of it.

Over the years of discussing it and getting it together, we've always had this dream about having something closer to Kingman than Fort Rock Ranch or DW Ranch Road where people have to drive out.

The Game and Fish Department proposed about three years ago some locations locally here in town where a lake might be appropriate. We narrowed the wish list to about five locations around town. Back in May we took our proposals to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and through discussions with them, they thought one of the properties next to the Kingman Library and adjacent to Centennial Park. They thought that would be a great location for a community lake in conjunction with the future Library expansion. A meeting in with the Supervisors, City Officials and Parks Departments from the City and County, also Game and Fish and it took off from there and they all thought it was a great idea. So we're moving forward in that direction. We're here tonight to keep you apprised of where we're headed and with the hopes that your support it in the future at some point when we first get confirmation of the property and also gets funds put together for the construction of the lake.

We looked at the partnership and considered Mohave County as the main partner because they own the property. The City of Kingman, at some level, would participate but mostly from a peripheral view point in the way of irrigation. Supplement the Centennial Parks irrigation from the water that comes through the lake and also some maintenance agreement between the City and the County Park Departments. Then Arizona Game and Fish, another main partner, because of their ability to help us with the construction of the lake and then biology maintenance and oversight and stocking the lake on a regular basis for various events.

Mr. Shilling showed a conceptual drawing of what a fish pond might look like in that area. The plan that the Library talked about with their expansion would be just west of the current Library and the Mohave Wash. The way the County Officials discussed it, the expansion would double the size of the current Library and then somehow incorporate the design of their Library with the Lake. It would be a real pleasant environment where you could incorporate certain programs from the Library into what the Lake could provide.

Mr. Shilling showed another slide that the Game and Fish would use to show their open fishing program. The urban fish program has helped develop many lakes around the community. They have learned that community fish programs in communities like this really become an asset and an attraction for an area where some small communities already have more than one lake. They started incorporating with splash pads in the same vicinity. Boulder City is a good example with a new facility.

We wanted to bring the fish to the people rather than having them travel 40 miles just to participate in our “free fish program”. The program was designed for the people who don’t often get a chance to fish. Sometimes they don’t have the ability, the parents may not have the funds or experience and we could do that much better if it was locally.

When we think about the location, we heard about the current splash pad proposal, we spoke with that group and realized they are much farther ahead in their process than we are to include their current one in our plan. Kingman can use more than one facility like that.

When talking about the complex overall there’s a lot of other amenities that could go along with it. If the lake is big enough, we could offer paddle boat rentals, concession centers, restrooms and things like that.

So why build a lake in Kingman? We looked at a lot of different locations and this one seemed to jump out because of its vicinity to I-40, it’s very accessible, it’s visible, it’s close proximity for kids to ride their bike or walk. It’s close to an existing park where not everybody likes to play soccer or softball. It could be other things for kids who are already enjoying an existing park. The economic impact is real positive for family recreation.

Matt Chmiel from Arizona Game and Fish chose to speak about Fain Lake in Prescott Valley and the estimated impact to that community is about 3.3 million annually. When talking about economic impact, when people go fishing they buy food, drinks, groceries, lodging, equipment rental, fuel for vehicles, rods, reels, bait and the list goes on. They will go to Walmart and spend money to go fishing. That generates revenue. To Mohave

County alone, annually due to fishing, they estimate \$111 million in economic impact due to fishing. That generates over 5 million in state taxes. He wasn't sure how that equivalents in terms of City, but when people are spending money, that has a pretty big impact. He didn't want the commissioners to think that every lake is like Prescott Valley Lake, they do vary, not all are that high. That was chosen because it would be similar.

Other lakes that bring in money are Chaparral Lake about 6 million a year, Cortez is about 1.6, Encanto is about \$800,000 a year, Evaline Hall is just over a million, Kiwanis in Tempe is about \$800,000, Steel Indian School is smaller at \$400,000 a year in economic impact. Tucson has four lakes, Kennedy, Lake Side, Serrita and Silver Bell in 3 million, 12 million, 5 million, and 6 million, respectively. We don't know how much it would generate but you do see that if you have more in the area it's less of an economic per lake. Now everyone has to drive to Lake Mead or Lake Mohave we don't see a place where kids can walk to or bike to go fishing. Those numbers seem high and they do to him but we've done these before we pay a private company to do this report. He could get you a copy and it describes what they are doing. It's passed on angler use days. How many people on particular days of the year, that body of water gets used then estimate on that what the expenditures per anglers use day are. It's not the same everywhere. It could mean a lot to the City of Kingman.

Mr. Shilling said they looked and considered that and we would promote that, but it's not the emphasis for what we're after. We were looking for a centrally located safe and fun place to provide this kind of recreation activity.

The lake would be well maintained. The park area around it would be well maintained. If you do travel to these communities, take time out to go and see one of these. The one in Boulder City is fairly new and they have done a remarkable job.

Mr. Shilling said that these are some of the benefits that we think Kingman is really about and some things that we've been promoting all along.

More slides were shown of the lakes in Yuma which has four lakes in that community program. Those are new and they want a fifth one. The public are very supportive of a lake in Kingman, if we don't get it, Yuma probably will.

Mr. Shilling outlined that once the lake is built and is stable, the larger the lake, the more stable it will be for the fish. Game and Fish arranges for various types of fish to be stocked at different times of the year based on a number of reasons such as temperature and elevation.

Mr. Shilling added that they talked about the splash pad and that the Venture Club are farther along, but we did think about that we could consider that as another partnership and that could be added as another element to what we might do over there. So these are things about the splash pad that could add to the enjoyment of a complex like that.

One thing that was considered, we know the opposition and critiques would be out there. Why would we build a lake in the middle of the desert, during a drought? They understand that, they understand the opposition they're going to see. The way they would develop this pond is to use city water but develop it so we could recycle the water from the splash pad, let it go into the lake and then use lake runoff connected to the City

irrigation to water Centennial Park. Those are conceptual ideas right now would be things to get figured out, but it's doable and other communities are doing it that way. This has been considered it saves water and saves cost in maintenance.

Another reason for looking at this location was the population in the surrounding area. It's in walking and biking range. It's close to the Senior Center who is taking a look at the kind of programs they offer and are starting to offer programs that are family friendly so that grandkids and kids can participate in senior programs at the center. Because it's located so close, we could tap into some programs there. The Library with the nice shade area, they could take advantage of that. The Parks & Recreation programs, the special needs programs, the ARC Store is in walking distance, squeeze the non-profits and of course the tourists and travelers on I-40. So we've looked at and considered them all.

Mr. Chmiel explained that the bigger the lake, the more water that goes into it. The design of the lake is that it can be sealed so you lose less water, or the Green Valley Park in Payson, that's one of the community lakes there which is designed to leak. They put reclaimed water in there and it's designed to leak and recharge the aquifer. This will depend on what your goals are. If you were to seal a pond, you would still probably lose five to six feet to evaporation and transpiration. There will be some water loss even if you seal it all the way. There are different ways of sealing. The sky's the limit when building a lake with a park around it. There are 30 million dollar parks in Phoenix.

Mr. Shilling spoke about the possible use of reclaimed water. The City currently generates some reclaimed water, which is A+ grade, which is one grade below drinkable. The City is looking at the possibility of running affluent water from the waste water treatment plant, through a portion of town along the Mohave Wash to eventually irrigate the golf course and any parks along the way. These are future plans but the possibility is there that we could use reclaimed water to provide the water to the lake on a daily basis. We don't know how far down the road it will take us to use reclaimed city water.

Mr. Chmiel stated that when using reclaimed water, there are more water quality issues. Nutrients are being dumped in so there will be algae. Green Valley Park in Payson does it and it's a beautiful park. There are different ways to deal with some of the issues.

Mr. Shilling added that the rest of you may have different views. He entertained comments, questions and suggestions from the commission members.

Commissioner Brenda Dehaan thought this was a wonderful idea and it would be a benefit to our community. Floyd Lamb Park in Las Vegas is awesome. You can ride a bike around it, there's always a ton of people there.

Mr. Shilling said the sky's the limit on all the different activities you can have there and can provide. Depending on the property and design of the lake, you could possibly make more room for ballfields or grassy areas for ramadas and barbecue pits.

Commissioner Dehaan asked if the City is broke, the County is broke, where will the money be coming from? Do you have any ideas on that?

Mr. Shilling stated they will find that out when they talk to the County. We can't say they committed because it wasn't a formal meeting. It was a gathering of officials, parks people, the County, the City Manager and they all agreed it could work. They asked us to put this proposal together and then present it to them on an official basis.

We wanted to stop here first as a courtesy to the commission. We will now go to the County parks people and give them the same presentation. We may come back to you and ask for your support. We'll count on the County to provide the land. Matt from Game and Fish can talk about the construction of a lake.

Mr. Chimel said Arizona Game and Fish will put some money into this, it wouldn't fund it solely, depending on much your building. For our department, this is very important for us, especially in particular that kids could have the opportunity to go fishing, also families in general. The County is very aware of the economic impacts of fishing. The County voted to spend \$50,000 to stock trout in the Colorado River this year. He doesn't expect the County to foot the bill for everything but if everybody comes together and we can work and get this project done. It would be huge for the City. Imagine driving down I-40 and instead of looking at dirt lots you would see this pond. People may decide to stop and have lunch here, maybe it becomes a tradition when traveling through to stop at the pond.

Commission Member Dehaan asked if the people who fish there have to have a license?

Mr. Chimel stated that they would. Currently there's a lot of different options, we don't need to get into whether it's a community lake or not, but the license is all the same. A Community license is \$1.00 cheaper, but there are some advantages just being a state wide lake.

Commissioner Dorothy Brown asked Mr. Shilling how much does the City have to take care of this.

Mr. Shilling stated he wouldn't speak on behalf of Mike, who was at their meeting, it sounds like a great idea but he knows Mike sees a lot of work and a lot of dollar signs, things that we don't have. He is here for our Elks and the kids fishing program. He is familiar with some grants that the Elks International offers. There are some possibilities there. He also works for the City, as a grant administrator, if this becomes a project that the City might tackle, then it could become his job to find the money to help construct or help pay for maintenance. He's already been asked to start finding grant money to run the affluent line. He can't say it's in the works but they're starting to do the research. We understand it's not going to happen today, but we're also not going to drop the ball on it.

Chairperson Tom Peeler stated that Dorothy brought up something that as the plans are made to build the lake that we don't forget to back into, to maintain it. I didn't live far from Lake Side Park in Tucson, I remember when the dam broke and the lake drained. We don't have to worry about that because where you are looking to build it you won't need a dam. He remembered a couple times where they didn't get any water to fill it up and it turned into a mud puddle and had a massive fish kill off. These are all things he sees happening where we just get it built and then there's no commitment to the maintenance and they tell the Parks & Recreation Department to just add it on to what you're doing. Pretty soon we have run down eyesore instead of a benefit to the City. He hopes as we're looking at the building end that we're also taking in what additional resources Parks & Recreation will need or whether it being City or County or whomever to keep the lake up as being a benefit without over whelming them and other things.

Mr. Shilling stated that part of Fish and Games involvement, in order for them to make a commitment and be involved, they are not going to take a step forward unless they are sure we've got that in place and have that covered. No one is going to sign on the dotted line until all the ducks are in a row. Those are things we have to consider and address.

Chairperson Peeler stated that would be key for his support and he may not be on the commission when you get ready to do this. It's important because over the years I've been here I'm very proud of what our Parks & Recreation Department provides for the City. We have a wonderful system but he doesn't want to see them continually taxed. We're looking at a splash pad and continually looking at things they are demanded to do and then the next is that we can't keep up with our infrastructure. We have parks that look like the City of Tucson's Parks/

Bob Kay, from the Elks Lodge, stated that as they start this exploration project, that is exactly what we're trying to do. That's why we are trying to talk to as many people as we can to get thoughts and questions we could bring up and address all those issues. We don't want to put a shovel in the ground until we know we have people to maintain it. That's why we're working on and Matt's got additional studies that say we could bring this much additional revenue to the area and that would help with our tax base and additional maintenance cost and improve everything so we can put that extra person out. That's why Bill is looking at different grant options in order to maintain it. That's a big part of this, we know we can build it, that's the easy part but filling it, stocking it and maintaining it, we need that long term agreement. That's why we want to involve everybody as early as we are.

Chairperson Peeler appreciates that and is glad they are looking into it. He asked Matt about when a loss of 5-6 feet over what period of time would that be.

Mr. Chmiel stated that would be annually. That will change depending on wind and temperature. They manage a lot of lakes in Phoenix and they vary in size. Some of those

community waters are big and some are small. There are sealants and liners that stop leakage, it all depends on your sub-straight and existing, so it's a little more complicated than just digging a hole. If we do it, we want to do it right unless you want it to leak and go the affluent route.

Mr. Shilling said with the long term commitment with the Elks. Some of these community lakes can garner sponsorships where certain organizations will take a certain percentage of the cost on an annual basis as part of the sponsorship if they can have their name on the lake. We can look at options like that and if you can find a generous sponsor that will help provide the money to maintain it.

Chairperson Peeler was pleased that they are including the maintenance of it in your study up front.

Member Jon Gillenwater after showing us computer generated photos of what it might look like, do you have a size in mind already.

Mr. Shilling stated that the picture that was shown was seven acres.

Member Gillenwater asked if that was the size in their proposal.

Mr. Shilling stated that the consideration for the location, when the County said that this would be a great addition to our Library Expansion adjacent to the north end of Centennial Park. We don't know if the County would agree to that big of a lake.

Mr. Chmiel said it could be between two to seven acres. They had slides to show how big it would be.

Member Dorothy Brown said it doesn't have to be that big.

Member Coralynn Dunshie asked what would be the depth of the lake.

Mr. Chmiel said it should be at least ten feet deep or more.

Member Brent Potter asked if there were any other sites considered as back up if didn't happen.

Mr. Chmiel said they looked at a lot of different sites. Mike sat in on a meeting with two Mohave County Board of Supervisors at the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Shilling state that the top locations were the County Fairgrounds, the property where the Community Garden is now over by Cecil Davis Park, we looked at the City owned property by Lewis Kingman Park where the Fire Station was planning to be built. The

discussion was about the locations and what could be done and someone said something about the Library Expansion, wouldn't it be great there!

Mr. Chmiel said they had twelve potential sites, they went through and scored each site. They came up with criteria's, curb appeal, could kids walk there, how would the lake look in the community etc. This location by far ranked the highest. A lot of them were marginal and dropped off very quickly.

Mr. Shilling said they talked about it for the last five to seven years and it's just been the last three years that it was taken seriously and started taking a look at locations that we can do.

Member Potter asked if flood control has any say in this or if the City has had an opinion on this.

Vice Chairperson David West stated that his day job is that he's the Flood Control District Engineer for Mohave County and works for Mike Hendrix. From a flood control stand point there isn't necessarily any change that would concern us in the design. There potentially could be some opportunities to capture storm water to aid in keeping it full. You would want to do things to keep that storm water clean coming in that could be an issue. It would be part of the design process to make sure if there were any failure of the bank between the Mohave Wash and the lake that it would happen in a way to be controlled so it doesn't do any major damage downstream. That's one of the benefits of putting the lake next to an existing major drainage infrastructure. You mentioned the one by Lewis Kingman Park and the downstream drainage at that location is already overtaxed, so if you had any problem with the lake at that location it would have triggered issues and people with wet carpet. This location, anything less than a catastrophic failure, the Mohave Wash would be able to carry any unintended discharges. He doesn't see any issues on that side. As an engineer and someone who has been involved in a lot of projects that touch different parts of this, he has too many questions and comments at this to be the appropriate place to do it.

Mr. Shilling asked if they could use some of his information in their next proposal but would like to sit down with us on a private basis.

Vice Chairperson West gave Mr. Shilling his business card to get in contact for further information after the meeting.

Mr. Shilling added that Mike and Supervisors are aware of the project.

Vice Chairperson West said he sits in on most Board Meetings and heard the first round of presentations.

Chairperson Peeler summed it up by saying it's refreshing that you are looking for ways to bring this about, but you're looking at the overall long term picture that when it does happen, it will work for everyone.

Mr. Shilling said that things that add to the community. He encourages and invites you all the first Saturday in June, then the following Tuesday in June to come out and see our Fishing for Smiles Event. It's a thirty minutes ride, we've been lucky with great weather, the volunteers, the food and shade are great. On the Tuesday when the special needs kids are out there, bring your tissues because it's a really heartwarming experience. Thank you very much for listening to us.

Director Meersman stated that at the meeting he attended he brought up a lot of the questions about maintenance. He was probably the biggest worrier because of our strapped budget. He thinks it's a great project if it can happen, but our Council would have to supportive of boosting our budget in areas to cover that, which was his major concern. It's really unfortunate that the splash pad wasn't in line with the timing of us because that would be a great cost savings to the splash pad people to be able to utilize that water and store it. Maybe another splash pad, which he thinks is in the future of the city, because one splash pad probably isn't enough in the big scheme of things. Let's get our first one first. It would be great to have it where it fills the pond with water.

Chairperson Peeler thought that when the time is right Mike will be able to quantify your needs to the Council.

4. ART SCULPTURE DONATION

Kingman Resident Greg Arnold Donates Three Art Sculptures to the City

Director Meersman addressed the picture in the packet of the sculptures that Greg Arnold created. There are three sculptures and they have looked at some sites in the city they thought would be good. The final decision would be up to City. There are other departments such as Engineering for the locations. The first one would be front of the Powerhouse.

Mr. Greg Arnold stated the he was the sculpture who created Giganticus Headicus on Route 66. It's a 14 foot tall Tiki Head right out past Valle Vista. It's been in magazines and car commercials. He is also a metal sculpture and wanted to donate some sculptures to the City of Kingman, make it a little more culturally aware. We go to Boulder City, Sedona and all these town and they have these wonderful things that people can interact with. Then we get drawn to the next sculpture.

We would like to donate these at our expense to the City. We've talked to Josh Noble at the Powerhouse and the copper wheel which is over 10 feet tall. Josh wants it there because when people are driving past the Powerhouse, they always pass the entry way and we need a marker of some kind, so this would be a wonderful addition for that. They can say, just look for the giant copper wheel and people turn right in.

Herberta Schroeder took a picture of Mr. Arnold with his Mountain Biking Around the World sculpture which is a mixture of a mountain bike coming out of the ground, a bike going over the mountains and another bike going back into the ground. We thought it would be fantastic to put it at one of the trail heads because people don't realize we have this wonder series of bicycle trails. People know about these trails except the people in Kingman. We wanted to mount it at the trails and Mike said, how about we put it on right 93 pointing towards one of the trails. People, when driving down, will see it right over by the slot machine building

Director Meersman added that it would be pointing down toward Fort Beale Loop where there's nice hiking and backpacking. People could see it on 93 coming into Kingman. These things would have to be approved by the City. That would be a good place for it. Right now nobody knows we have Fort Beale Loop with hiking and biking trails there.

Mr. Arnold said he talked with the Mayor and City Manager. I'll go to the City Council next if you give us the go ahead. There will be no maintenance because it's outside metal art. The more weathered it gets the more interesting it looks and the more character it adds. We'd like to start with those two sculptures and then keep on going all over Kingman.

Chairperson Peeler asked about the picture of the bell, what's the scope of that, I couldn't tell the size of it roughly.

Mr. Arnold said they do a lot of donations for local charities, that was auctioned off and it about 61/2 feet tall. We'd like to do more like that. It raised about \$1,100 for the Boys and Girls Club. We could be grander in scale it just depends on what size footprint we could have.

Alie Reynolds also spoke about the maintenance and Greg said that anything that had to be maintained, as far as the sculpture itself; that he would take care of that. The lands where the sculptures are put on are already maintained by Parks and Recreation so it doesn't add anything to their burden. The reason Greg hasn't made the bell sculpture yet is because we weren't certain where it would go. He will make it the size and shape that will fit the location.

Director Meersman added that for something like the bell sculpture, maybe Locomotive Park across from the Powerhouse where the Wheel is located. Those are some decisions that have to be made when we are committed to do this.

Vice Chairperson West thought it was a fantastic idea. Anything that we can do to add character to the community is great. We will probably get good comments and unfortunately bad ones but having seen lots of art sculptures in lots of different communities, it really helps step things up. It's consistent with the direction that Guy has taken with his maintenance with eliminating some unneeded turf areas. Sculpture is a good way to essentially take desert landscaping and bring it up a notch so it's appealing to the eye without requiring several hours a month to maintenance.

Member Gillenwater stated that where ever you put this, there's going to be kids who want to climb on it. How sturdy is the sculpture?

Mr. Arnold said it's very sturdy and has a very wide base. We can secure it by cementing it down. Whatever needs to be done so everybody is comfortable in allowing us to put these in.

Member Potter asked if someone climbed to the top, would it support the weight of somebody.

Mr. Arnold said yes, it would support the weight.

Member Gillenwater said that was what he was referring to also the ten foot wagon wheel, he had the same question.

Director Meersman said the locations they were looking at, were positive for that happening less. On 93 he doesn't think there will be as many people stopping there to climb on it. If it was out somewhere out of sight, out of mind, people are going to climb on it and see if they can break it. Those areas picked will be less likely to happen.

Member Gillenwater told Mr. Arnold that he has great work and wants to make sure we put it in a spot where it's incapable of people messing around with it.

Mr. Arnold said he would get the occasion email from Mike if something bent and he would fix it. Ove by Locomotive Park, there is some big craggy type rock that Mike put there, we could surround the sculptures with that and people would be less apt to want to cross that.

Member Dehaan said a little sign saying please do not climb on our sculpture.

Director Peeler asked if this worked for Parks & Recreation.

Director Meersman said it has been talked about and thinks it's a beneficial thing for the community too

A MOTION BY MEMBER BRENT POTTER THAT THIS COMMISSION WOULD LIKE THE CITY TO EXCEPT THE SCULPTURE DONATIONS BY GREG ARNOLD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON DAVID WEST ALL FAVORED BY 7-0 VOTE.

Mr. Arnold was very appreciative and excited by the commission's vote and thanked them for their support.

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

Superintendent, Cossio introduced Ryan Fruhwirth, the new Recreation Coordinator to the commission Members. Ryan years ago worked for the department as a program supervisor. He spent the last eight years in Bullhead City as a Recreation Coordinator. We are happy to have him with us.

SELF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS:

- ❖ The Department is gearing up for Fall Programs.
- ❖ New dance/ballet classes were added to the regular fall classes.

YOUTH SPORTS:

- ❖ Summer Camps were popular. 58 were enrolled in the basketball camp.
- ❖ 74 in the Little Tykes Sport Camps
- ❖ Youth Volleyball Registrations have begun, we hope to reach 80 participants.

ADULT SPORTS:

- ❖ The Adult Fall Leagues registrations are under way.
- ❖ Adult Coed Volleyball and Coed Kickball are offered.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM/DAY CAMPS:

- ❖ Vantastic Program, the free mobile recreation unit, which goes to six park locations, again did very well. That program is sponsored by KRMC.
- ❖ The After School Program has begun. KUSD started earlier and has gone to a 9 week on, 2 week off schedule. We have modified our program to reflect that.

TRIPS AND TOURS:

- ❖ June 13th we went to Ringling Brothers / Barnum & Bailey Circus with a walking tour through El Dorado Canyon Mine in Nelson, NV.
- ❖ August 1-2 we went to Universal Studios / Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum & Library in Simi Valley
- ❖ October 10th Trip to a Disney Musical
- ❖ November 6-8 has a sold out stay in Page, AZ to see the Antelope Slot Canyons, a narrated boat ride on Lake Powell and the Balloon Regatta.

AQUATICS:

- ❖ Both pools opened May 23rd.
- ❖ July 27th a modified schedule was in place due to the kids returning to school
- ❖ The modified season will be evaluated for next year.
- ❖ There is still a High School Swim Meet scheduled in September.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ❖ June 12th – Summer Carnival & Movie Night – The weather was a small factor.
- ❖ July 16th – Mud Mania was held with 527 participants running the muddy course.
- ❖ July 17th – Float In Movie Night at Centennial Pool – Rained out
- ❖ August 7th – Movie In the Park – Sponsored by Unisource and Suddenlink

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ August 28th – Drive In Movie was held at Southside to show the movie from the Float In Night at Centennial Pool
- ❖ September 6th – Release of the Fall Brochure
- ❖ September 25-27 – Best of the West on 66 Event held at Locomotive Park
- ❖ September 26th – 45th Annual Andy Devine Days Parade
- ❖ October 24th – 9th Annual Fall Festival

Member Dorothy Brown said she goes by the Grandview Pool about 5:00pm and it is packed every day, it's wonderful.

Superintendent Cossio said they have evening swim lessons there throughout the summer. We're busy in the summer, it's once the kids get back into school, we try to extend the season. We do a modified school this year with KUSD going to a new schedule.

Vice Chairperson West said he had quite a bit of pool time helping with swim meets over the summer. At looking at how completely utilized our softball fields are and other facilities, I think we have an opportunity that we're really missing with our pools. I know it's tough with the regular traffic to keep things going this time of year and it would require some involvement of the community and the schools and city staff to organize a plan and make it work. The pool at the Wellness Center is definitely over taxed. I haven't done it in a couple but I've participated in Triathlons and one of the biggest difficulties here in Kingman is finding pool time to train. Triathlon season is typically Fall and Spring here in Arizona. That type of event, to get it where it needs to be, we would have to start working with you now for Spring and Fall next year because there's not really the ability to do anything to pull the trigger on this quickly. The swim meet he participated in this summer and all the moving pieces, the more he learned of just the sport of competitive swimming, we have one of the few long course pools available in the Region. We had adult swimmers from all over to compete in a recreation meet that was essentially a meet for 8-15 year old kids because it was there one opportunity to log a long course time for USS Swimming. In the future KUSD is looking at having two high school teams and the Academy has one team. One of the biggest challenges for them is pool time. Trying to squeeze pool time in a rehabilitation pool at the Wellness Center with all those potential organizations working together, he thinks there's an opportunity to find a way to more completely utilize the infrastructure that is in place. A lot of the maintenance costs are going to be there whether there's people or not.

Superintendent Cossio said the bigger issue in the winter is the heating cost. The heaters are shut down in the off season. The heating cost generally in the off season is quite hefty. When the Dolphins use to use our facility and extended their season, they picked up the cost. When the Kingman High School had a swim team, they would split the cost with the Dolphins. This was over five years ago and she believes it was over \$3,000 apiece and that was for one month.

Vice Chairperson West said those are all important numbers to figure out and he's not saying turn it on right now and open the gates. Maybe we need to put together a sub-committee or group of people involved in these events and do a better job in helping to define what the real opportunities are. You can look at the cost of using the heaters to keep it open, if all three high schools were holding meets there, you could have six or seven events in a season. Right now they're trying to do all the meets in that little pool at the Wellness Center. As a spectator, it's miserable, I stand outside and look in the window because you can't put that many bodies in that little space. Here we have a beautiful facility sitting empty when it's 105 degrees.

Member Brown suggested finding sponsorships.

Vice Chairperson West thinks it would take, not just your involvement, it will take work from the community to help organize a complete package so that it's not one group

coming and trying to pay for heating. The Academy has the one swim meet that they're having in September and they are trying to bear the brunt of the heating cost. Those teams are paying to play. So those families are bearing the brunt of the fundraising to try and put on that event. If we could find a way to more utilize and work together as a community to maximize the use, he thinks we could probably pay for it with heads in beds. The swim meet this summer had about 120-140 kids with most of them staying the night in Kingman. If you look at the surrounds communities, even Needles has a 100 person swim team. The Dolphin Swim Team has had issues in the past but Kingman has fallen by the wayside for the use of the facilities. There were a few minor issues at the swim meet with some little stuff but with the rehabilitation that Guy did over the winter last year Centennial Pool is fantastic. It's an excellent facility and would need some maintenance to be great for a competitive location and to meet all the standards but compared to the level of maintenance that's already gone into it, those are really minor costs. It's an opportunity that's missed. We see weekend after weekend our softball fields are booked and are generating revenue for Parks & Rec to cover the maintenance but a huge amount for the City in sales tax. We could do the same thing with those pools, they could be booked almost every weekend if there were enough work put into it and that's work by the organizations holding meets. For that to happen, enough of those groups have to get together to work with you and it's not one group that's bearing the entire cost.

Superintendent Cossio we would like to try and do more if we could. The other challenge we face besides cost and heating, there is that you would need lifeguards. We were fortunate this summer we had a couple lifeguards that started late. They are only limited to work 90 days. It's not 90 worked, it's 90 days from the day they start and then they have to be terminated and cannot come back until next year. When talking about a Fall and Spring program, we have no lifeguards.

Vice Chairperson West that's something there are probably ways, the City has to have employees there to keep the facilities open. Every swim meet has a dozen lifeguards on duty, not counting the swimmers who most of them have to go through the training.

Superintendent Cossio said we understand that but the problem is that it has to be a City employee, even though they are a certified lifeguard, they would have to apply and become a City employee and that means that's all they can be doing, they wouldn't be able to participate.

Vice Chairperson West understands that, he use to referee volleyball for the City and can't be done anymore. All of those are challenges that can be surpassed. We just need to identify them and to the group so they're not road blocks.

Chairperson Peeler asked if this is something the commissioners would be interested in getting for information since we have a lot of back and forth discussion and doesn't want

to get in a bind because it's not an agenda item. Bringing it up was fine but if we're getting into a back and forth discussion it should probably be put on as an agenda item.

Member Potter bigger just wanted to add that the bigger issue with the community is the coordination. The schools are strapped we have the City that's strapped, we have organizations that are trying to bring stuff into the City to get the community involved, it should be a unified organization, that's non-profit to just try and coordinate a lot of different events to create continuity so.

Vice Chairperson West said putting it on the agenda is a good way to address it. He's not saying it's something that City staff should try and handle alone, they can't. There's a big gap in the community, the City has the facilities that are being underutilized and making sure the conversation starts is what he was looking for.

6. PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
See Attachments/Reports

Superintendent, Guy Reynolds, stated there were no maintenance issues during the operations this year, everything went well. Grandview is a 30 meter, Lake Havasu's is a 30 meter, but Centennial is an Olympic 50 meter.

We've had a very busy time this year. Right now we are five staff down so we're really challenged with a lot of the work especially the weeds. The staff is doing an excellent job and are really stepping up and rotating in on weekend shifts. I'm very proud of them all. If you are ever around, please let them know how you feel.

MRO'S:

- ❖ 56 MRO's in the mechanic's shop on mowers, tractors and the trucks in our fleet.
- ❖ 44 MRO's in the parks
- ❖ 33 MRO's in Pools and Recreation

MAINTENANCE:

- ❖ The crew prepped 251 regular scheduled games and tournaments.
- ❖ Southside fields were prepped for 127 regularly scheduled games and tournament play
- ❖ The parks crew put out 143 parks reservations
- ❖ We had 4 minor vandalism events
- ❖ We utilized 906 hours of inmate labor
- ❖ The maintenance crew worked on two softball tournaments – June 20th and 27th
- ❖ The crew installed 200 foot temporary fence, which is required by the sanctioning body
- ❖ We experienced 3 – 4" mainline leaks. Several ran over night and it wasn't caught until the next morning. We lost a lot of water. The causes were tree roots and movement in the ground. The crew did a very good job of fixing and getting them back on line.
- ❖ The roll up windows at Centennial North Concession has been replaced with two new units. They were torn out during vandalism events earlier in the year when they were destroyed. We had to make a plate for one which was removed in and out.
- ❖ We also installed security screens to help slow them down.
- ❖ The new windows are steel, the old ones were aluminum.

- ❖ Alarms were also installed
- ❖ At Southside concessions the standup freezer went out for the last time. We tried to service what we can. The condenser and compressor would have cost just as much as a new freezer. We were fortunate working with Kennedy Temp, they hooked us up directly with the dealer and were able to purchase one at cost for what it would have cost to repair the old one. We're always working to be very frugal with purchases.
- ❖ We experienced a major sewer line block at the Centennial four-plex. Someone had put a whole roll of toilet paper down our mainline and it was coming out the floor drain, out the bathroom, out the concessions. The crews worked until 4am and were able to get the blockage taken care of.
- ❖ We have since had another one and now we know the drill and it took about ten minutes to get that taken care of.
- ❖ We found out there was no reverse clean out in there and we're fortunate enough to have an old cast iron loop and were able to fish the snake the back way and get in there.
- ❖ At Metcalfe Park the irrigation was so old and rusted, the crew has repaired six main line leaks. We used a tri-pod irrigation down there and moved it around manually every day to try and keep some water on the turf but some areas took a large hit. It's looking a lot better now that it's back on automatic operation. When the park activities slow down, we're going to install a complete new irrigation system.
- ❖ Summer monsoons, we had a large tree that did not come back this year. One limb broke off and took the power line service out to the old restrooms and also the new stage. One of the concerts in the park had to be cancelled until we got the tree down and a new service put in.
- ❖ At Southside the field #4 has been changed over from baseball to football. That consists of removing the fence, putting up the goal post and moving the bleachers around.
- ❖ Down by the City Complex prior to the block party we performed a large clean up.
- ❖ We removed a big tree limb by the Court House that was blocking views.
- ❖ The weed abatement was started at Pawnee Park and will be working the way down to Monsoon, Cecil Davis, Stockton Hill and Route 66. The Airway Underpass is completely done. They are spraying by the DMV and Public Works and then down by Arizona Furniture. We will save the downtown for last with a major clean and trim prior to the Route 66 Festival.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- ❖ The McKee Food Ramada is complete. It has two ADA picnic tables, memorial benches and a barbeque. It already has been used quite a bit.

It's been very, very busy and the crews have done a good job and are finishing up the ball season and get ready for winter.

Chairperson Peeler asked Guy if he predicted some of the infrastructure failures you've seen are going to become business as usual because of the age of the system.

Superintendent Reynolds said there's nothing to be done when you have a tree that grows and pops a line, some of the system were very inadequate when put in. they had 200 instead of 400, that's very brittle the system is very old and brittle. There was a 3" mainline which is very clogged because of the corrosion and rust. There are fractures that

happen. We're trying to upgrade and do things right when we find these problems. Metcalfe just needs a complete new irrigation system.

Vice Chairperson West said that in the long run it will wind up saving money but getting there will be difficult.

Superintendent said they are trying to move forward with their satellite irrigation so we can actually control remotely and shut things down during thunder storms. We have some parks on that now, we have to manually turn parks off and that takes hours.

7. SPLASH PAD UPDATE

Director Meersman said the Venture Club has raised over \$100,000 so far, that's encouraging.

It's unfortunate this lake idea and splash pad couldn't have come together sooner because the big expense is going to be containing the water because we want to be able to use that water to irrigate the park.

He's shocked and pleased with how great they're doing in raising the money. They are doing an awesome job.

Director Meersman is also continuing to learn more and more about splash pads so we know how to take care of it when we do get it.

8. SMOKE FREE PARK ZONES

Director Meersman stated they are still working on improving that program.

He and Guy attended the APRA Meeting this past week and there was a lot of discussion regarding smoke free park zones.

The City of Kingman got recognized for in a lot of these talks and that we were ahead of the curve.

It's worked out well and there still are people that smoke in the park where they shouldn't. the park rangers can now tell them they are in a smoke free zone. We've had a couple incidents and the people do stop or move outside the smoke free zone.

Chairperson Peeler said the KYC BUTT Organization have moved on to Washington.

Director Meersman stated that the way we've done it is very good. We need to continue to keep up and improving it. It's a constant battle replacing the signs. We put them up and people tear them down.

Vice Chairperson West from our perspective it's done what we hoped it would do and free up the areas that are heavily used while not forcing people who choose to smoke and

avoid the parks entirely. We continue to provide smoke free areas that are in the high density uses and not step on too many toes.

Director Meersman said it was a good decision and it's working well. There are things we can do more to continue to improve it.

9. DIRECTORS REPORT

In May we had Kingman North and South Little League hosted Tournaments which bring a lot of people to our community.

In July the Little Leagues hosted the State Tournament.

The Girls J.O. State Tournament in July also brought in a lot of people.

The Swim Meets also have a lot of people, not just the swimmers a lot of family members come too.

The Metcalfe Stage, if you haven't been down there that's finished and beautiful. It's a great addition to that park. It's been utilized a lot. One of our employees recently had a play there.

If you haven't seen the McKee Foods Ramada at Centennial, it's really nice.

With the disturbance at the Prison we didn't have inmates for over two weeks and that's 24% of our crew. Our crew did a lot to keep up on things the way we have become use to.

Kingman Youth Soccer League starts this week. They had a 100 more kids than in the past so that's bigger and better than it used to be. It's exciting to see and a lot more wear and tear on our parks for Guy. We'll just keep doing the best we can.

The next meeting will be November 18th.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

Vice Chairperson West wanted to apologize for putting Yvonne on the spot and ask that we put a discussion of pool items on the agenda.

Chairperson Peeler thought we need to start looking at another park tour like we did last year. We have two new commissioners and I didn't get a chance to make it last year. We could look at potential dates.

Chairperson Peeler would like to have the five year plan that we use to review annually. We use to review the plan, it would be good for the commissioners to see that. The past number of years since the recession hit, we really haven't looked at, it we need anything new or expanding. Your department is always preparing at what we need to do when the money becomes available, I think that would be beneficial to share that with the commission members. It will be enlightening to see all the planning.

Commission Member Brent Potter made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Commission Member Corralyn Dunshie SECONDED and it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by 7-0 VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 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 August 20, 2015.

Dated this _____ day of November 18, 2015

Karen Fogg, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary