

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #136, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, February 21st, 2019
4:00 pm

Call to order: The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PARC Members present: William Mowczko, Chris Bedinger, John Stratton, John Jackson

PARC Members Absent: Virgil Tapispisan, Judy Phillips, Miguel Sosa

Staff Present: Debbie Wendt, Damon Chango, Drew Smith, Joel Hubbard, Jasmin Rodriguez, Jaclyn Pierson, Lindsay Benacka, Esther Markle, Joe Cox

Call to the Public: None

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by John Jackson, second by John Stratton, to approve the January 17, 2019 meeting minutes. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 William Mowczko, Chris Bedinger, John Stratton, John Jackson

Scheduled Items:

a. Introduction of the Tree and Shade Master Plan

(Presentation by Alyssa Linville with Community Development)

- The purpose of the master plan is to focus on urban forestry and create a healthier, livable and prosperous city.
- The general plan focuses on increasing canopy's at existing parks and bus stops across Yuma
- John Jackson volunteered to be on the Tree Shade and Master Plan Taskforce

b. Discussion of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission By-laws

- The committee discussed the suggested format changes provided by Bill
- Committee agreed to stay with the format originally presented
- Debbie requested that the committee review the By-laws handed out at the meeting and submit feedback by a week prior to the next meeting

Action Item: None

Summary of Current Events:

Joel reported:

- Working on getting the complex ready for Midnight at the Oasis coming up

Lindsay reported:

- Theater's 107 birthday is coming up

Esther reported:

- Scottish Burns festival had an increase in attendance from last year

Joe reported:

- Swim meet with co-sponsor Yuma Heat coming up February 23rd
- The last 5k/10k race, The Great Road Race, had a total of 284 participates

Debbie reported:

- Parks and Recreation is currently working on submitting Land and Water Conservation Grant to include the completion of West Wetlands Park, Gateway Park, and Riverside Park. A CDBG grant was submitted for Joe Henry Optimist outside basketball courts.

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions: None

Agenda Item for next meeting: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Stratton, second by John Jackson, to adjourn the February 21, 2019 meeting at 5:15 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 William Mowczko, Chris Bedinger, John Stratton, John Jackson

Minutes approved this 21st day of MARCH, 2019.



Christopher Bedinger, Chairman