



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 401 CALIFORNIA AVENUE,
BOULDER CITY NV 89005**

JULY 22, 2024 - 4:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER

CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Members present: Chairman Scott Hinson, Member Teresa Beaver, Member Chuck Pickens, Member Steven Robbins, Member Chad Schoop (5)

Absent: Member Rodney Woodbury, Member Don Rackey (2)

Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Julie Calloway, Department Secretary Sheri Bonk, Office Assistant Brittany Kanger-McGiffin

Student at Large: Abby Francis and Xochitl Skousen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Call proposed a track to be built in Veterans Memorial Park for anyone to utilize for walking and running.

AGENDA

1. For possible action: Approval of minutes of the May 20, 2024 regular meeting

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Member Chuck Pickens **Seconded by:** Member Steven Robbins

Vote:

Aye: Chairman Scott Hinson, Member Teresa Beaver, Member Chuck Pickens, Member Steven Robbins, Member Chad Schoop (5)

Nay: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Member Rodney Woodbury, Member Don Rackey (2)

Motion Passed

2. For possible action: Matters pertaining to the Boulder City Municipal Golf Course and the Boulder Creek Golf Course:

A. Review and possible discussion about the statistics and surcharge reports

B. Overview from Parks and Recreation Director Julie Calloway and possible discussion about maintenance issues and playability at the Boulder City Municipal Golf Course and Boulder Creek Golf Course

Director Calloway reported that golf is still busy even with extreme temperatures. She explained that the final figures are not yet in for 2024 fiscal year, but both courses did well. She informed the members that Golf Professional, Andy Schaper took another position in Flagstaff and that Schaper Golf is now under the direction of Karl Larcom. She said that Karl is well known throughout the golf community. She said with this transition, he could retain existing staff and continue business as usual. Director Calloway provided the current maintenance projects including mowing and sprinkler repair along with pre-emergent and fungicide applications. She also mentioned that some irrigation projects are more difficult at Boulder City Muni due to obsolete irrigation parts. She informed the members about the water conservation project at Boulder Creek by the pavilion was completed. She explained that staff hosted a meeting for the community regarding the potential turf reduction and irrigation project at the Municipal Golf Course. She said that all community input would be shared with City Council so they can make their decision regarding the turf reduction project.

3. For possible action: Matters pertaining to the Recreation Division of the Parks and Recreation Department:

A. Review and possible discussion about daily, monthly, and yearly statistics

B. Overview from Program Coordinator, Jennifer Spinkelink, and possible discussion about the status of special interest classes, special events, and art center.

C. Overview from Sports Coordinator, Jami Goudy, and possible discussion about the status of youth and adult sports

D. Overview from Parks and Recreation Director, Julie Calloway, and possible discussion about the status of recreation administrative items

Director Calloway reported for Program Coordinator Spinkelink stating that our Safekey program is moving to Andrew J. Mitchell Elementary School. She reported staff is excited to work with the new principal Dr. Tracy Echeverria whose children grew up in the Boulder City Parks and Recreation programs. She informed the members of the hours and operation, pricing and the off-site location all remain the same. Director Calloway informed the members our former Tiny Tot's teacher, Bridget Martorano, received an internal promotion to Assistant Sports Coordinator. She reported that an additional line dance class was added and horseback riding lessons will resume in September with an improved arena for the lessons.

Sports Coordinator Jami Goudy introduced Bridget Martorano as the new Assistant Sports Coordinator. Assistant Sports Coordinator Bridget Martorano reported on adult sports and youth summer camps offered for kids ages 4-14. She said men's summer basketball league is on its third week and the sports staff is preparing for their fall sports such as women's volleyball, co-ed softball and volleyball. Assistant Sports Coordinator informed the members that soccer clinics will be held on August 3rd.

Director Calloway stated to the members she provided the special events happening in Boulder City over the next 12 months. Director Calloway reported Jennifer Spinkelink was promoted to Parks and Recreation Analyst. She informed the members of the design for the new capital improvement plan for the pickleball courts at Veterans Memorial Park is almost complete and continues to move forward. She reported additional projects being worked on including solar lighting at the new dog park and playground safety surface repairs.

Member Robbins asked about the pickleball court design and the use of the courts and Director Calloway said there would be four courts.

4. For possible action: Matters pertaining to the Aquatic Division of the Parks and Recreation Department:

A. Review and possible discussion about daily, monthly, and yearly statistics report

B. Overview from Aquatic Coordinator, Cheree Brennan, and possible discussion on classes, special events, and maintenance issues at the aquatics complex

Aquatic Coordinator Cheree Brennan reports that the pool has had a full compliment of lifeguards this summer. She communicated the pool is working on a modified schedule for pool hours with a possibility of hiring from a lifeguard staffing company due to lifeguards leaving after the summer. She relayed that the pool is actively hiring for lifeguards. Coordinator Brennan recognized an employee, Elizabeth Haga, who was an outstanding employee for the last six years at the pool. Coordinator Brennan told the members that the high school boys swimming team took State Championship in the Division III category and she expressed how they are proud to have them at the

pool. Coordinator Brennan reported that the BCH Heat Wave member numbers had significantly increased to 50 members since last summer.

Coordinator Brennan reported they offer six different water aerobics classes over the summer. She stated that private lesson requests have significantly increased. Coordinator Brennan noted how successful the “Beat The Heat” went and they now offer free swimming on Saturdays at the pool for all ages. She relayed on June 20th they hosted the annual world’s largest swimming lesson which took place around the world. She mentioned that the mission of this organization is to increase knowledge and awareness of water safety and that swimming lessons save lives. Coordinator Brennan announced that on Wednesday, July 24th the pool will be hosting the cardboard boat races and this year’s theme is pirates. She told the members that judging starts at 6 p.m. then the races will begin at 7p.m and afterwards they would hand out medals and prizes.

She reported that the city’s plumber installed a wider hose which made the grid filtration cleaning process smoother.

Member Pickens inquired about any other problems happening in the pump room. Coordinator Brennan communicated that there is air in the lines and they are looking for the source.

Coordinator Brennan relayed that Public Works installed a sensor in the mechanical room that detects water levels and notifies the department via software application.

Member Schoop inquired more about the specifics of the Cardboard Boat Races. Coordinator Brennan referred him to the flyer and discussed the rules and requirements of the boat race.

5. For possible action: Overview provided by Parks and Recreation Director Julie Calloway and possible discussion about mountain biking and the aerial system in Bootleg Canyon.

Director Calloway reported that Bootleg Canyon is slow during the summer months, but the special events will start back up when the weather permits in September. Director Calloway provided the members an update on the RFP process. She mentioned they secured a qualified interest company and the next step is to negotiate a contract to start building a recreation opportunity for visitors and residents of Boulder City.

Member Hinson inquired when would it be up and running. Director Calloway expressed not before the beginning of the year.

6. For possible action: Review and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Shane Patton Scholarship Foundation's Public Memorials and Monuments Application

Director Calloway explained the monument policy and the commissions responsibility. The Shane Patton Foundation is requesting placement of the bronze statute in honor of a longtime Boulder City resident and Navy SEAL Shane Patton to be placed in Wilbur Square Park.

Member Hinson asked about the potential risks and city code issue of the statue being placed at Wilbur Square Park and Director Calloway explained that staff would provide input of those items.

Applicants Grant Turner and Chase Patton told the members that Shane Patton is the only Navy SEAL from Operation Red Wings to not have a statue in their hometown. They expressed to the members Wilbur Square Park would be the best location for the statue due to its central location, importance, and the special events that happen there.

Member Pickens inquired if they are still doing the scholarship with the Boulder City High School. Applicant Turner said they have in the past and this year they have not been in contact with the Boulder City High School.

Member Robbins voiced Veterans Memorial Park would be a better location. Applicant Turner communicated Veterans Memorial Park is beautiful but not under consideration for a location of the statue. Applicant Chase Patton expressed to the members that by putting the statue at Wilbur Square Park it will attract more visitors to Boulder City.

Member Beaver stated that Veterans Memorial Park is more for kids and the statute would be seen and appreciated more at Wilbur Square Park.

Member Schoop inquired if they had another choice for a location that would be acceptable to the foundation. Applicant Turner stated there are other locations that would be acceptable, but Wilbur Square Park is the intended location for the prominent statue.

Member Hinson communicated that the event coordinators expressed that the Wilbur location would impact their annual events. He also mentioned the policy criteria of common interest with placement at Veterans Memorial Park. Applicant Turner told member Hinson that it does not hinder the events that happen annually. He said it is the least obstructive and most impactful site.

Member Pickens expressed when people come visit Boulder City they go downtown and he would like to see it placed there. Applicant Turner expressed the support of the Shane Patton memorial is overwhelming.

Motion: Member Beaver made a motion to recommend to City Council to approve the application as written or as submitted.

Approved

Moved by: Member Teresa Beaver **Seconded by:** Member Chuck Pickens

Vote:

Aye: Chairman Scott Hinson, Member Teresa Beaver, Member Chuck Pickens (3)

Nay: Member Steven Robbins, Member Chad Schoop (2)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Member Rodney Woodbury, Member Don Rackey (2)

Motion Passed

7. For possible action: Parks and Recreation Commission Reports and possible suggestions concerning facilities, maintenance issues, various operations, and community events

Director Calloway made a public announcement thanking the Damboree Committee, City of Boulder City staff members and volunteers that worked so diligently at this year's Damboree Celebration. She also thanked Boulder City residents that came out and enjoyed all of the festivities.

Member Hinson stated the Veterans Memorial Park seemed fuller than previous years. Director Calloway noted the extreme temperatures did not scare anyone away.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doctor and Owner of Champion Physical Therapy in Boulder City, Taylor Call relayed to the members, Boulder City needs to build a public track for the residents and visitors of Boulder City. He expressed to the members there are no opportunities to train on a track and having a track would bring people from all over to Boulder City. He expressed a track could be built on four acres of land on the west side of the Veterans Memorial Park in the desert.

Department Secretary Sheri Bonk read the following written public comment. See attachment from Alina Cowdrey

Chairman Scott Hinson adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.

Scott Hinson, Chairman

Sheri Bonk, Department Secretary