

**Minutes  
JOINT WORK SESSION  
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL  
and the  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**473 S. Main Street, Room 106  
Camp Verde, AZ**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Gioia called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, Councilors Smith, Kovacovich, Garrison, Elmer and German were present.

Parks & Recreation Commission Members present were: Jim Ellington, Robin Whatley, Lucille Clawson, Therese Tobish, and Clinton Teague. Absent were Chairperson Trapper Moore and member Ginger Mason.

**Also Present:** Town Manager Michael Scannell, Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, Recreation Supervisor Joe Perez, and Recording Secretary Sharon McCormick,

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Bob Kovacovich led the pledge.

Discussion of the following:

4. **Parks & Recreation's Goals and Mission Statement.**

Member Ellington said that the Parks and Recreation is heading in the right direction and as every one is aware, there is an event monthly, and some of the special events are much more taxing than others and take a lot more time. Council and Commission members both agree that the special events should be geared toward the community and our youth.

5. **Possible direction to the Commission and staff concerning objectives such as recreation versus tourism**

Council and commission members both agreed that the Parks & Recreation priority should be recreation and not tourism. There was discussion about other civic organizations taking over some of the special events. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to implement more community events, such as "Movies in the Park", "Concerts", "Bus Trips", etc.

6. **Special Events, Tourism, and Youth and Adult Recreation**

Town Manager Scannell and Director Moore met with Cliff Castle Casino Marketing with regard to sponsoring the Crawdad Festival and will meet again next week. Recreation Supervisor Joe Perez explained his handout, which becomes a permanent part of this record. Perez explained that the report showed that there is a lot of recreational activities and sponsors for these activities. It is not possible to add additional events with all of the special events and the recreation activities, and facilities that the Town currently has. Perez explained that the main goal at this point, is the Teen Center and having the time to get it started.

Council directed staff to obtain a list of civic organizations, draft letter with regard to Special Events and include a date to invite them to a meeting with the Parks Recreation staff.

Mayor Gioia called a recess at 8.38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

7. **Proposed Community Park**

Mayor Gioia announced that the Town had purchased the parkland and that we would be applying for a Heritage Grant. There was discussion regarding the need for a master plan before submitting the grant application to ensure that a complete and comprehensive facility that meets the Town's current and future needs accomplished. Community involvement in the planning process was discussed.

8. **Park Fund Set-Aside from the 40% of the 1 cent sales tax**

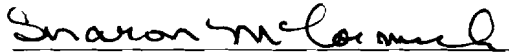
The Commission requested this item prior to the purchase of parkland to make sure that this money was still being set-aside and will continue to now that the parkland has been purchased.

9. **Future needs of the Parks & Recreation Department**

There was discussion regarding the need for additional staff and having a Parks and Recreation "My Space" to reach the youth.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Sharon McCormick, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the discussion of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the work session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 13th day of February 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of March, 2008



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk