

The Yuma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission met in a regular session on November 13, 2019. The meeting was held at the Yuma County Public Works Training Room, 4343 S. Avenue 5 ½ E, Yuma, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER: At 5:35 P.M., Commissioner Cavanaugh convened the Yuma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission in open session.

Commissioners present were: Barbara Cavanaugh, Louie Galaviz, Tim Gilliland, Louie Gradias, Althea Evans, Judy Phillips, and Linda Elliot. Commissioners Rosalie Lines, Gladys Anaya and Lorena Zendejas were absent.

Others present were: Improvement District Coordinator Rachel Stallworth and Community Planning Supervisor Nancy Ngai.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Cavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS: No presentations without legal action.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

No. 1: Approval of meeting minutes for November 13, 2019.

MOTION: (GALAVIZ/PHILLIPS) Approved as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0, with Commissioners Lines, Anaya and Zendejas absent.

No. 2: Discussion with possible action regarding Staff's meeting with owners of the Schechert Trust property, regarding: a) Donation of land for future park, and: b) Commissions recommended use for proposed future park land.

Staff- Rachel Stallworth, addressed commissioners about a meeting she had with Andy Capestro of the Schechert Trust regarding the property at 52nd Street and Avenue 14 1/2E in the foothills. She stated that the location was previously used as a walking park and already has some parking and a couple of benches for seating. Andy Capestro has agreed, on behalf of the Schechert Trust, to donate the land for future park use. They had originally given this location to the Kiwanis Club for park use, but ownership was never formally transferred as they had thought. The area has not been used by Kiwanis in years, and the Schechert Trust is prepared to have their engineer survey the boundaries of the property to be donated, then proceed with actual ownership transfer to the County. This would be pending recommendation by the Parks Commission and future acceptance by the County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Cavanaugh opened discussion on proposed donation from the Schechert Trust. The Commissioners were all enthused about the proposal. After discussion on the matter, they all agreed to recommend acceptance of the land donation to the County Board, with decision on whether to use it as a dog park or for another park purpose to

be determined at a future meeting. Motion made by Linda Elliot to recommend acceptance to the Board of Supervisors of the property from the Schechert Trust when land is ready for transfer, with determination for it's use to be made at a future date.

MOTION: (ELLIOT/GRADIAS) Motion passed as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0, with Commissioners Lines, Anaya and Zendejas absent.

No. 3: Presentation by Staff – Nancy Ngai on the

- a) Proposed Project Development Plan for the Foothills Multi-Purpose Complex;**
- b) Discussion the Project Development Plan for the Foothills Multi-Purpose Complex located at APN 701-37-901, with Commission recommendations to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors.**

- a) Ms. Ngai presented a Power Point on the Foothills Multi-Purpose Complex Project Development Plan, providing background information on existing County parks and the history on the Foothills Multi-Purpose Complex with its Transportation Component requirement that goes with the location. She went through the Project Approach to develop the property as a future park. It would include six phases with the first phase to include some green turf and a walking path with an estimated cost of \$3,500. The various other phases would include future implementation of a playground, parking lot, ramada and barbecue grills, additional green turf and additional walking path, potential dog park and restrooms, lighting, perimeter fencing and trees and landscaping with an irrigation system.
- b) There was discussion among members of the Commission and Ms. Ngai regarding ADOT approval of the plan, a Project Manager to oversee the construction of the improvements, financial support that would be needed, utilities, volunteers, local leadership and sponsorship from a Nonprofit organization. They talked about the various constraints in the development with financial constraints being the top priority for the development cost and ongoing maintenance costs.

To expedite the project's first phase, there is consensus that various equipment and required material and labor could be secured through donation or contribution. It was discussed that funding for other construction needs may be accomplished through Community Development Block Grant funds or Arizona State Parks grants.

Chairman Cavanaugh feels there may be more interest in supporting the project from the Foothills Rotary if they do not have to provide the insurance, which would be provided by the County. The various Commissioners will be approaching various businesses, groups, and individuals to provide assistance through volunteer work, monetary donation, and future maintenance. They all agreed that the Foothills Park

development is important for the overall quality of life in the foothills area. There was full consensus that the Board of Supervisors receive their recommendation of acceptance of the Development Plan as presented, beginning with Phase I of the Project Approach.

MOTION: (CAVANAUGH/EVANS) Motion passed as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0, with Commissioners Lines, Anaya and Zendejas absent.

No. 4: Discussion and possible action on Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, with consideration to the week, day and time.

There was discussion among the commissioners regarding the inability to secure a quorum at several meetings. Although the meeting time and date had previously been changed in the hopes of commissioners being able to attend, it was determined to change the day and time once again in hopes of not having to forego meeting due to lack of a quorum. The motion was made to move the meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month, with meetings to start at 1:30 pm in the afternoon.

MOTION: (PHILLIPS/GALAVIZ) Motion passed as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0, with Commissioners Lines, Anaya and Zendejas absent.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Commission members may direct staff to place matters on future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Adopted and accepted this 9th Day of September, 2020.

/s/ Barbara Cavanaugh

Barbara Cavanaugh - Chairman