



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022, AT 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Chairperson Backus and Council Members Cheryl Kessel, Ben Kramer, and Gail Worden

Other Municipal Officials Present: Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Manager; Chell Smart, Parks and Recreation Specialist

Audience: Approximately two members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chairperson Backus called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

2. ROLL CALL - All members present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Schmidt noted that she lives at Crossroads subdivision and commented regarding pickleball concerns. She requested that improvements be made to the pickleball area at Copper Penny Park.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

A. *Introduction of new Commissioner, Becky Keck.*

5. REPORTS

A. Event Updates

Parks and Recreation Manager Joni Westcott provided event updates on the following topics: Upcoming events, Concerts, Halloween, Selma Mongini Park, CDBG for Caballero Park and Trails.

B. Action Minutes Policy

Parks and Recreation Manager Joni Westcott provided an update on the Action Minutes Policy that was approved by Council on Sept. 13, 2022.

C. Call to the Public

Parks and Recreation Manager Joni Westcott discussed the Attorney General's opinion regarding responses by individual members of a public body during a Call to the Public.

6. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

Consider and act upon the approval of the draft minutes from the meeting held on Sept. 14, 2022.

Action: Approve the Sept. 14, 2022, Parks and Recreation minutes.

Motion: *Chairperson Backus*

Second: *Commissioner Kramer*

Vote: 4-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Chairperson Allyn Backus	Aye
Vice Chairperson Cheryl Kessel	Aye
Commissioner Ben Kramer	Aye
Commissioner Jeri Miuccio	Absent
Commissioner Becky Keck	Aye

7. DISCUSSION ONLY

A. PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Discussion took place regarding updates to the 2022 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Vision and Mission Statements. The following were agreed as the Vision and Mission Statements to move forward with:

Vision Statement:

It is our vision to create a happy and healthy community where residents can live, learn, and play together.

Mission Statement:

Enhance the quality of life in Clarkdale by providing safe, equitable and beautiful community public spaces and recreational opportunities that promote and sustain our unique environment, resources, and history.

Values:

Connections – Connect people, trails, and outdoor recreation spaces. Collaborate and develop partnerships to share resources and further shared goals.

Education – Identify, promote, and develop educational opportunities especially those focused on the natural and cultural history of our area.

Equity – Provide evenly distributed parks, facilities, and program services in a just, fair, and equitable manner, so that residents from all neighborhoods and of diverse backgrounds, physical abilities, age groups, races and genders can access Clarkdale's recreation resources in a non-discriminatory manner.

Quality of life – Encourage play, quality of life, fun and entertainment in Clarkdale.

Safety – Design and promote a safe and healthy environment for all who work and play in our parks, facilities, and programs.

Stewardship – Preserve and expand open spaces including the Verde River, parks, and trails to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Sustainability – Plan for a sustainable future for parks and recreation in Clarkdale while meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Decisions related to sustainability can have long-term impacts on the environment, society, culture, and economy, therefore we commit to practicing sustainability by considering a full range of potential impacts before moving forward with balanced and responsible decisions.

Volunteerism – Support, encourage and celebrate volunteerism in our community.

B. 2022 WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT PLAN

Discussion took place regarding the 2022 Holiday event plans. The following direction was advised:

- Hold Santa Comes to Clarkdale event.
- Library will be reached out to regarding covering crafts.
- Use polaroid photos.
- Consider the caroling event if a community partner would like to take on that event.
- Invite carolers to the Santa event.
- Look into outsourcing beverages and snacks for the Santa event.
- Look into all white lights for 2023 gazebo decorating.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parks and Recreation Commission proposed the following items to be placed on a future agenda:

1. *Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan*
2. *Copper Penny Park Pickleball Court*
3. *Town Park Bathrooms*

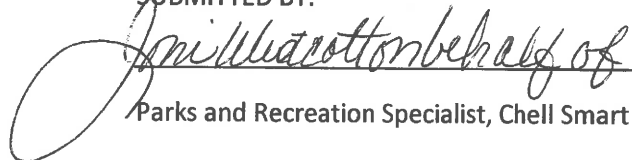
9. ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Backus adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairperson, Allyn Backus

SUBMITTED BY:



Parks and Recreation Specialist, Chell Smart

