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AGENDA

**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
REGULAR SESSION
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING LINK:**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Dave Grondin, Vice Chairperson Jerry Morris, Commissioner Candra Faulkner, Commissioner Glenda Duncan, Commissioner Mary Hughes, Commissioner Jeffrey Noonan, and Commissioner Wayne Smith
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Commission requests.
 - a) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - 1) Work Session – April 1, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. pg 4
 - 2) Regular Session – April 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. pg 7
 - b) **Set Next Meeting Date and Time:**
 - 1) Monday, June 3, 2024, Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.
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6. **Discussion, consideration, review and possible recommendation regarding P&R Commission Quarterly Report.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)
7. **Discussion, update, and review of parks and recreation CIP and Parks and Recreation Budget changes.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall) pg 13
8. **Discussion of the current Town General Plan, specifically the Recreation Section.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall) pg 15
9. **Discussion and update on the Sports Complex Concession/Restroom building.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)
10. **Discussion, consideration, review, and possible recommendation regarding the Parks & Recreation Commission Strategic Plan Action Steps Planning Calendar.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)
11. **Discussion and update on the Butler Scoreboard for Camp Verde Youth Football.** (Staff Resource: Michale Marshall)
12. **Discussion and update on the USTA Grant information.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)
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16. **Adjournment**

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Shawna Figy

Shawna Figy, Recreation Supervisor



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1. **Call to Order** Chairman Grondin called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairman Dave Grondin, Vice Chairman Jerry Morris, Commissioner Glenda Duncan, Commissioner Mary Hughes (absent), Commissioner Candra Faulkner, Commissioner Jeffrey Noonan, and Commissioner Wayne Smith

Also Present. Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Marshall, Acting Deputy Town Clerk Jadie Edwards, Recording Secretary Mary Frewin

3. **Discussion and review regarding parks and recreation CIP and Parks and Recreation Budget update.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Marshal began by giving the Commission a rundown of what was in the packet before them.

The packet contained information on:

- FY24 Capital Improvement Plan projects approved by the Council
- FY25 proposed CIP projects to go before the Commission and the Council
- Parks and Recreation FY 2023-2024 Budget
- Tentative Parks and Recreation Survey Questions

During this Work Session, Mr. Marshall took time to go over each approved CIP project, giving an update on the status of each.

Additionally, he shared with the Commission the CIP projects that they will be sending before both the Commission at the Regular Session later this evening, and then Council for approval in FY25. Mr. Marshall stated that these proposed projects were decided on due to their high need in the community. The council will be looking to the Commission as the voice of the public for which projects are the most dire in need.

Mr. Marshall also passed out a Municipal Accounting Standards and Practices paper, to help the Commission better understand the Parks and Recreation Budget.

Commissioner Morris requested that in the future the town's Finance Director be in attendance for additional support in looking over the budget.

4. **Discussion about P&R Commission public survey questions and methodology.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)

Additionally in the packet, was a copy of PRC Survey Questions draft for review and feedback.

Mr. Marshall and the Commission reviewed and discussed these questions.

The Commission will have the opportunity to approve or alter these questions in the Regular Session.

5. **Discussion regarding the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission at events.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)

Many members of the Commission attended Touch a Truck and felt that they would like their presence at Parks and Recreation Events to be interactive and effective. They would like to be in the same tent as the Parks and Recreation staff. This would give them an opportunity to partner with the Parks and Recreation, as well as get to know the community.

6. **Adjournment** Chairman Grondin adjourned the meeting at 5:27 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona during the Regular Session held on the 4th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present. Dated this 4th day of March 2024.

Chairman Dave Grondin

Parks & R Manager Mike Marshall

Mary Frewin
Mary Frewin, Recording Secretary

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2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Dave Grondin, Vice Chairperson Jerry Morris, Commissioner Candra Faulkner, Commissioner Glenda Duncan, Commissioner Mary Hughes (absent), Commissioner Jeffrey Noonan, and Commissioner Wayne Smith
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Commissioner Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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 - 2) Regular Session – February 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
 - b) **Set Next Meeting Date and Time:**
 - 1) Monday, April 1, 2024, Work Session at 4:30 p.m.
 - 2) Monday, April 1, 2024, Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.

On a **motion** by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Commission **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda except for item a1.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Smith: Aye
Commissioner Hughes: Absent
Commissioner Faulkner: Aye
Chairman Grondin: Aye
Vice Chairman Morris: Aye
Commissioner Noonan: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Motion Carried: 6-0

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**

- **Presentation and information regarding Camp Verde Youth Football and their use of Butler Park Football field as their “Home” field along with needed improvements.** Resource: Jeremy Brady

Jeremy Brady, Vice President of Camp Verde Youth Football and Cheer, spoke to the Commission regarding field use and improvements for Camp Verde Youth Football. He proposed installing a scoreboard at the Football/Soccer field at Butler Park. Their regulations state that they must have a lined field, scoreboard, goal post, and a game clock to play their games. With Camp Verde High School Football Field, no longer being available to them, they need a place in the town to play. The Sports Complex would be their first option, but they do not have confidence in setting up games there, because they’ve had many issues that arise when they have tried. Mr. Brady and a few other locals are willing to get the process started in getting the scoreboard installed at Butler Park. This scoreboard will have a conversion kit to be able to do Football and Soccer. This proposal will only have material costs associated with it, as the labor will be donated.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Mike Marshall stated that he thinks this would be a good solution and good use of the field. He anticipates that there may be some CIP money available to complete this project.

Vice Chairman Morris wondered if it was possible to get some sponsorship for the scoreboard.

Mr. Brady told him it’s very possible. They will do whatever they need to do as a league to get this project completed.

The Commission agreed that this scoreboard would be a great addition to the town.

- **Update on Town Council Strategic Planning Update.** (Staff Resource : Michael Marshall)

Mr. Marshall shared that the plan is still in draft form and has not been released to the public. He believes it will go before the Council for approval in April. He stated that the Parks and Recreation master plan is one of the strategic goals that the Council would like to see happen. They would also like to see an increase in community engagement events.

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Bryson Brady spoke regarding Camp Verde Youth Football. He would like to see this item moved forward.

7. **Discussion, consideration, review and possible recommendation regarding parks and recreation CIP and Parks and Recreation Budget update.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)

Chairman Grondin tabled this item. It will be moved to a Work Session on April 1st at 4:30 PM.

8. **Discussion, consideration, review, and possible recommendation regarding the Camp Verde Youth Football presentation.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)

This agenda item was moved up to Item 6. All the other items followed suit.

Before the motion, the Commission clarified the total price of the scoreboard.

On a **motion** by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Commission moved to recommend to the Town Council that they move forward with this proposal by Brady Custom Builders to put in the new scoreboard at Butler Park for Football and Soccer usage this season.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Smith: Aye
Commissioner Hughes: Absent
Commissioner Faulkner: Aye
Chairman Grondin: Aye
Vice Chairman Morris: Aye

Commissioner Noonan: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Motion Carried: 6-0

9. **Discussion, consideration, review, and possible recommendation regarding P&R Commission public survey questions.** (Staff Resource Michael Marshall)

Question number two on the survey is going to be taken off.

Chairman Grondin would like to see the survey posted at the pool as soon as it's open. He would also like to see question #5 on Survey 1 moved to question #2 on Survey 2.

Commissioner Faulkner would like to see the wording narrowed down, and the questions more concise to keep the attention of the readers.

Ultimately, the Commission was not very pleased with the survey. They felt the questions needed to be more concise, where readers aren't lost in the large amounts of wording. However, the questions need to be engaging, to get people thinking and talking about what they want for Camp Verde.

Mr. Marshall stated that they will do whatever they need to do to get this survey out to as many people as possible. He would like to table this to the April Work Session as well.

10. **Discussion and review of Parks and Recreation special events and programming.** (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)

Mr. Marshall reviewed with the Commission the success of Touch-a-Truck, stating that this year they had around 4,000 people compared to last year's 2,500. They had a similar number of exhibitors.

The next event is the Pecan and Wine Festival in mid-March. Parks and Rec will plan on having the Commission join them in their tent. They can also volunteer at the welcome booth.

He also shared that the online registration for events is working very well. Corn Fest indoor registration filled up in just a few hours.

Grasshopper Basketball is finishing up. They had the highest number of 5th-8th graders this year and praised their staff for that.

11. **Commission Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings or events that Commission members attended.

Commissioner Morris was disappointed that the Commission was not more involved in Touch-a-Truck. He would like to see the Commission's role be more relevant at

events.

Commissioner Faulkner felt that Touch-a-Truck was a great success. She got a lot of feedback walking around talking to people and vendors. She was disappointed that vendors were leaving early.

Mr. Marshall agreed with her but felt that holding vendors at any event is difficult.

Commissioner Smith would like to see pamphlets of the town's trip brought to different events.

The entire Commission praised Touch-a-Truck.

12. **Discussion and direction to staff on topics for future Agenda Items. (Staff Resource: Michael Marshall)**

Mr. Marshall shared that the Verde Lakes meeting was cancelled last month and is also cancelled this month.

Commissioner Morris wondered if Finance Director Mike Showers could join them for the Parks and Rec budget discussion, to offer a better explanation of the budget.

Chairman Grondin told the Commission they can e-mail him if there is anything that comes up that they would like to see on future agendas.

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Mr. Marshall stated that he will e-mail the staff report for February.

He wanted to emphasize that Placer AI does a great job giving reliable and accurate counts for how many people are at events.

He also shared that the Parks and Recreation is still short staffed this month.

14. **Adjournment** Chairman Grondin adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

On a **motion** by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Commission moved to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Smith: Aye

Commissioner Hughes: Absent

Commissioner Faulkner: Aye
Chairman Grondin: Aye
Vice Chairman Morris: Aye
Commissioner Noonan: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Motion Carried: 6-0

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Parks & Rec FY 25 Budget Cuts Summary

At the direction of Finance, P&R made preliminary cuts according to stated Finance goals based on FY24 numbers. Cuts did not involve proposed increases.

After Department Head meetings the Manager proposed the following updated cuts.

Initial P&R Department target goal	\$49,322.44
Recommended P&R reductions	\$49,500
Current Manager recommended reductions	\$76,560

800 Administration**Initial Target goal** **\$11,902.40****Current Reduction** **\$13,750**

<u>Expense Account</u>	<u>P&R proposed</u>	<u>Manager Recommendation</u>
Training	\$0	\$500
Travel	\$0	\$500
Subscriptions/Memberships	\$0	\$250
Electric account	\$12,500	\$12,500
<u>Reduction total</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$13,750</u>

810 Special Events**Initial Target goal** **\$12,027.79****Current Reduction** **\$27,305**

<u>Expense Account</u>	<u>P&R proposed</u>	<u>Manager Recommendation</u>
Salary account	\$4,000	\$22,305 (Includes denial of new position)
Product Sales Cost	\$5,000	\$5,000
<u>Reduction total</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$27,305</u>

820 Heritage Pool

Initial Target Goal \$9,376.25

Current Reduction \$32,855

<u>Expense Account</u>	<u>P&R proposed</u>	<u>Manager Recommendation</u>
Salary	\$15,600	\$31,055*
Electric	\$900	\$900
Propane	\$3,600	\$1,000
Pool Chemicals	\$900	\$900
<u>Expense Reduction Total</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$32,855</u>

Based on elimination of extended pool season Aug. 5 – September 2

*Expect \$13,482 to be returned for seasonal pool supervisor.

830 Programming

Initial Target Goal \$16,025.99

Current Reduction \$2,650

<u>Expense Account</u>	<u>P&R Proposed</u>	<u>Manager Recommendation</u>
Salary	\$5,000	\$2,650

- Nearly all programming expenses have a corresponding revenue attached and reduction in program expenses and offerings will result in corresponding reduction in revenue resulting in a lower net effect on the budget.

Chapter 9

Open Space & Recreation



From Top To Bottom: Viewshed Off State Route 260; Community Park Off Main Street; Prescott National Forest Lands

Photos Courtesy Of Town Of Camp Verde; Town Of Camp Verde Community Development Department & Google Street Map Imagery



Vision Statement:

Open space within Camp Verde will protect sensitive natural areas and scenic vistas and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. Open space will be considered in future development as a means to preserve the community's rural character by providing buffers between different types of land uses and by working with developers to designate portions of new development as natural areas.

State Requirements:

The Open Space element of the Town of Camp Verde's 2016 General Plan is mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes 9-461.05, which stipulates that communities larger than 2,500 inhabitants include an Open Space element. Arizona Revised Statutes 9-461.05 also states:

1. An open space element that includes:
 - (a) A comprehensive inventory of open space areas, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space areas and resources.
 - (b) An analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open space areas and resources and implementation strategies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources.
 - (c) Policies and implementation strategies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of any existing regional open space plans.

Definitions:

Open Space is defined by Arizona Revised Statutes 37-311 as "land that is generally free of land uses that would jeopardize the conservation and open space values of the land or development that would obstruct the scenic beauty of the land." Open space is described as:

Developed: Areas that may include turfed-parks, schools, golf courses, horse staging areas, trails, picnicking areas and bike paths and pathways.

Natural Environment: Includes forestland, riparian areas, wilderness areas, preserves, protected sites, and topographical areas that are unsuitable for development including steep slope and flood plain areas.

Limited Development: Scenic-drive corridors, vista corridors, and public recreational amenities that minimally impact the natural environment.

Agricultural Land: Lands that are used or can be used principally for raising crops, fruits, grains and similar farm products. For purposes of the general plan, Ranch land is also included in this category.

Inventory:

The list below meets Arizona Revised Statute 9-461.05 by citing an inventory of open space areas, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space areas and resources within and bordering the Town that are available for public access and/or use at the adoption of this general plan. This list may not be all-inclusive.

Bordering the Town of Camp Verde

Black Hills
 Jackson Flat
 Squaw Peak
 White Hills
 Wild & Scenic Verde River
 Wingfield Mesa

Campground

Clear Creek Campground & Staging Area

Cemeteries

Clear Creek Cemetery & Church
 Middle Verde Cemetery
 Squaw Peak Cemetery

Misc. Open Space Locations

Clear Creek Floodway in Verde Lakes
 Forest Service Airstrip & Surrounding Area
 National Forest Service Prehistoric Salt Mine

Parks

Arturo Circle Neighborhood Park
 Butler Park
 Fort Verde State Park, Parade Ground,
 & Picnic Area
 Heritage Pool
 Heritage Skate Park
 Future Homestead Park
 Future I-17/Parsons Park
 Rocking River Ranch (State Park)
 White Bridge River Front Park
 Future Town of Camp Verde Community Park
 Black Bridge River Front Park/Rezzonico Park

Pathways

Pecan Lane Pathway
 Quarterhorse Pathway
 Salt Mine Road Pathway

Playgrounds

Town Complex Soccer Field & Playground
 Verde Lakes Property Owners Playground

Trail Heads

Copper Canyon Multi-Purpose Trailhead
 (General Crook Trail)
 Grief Hill Trailhead on Cherry Road
 Trail 119A by Overlook Acres

River Access

Beasley Flat
 Black Bridge
 Bullpen
 Clear Creek
 Gap Creek
 White Bridge

TABLE 9.1 – Forecasted Need - Camp Verde Recreation Inventory and Evaluation*

ACTIVITY	GOAL/POPULATION*	STANDARD**	INVENTORY	(DEFICIENCY) OR SURPLUS
Amphitheater	1/ 25,000	0	0	0
Basketball – Outdoor	1/ 2,500	4	2	(2)
Basketball – Indoor	1/ 10,000	1	1	0
Baseball –	1/ 5,000	2	1	(1)
Lighted	1/ 10,000	1	1	0
Softball – Lighted	1/ 2,500	4	1	(3)
Practice Fields	1/ 5,000	2	2	0
BMX	1/ 25,000	0	0	0
Equestrian Arena	1/Community	1	0	(1)
Football	1/ 3,000	3	1	(2)
Hiking/Walking/Biking Trails	1/ 2,500	4	200 + miles	200 + miles
Horseback Riding	1/ 1,000	11	200 + miles	200 + miles
Hiking/Walking/Biking Trail Head ***	1/ 2,500	4	3	(1)
Horseback Riding Trail Head ***	1/ 1,000	11	2	(9)
Multi-Use Recreation Facility	1/ 10,000	1	1	0
Picnicking – Tables/ Shelters	1/ 500 1/ 2,000	22 5	30 5	8 0
Playground	1/ 2,500	5	4	(1)
River Access Points (Designated)	1/ 2,000	5	4	(1)
Skateboard park	1/ 25,000	0	1	1
Soccer	1/ 3,000	8	2	(6)
Swimming	1/ 25,000	1	1	0
Tennis	1/ 5,000	2	1	(1)
¼ mile track	1/ 7,500	1	0	(1)
Volleyball	1/ 5,000	2	1	(1)

NOTE: These figures do not include Private Facilities, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde Unified School District or Home Owner Associations facilities.

* Goal/Population recommended by the Camp Verde Parks & Recreation Commission in 2005 in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Commerce. Example: 1/2500 is 1 per 2500 residents.

** Based on 2010 Census population of 10,873.

*** Some trailheads are outside Town Limits but accessed by roads originating in Town limits. A larger network of designated & undesignated trails access by non-designated/unimproved trailheads is available for motorized and non-motorized.

Goals & Implementation Strategies:

A. Goal: Encourage the implementation of a Verde River Recreation Management Plan as defined by the citizens.¹⁰

Implementation Strategy:

- A. 1. Identify and define access points as major, intermediate and neighborhood access points so they are compatible with the adjacent land use.
- A. 2. Encourage plan features, such as parks and a trail system that allow people to recreate at the river and connect with other points of interest.
- A. 3. Encourage recreation that is compatible with the natural and cultural environment.
- A. 4. Work with the governmental agencies, and public/private organizations to obtain voluntary conservation easements and development rights from landowners to secure access, protect sensitive areas from further development and to provide trail corridors.
- A. 5. Purchase from willing sellers, high priority lands needed for riverside parks and trails when possible.
- A. 6. Collaborate with Arizona State Parks and their goal of developing recreational facilities and the Rockin' River Ranch as a recreation destination.

B. Goal: Advance the development of the Town owned Community Park.

Implementation Strategy:

- B. 1. Update the design of the proposed park.
- B. 2. Obtain public and private funding for park development.

C. Goal: Work cooperatively with the local school system, governmental agencies and public/private organizations to develop and conduct educational programs that explain the value of riparian areas.

Implementation Strategy:

- C. 1. Encourage the Town Parks and Recreation staff to work with schools, governmental agencies and public/private organizations to develop and carry out educational programs that enhance public understanding of open space values and build support for open space preservation.
- C. 2. Encourage the Town to work with governmental agencies and public/private organizations to promote use of riparian areas for birding festivals and other similar recreational and educational events.

¹⁰ The Verde River Recreation Management Plan was adopted by Town Council on February 3rd, 2016. For additional information please visit <http://www.cvaz.org>.

- D. Goal: Institute a comprehensive open space plan that designates areas for permanent retention as desired preservation space and recreation opportunities. (See Exhibit A, Proposed Topics for the Camp Verde Open Space Plan.)**

Implementation Strategy:

- D. 1. Work cooperatively with Yavapai County and other Verde Valley communities including the Yavapai-Apache Nation and Public Land Managers to prepare and implement a Town of Camp Verde Open Space Plan that protects critical open space and offers recreational opportunities.
- D. 2. Encourage community standards that promote voluntary preservation of the historical and natural environment and open space character of the Town.
- D. 3. Coordinate with other entities, such as U.S. Forest Service, Arizona State Parks, National Park Service, Yavapai County, Yavapai-Apache Nation, developers, to provide open space, trail system interconnectivity, and shared cost of maintenance.
- D. 4. Encourage new development to include mini-parks providing active and passive recreational opportunities such as barbecues, ramadas, picnic tables, children's playgrounds, horseshoes, volleyball areas, etc., in medium to high-density residential zones. Encourage property owner's associations to maintain existing or create new neighborhood/pocket parks.

- E. Goal: Preserve the valuable natural resources including hillsides, and riparian areas and other open space to protect their aesthetic and habitat amenities to enhance the rural character of the area.**

Implementation Strategy:

- E. 1. Encourage the preservation of dedicated open space areas in their natural state.
- E. 2. Preserve scenic view sheds.
- E. 3. Preserve the valuable natural resources of the hillsides and protect their aesthetic and habitat amenities to enhance the rural character of the area.
- E. 4. Consistently communicate with the U.S. Forest Service and other stakeholders about the community's desire to maintain scenic view sheds and open space.
- E. 5. Develop partnerships with volunteer organizations and other groups that would assist in management activities and preservation of U.S. Forest Service/National Forest lands.
- E. 6. Encourage land owners and developers to maintain land with slopes of 10% or greater as open space areas due to the complexity of providing road access and utility services, and negative environmental effects of erosion and visual intrusion.

- F. Goal: Promote the maintenance of wildlife corridors to allow for their natural migration and feeding practices that will help maintain healthy and diversified species.**

Implementation Strategy:

- F. 1. Designate as natural open space, areas identified by governmental agencies and environmental organizations for habitat preservation.

- F. 2. Develop policies to reduce barriers within town boundaries to maintain wildlife migration patterns.
- F. 3. Coordinate with governmental agencies, and public/private agencies or organizations to evaluate and maintain habitat for endangered species.

G. Goal: Designate historic routes within the Town's boundaries.

Implementation Strategy:

- G. 1. Utilize the Trails Committee's work on designating historic routes.
- G. 2. Work with property owners and public land managers to create and maintain trails/routes.
- G. 3. Designate a corridor system of recreation, trails and educational features related to historical uses and people.

H. Goal: Encourage agricultural use to increase open space.

Implementation Strategy:

- H. 1. Offer incentives to developers or property owners, who designate a portion of their property for agricultural use.
- H. 2. Encourage agricultural landowners to participate in federal and state programs that are designed to protect the land as open space.

Exhibit A. Proposed Topics for the Camp Verde Open Space Plan

The following are possible topics that can be included in a comprehensive Open Space Plan for the Town of Camp Verde.

1. Inventory Town open space, riparian, and trail features in a format that can be easily updated for the plan.
2. Recommend that new developments have trails and trail heads within its property and along borders for interconnectivity.
3. Identify and designate public accessibility for trails.
4. Designate rights-of-way within easements designated for hiking, walking, bicycling, jogging, equestrian or other non-motorized forms of transportation.
5. Promote recreational uses along the Verde River and other natural watercourses close to existing neighborhoods, by using voluntary conservation easements, acquisition of development rights, grants and other funding sources.
6. Collaborate with land management agencies to gain additional improved access to the Verde River, Beaver Creek, and West Clear Creek for recreational activities.
7. Coordinate with surrounding agencies to encourage development of large joint-use regional parks. Regional parks would provide a comprehensive multi-use trail system, including equestrian, walking paths and other types of trails for the community, while providing access to historic/proposed trail systems.
8. Work closely with appropriate agencies and organizations to protect, enhance and provide access to historic and trail systems.
9. Explore fair and reasonable revenue sources to fund open space acquisition/ preservation and explore additional organizations for funding and partnership opportunities.

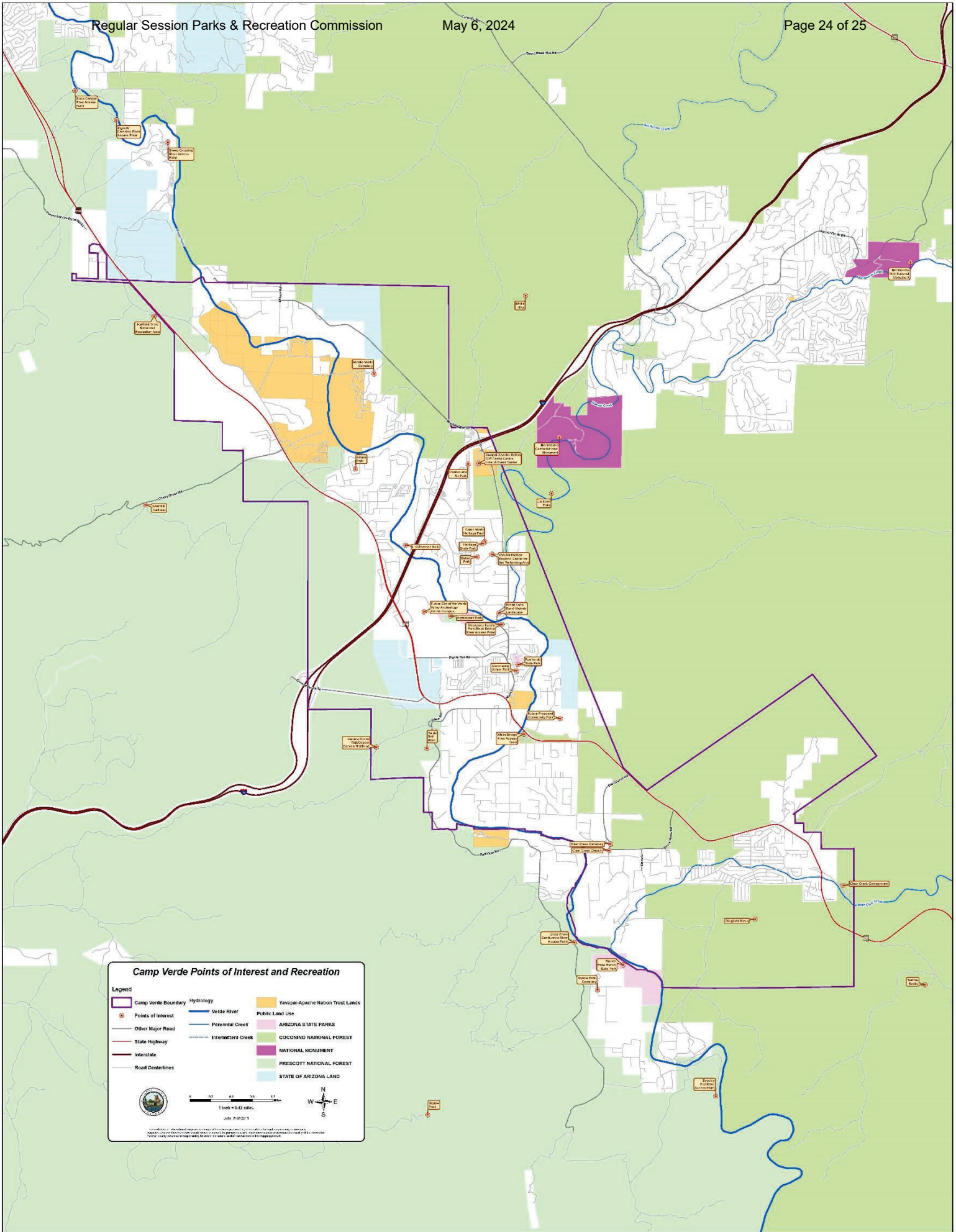


TABLE 9.1 – Forecasted Need - Camp Verde Recreation Inventory and Evaluation* UPDATE March 2024

ACTIVITY	GOAL/POPULATION *	STANDARD**	INVENTORY	(DEFICIENCY) OR SURPLUS
Amphitheater	1/ 25,000	0	0	0
Basketball – Outdoor	1/ 2,500	6	2	(4)
Basketball – Indoor	1/ 10,000	2	1	(1)
Baseball – Lighted	1/ 5,000	3	3	0
	1/ 10,000	2	3	1
Softball – Lighted	1/ 2,500	6	3	(3)
Practice Fields	1/ 5,000	2	2	0
BMX	1/ 25,000	0	0	0
Equestrian Arena	1/Community	1	2	0
Football	1/ 3,000	5	3	(2)
Hiking/Walking/Biking Trails	1/ 2,500	4	200 + miles	200 + miles
Horseback Riding	1/ 1,000	11	200 + miles	200 + miles
Hiking/Walking/Biking Trail Head ***	1/ 2,500	6	4	(2)
Horseback Riding Trail Head ***	1/ 1,000	11	3	(8)
Multi-Use Recreation Facility	1/ 10,000	1	1	0
Picnicking – Tables/ Shelters	1/ 500	30	35	5
	1/ 2,000	8	6	2
Playground	1/ 2,500	6	4	(1)
River Access Points (Designated)	1/ 2,000	8	4	(4)
Skateboard park	1/ 25,000	0	1	1
Soccer	1/ 3,000	5	4	(1)
Swimming	1/ 25,000	1	1	0
Tennis	1/ 5,000	3	1	(2)
¼ mile track	1/ 7,500	2	0	(2)
Volleyball	1/ 5,000	3	1	(2)

NOTE: These figures do not include Private Facilities, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Camp Verde Unified School District or Home Owner Associations facilities.

* Goal/Population recommended by the Camp Verde Parks & Recreation Commission in 2005 in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Commerce. Example: 1/2500 is 1 per 2500 residents.

** Based on 2010 Census population of 10,873.

*** Some trailheads are outside Town Limits but accessed by roads originating in Town limits. A larger network of designated & undesignated trails access by non-designated/unimproved trailheads is available for motorized and non-motorized.

The Standard and Inventory values have been updated with adjustment to current population estimate of 12,409, rounded to 12,500 including additions since 2016. Inventory and (Deficiency) or Surplus values rounded up to next increment or portion thereof.