

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main Street, Room 106
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mayor Gioia, Vice Mayor Hauser, and Councilors Elmer, Garrison, German, Kovacovich, and Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

Parks & Rec Director Lynda Moore, Housing Director Matt Morris, Library Director Gerry Laurito, Parks & Rec Supervisory Joe Perez, Town Manager Michael Scannell, and Town Clerk Deborah Barber

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Hauser led the pledge.

4. Presentation and discussion of the Quarterly Reports with the following commissions, boards, and committees:

Mayor Gioia thanked the Commissioners for taking time from their busy schedules to meet with Council and for their diligent and hard work they do to make sure that Council stays informed. Mayor Gioia then introduced each Chair prior to their report.

- a. **Library Advisory Commission:** topics may include, but not be limited to, library financing, report format, resignation(s), and priority status.

Chair Lisa Mina reviewed the Library Advisory Commission's (LAC) report, which is attached and a permanent part of this record. She noted that the LAC would focus as the library's need for design and spaced, while the CCCVL organization would focus on fundraising activities. She advised that the LAC had welcomed Amber Polo as a new commission member. Council members discussed book sales, the new book drop, and Director Laurito shared information about an agreement that is under attorney review that allows the Library Endowment to take over the book sales.

- b. **Youth Commission Report:** topics may include, but not be limited to activities that the Youth Commission has participated in since forming.

Recreation Supervisor Joe Perez explained that the Youth Commission had just completed a meeting and he was excited to share that a recent clean-up day had the kids out in full force. He said that they plan to hold their first dance at the Teen Center on Halloween night and that a float is planned for the Ft. Verde Day's parade. In answer to Vice Mayor Hauser's questions, Perez presented the proposed logo for the Parks & Recreation Dept. He said that the department and the kids were really excited about it and will present it for Council approval soon.

Mayor Gioia asked Perez to prepare written reports for the future quarterly meetings.

- c. **Board of Adjustment:** topics may include, but not be limited to, hearings and decisions that the Board made during the past quarter.

Chair Gene McIntyre reviewed the written quarterly report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record.

Mayor Gioia noted that the BOA's work on the sandwich signs involved the efforts of local business owners, the Council, and the public. He commended the Board members for their work.

- d. **Trails & Pathways Commission:** topics may include, but not be limited to, subdivision proposals, trails policy, trailheads, and Forest Service liaison.

Chair Perry Haddon reviewed the written report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. The primary point of discussion was that the Trails Commission was very disappointed to learn that the Forest Service did not intend to take into consideration the Town's efforts and interest in securing a trailhead at Jackson Flats, but rather, intended to trade the area to the Yavapai Apache Nation. Discussion ensued about the number of years the Town had worked toward this goal. Smith recommended that the Commission meet and recommend that Council prepare and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Forest Service advising them of the Town's ongoing efforts to secure a trail at Jackson Flats.

Mr. Haddon advised that his term was completed and that this would be his final report.

- e. **Planning & Zoning Commission:** topics may include, but not be limited to various zoning recommendations made to Council over the past quarter.

Chair Dave Freeman reviewed the written report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. Freeman reported that the primary concerns this quarter dealt with storage containers and signage. Mayor Gioia thanked the Commission for their work.

- f. **Housing Commission:** topics may include, but not be limited to, attainable housing programs and tools, Drachman Institute's final report, Cliffs Parkway property, and Fair Housing activities.

Chair Jeremy Bach reviewed the written report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. He noted that Director Matt Morris and Theresa Goodwin were great assets to the department and commended them for their work. He also noted that Dave Freeman left the commission and thanked him for his hard work over the past few years. Mayor Gioia thanked the commission for their work.

- g. **Parks & Recreation Commission:** topics may include, but not be limited to, events held during the past quarter, Black Bridge Park, budget, and goals and objectives and mission for 2008.

Chair Robin Whatley noted that Parks Commissioners were present in the audience to participate in the next agenda item as it related to the new park master plan. She reviewed the written report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. She advised that some Commission members met with users of the Skate Park and that it was very informative. She also advised that members were working hard for the upcoming events for Ft. Verde Days and Trick or Treat on Main, noting that they were accepting candy donations.

Councilor Garrison asked that the Cornfest financial report be included in the next quarterly meeting. Members then discussed cameras at the Skate Park. Director Moore advised that the cameras would be relocated to the weight room as a theft deterrent and that the height of the fence would be raised at the Skate Park to deter bicycle riders. She further advised that portable restrooms were also planned to address the neighborhood concerns.

- h. **Design Review Board:** topics may include, but not be limited to, hearings and decisions that the Board made during the past quarter.

Chair Jim Bennick reviewed the written report, which is attached and becomes a permanent part of this record. He advised that it was a quiet quarter, with reviews of the Qwest building and structures near the jail annex on Cherry Road. He advised that the Board reviewed the Section 108 amendment as it related to the administrative role of the Board and had forwarded a recommendation forward P&Z Commission. Members discussed the continuing work on a photo library for applicants to select rural, western character for items such as doors, windows, overhangs, roofs, lighting, etc. Bennick noted that this was not an easy task. Mayor Gioia commended the Board for their efforts.

Public Input

Linda German expressed concern that Councilor Smith could find no takers for his offer to donate books to the library. She asked Smith to speak to Director Laurito to ensure that his staff understands that donations are gladly accepted.

Daria Weir advised that the Bull Bash would be held on Friday & Saturday during Ft. Verde Days.

5. **Discussion with RBF Consulting concerning the Council's vision for the Community Park. Discussion may include, but not be limited to Council's objectives and desires relative to the park facilities, active and passive recreational uses, access points, water, lighting, funding, cost-saving measures, and other miscellaneous concerns.**

Director Moore advised that the second community open house was held last night, October 7, with about 50-60 people in attendance. She introduced Kevin Kugler of RBF who presented written reports on the information that was gathered from the community meetings. Kugler reviewed the reports and noted that the public overwhelming selected Alternative C as the direction for the park. A copy of the reports and handouts are attached and become a permanent part of this record.

Members spent the rest of the meeting discussion various options and plans as they related to Alternative C. The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m. and called to order at 8:52 p.m. and discussion continued.

Public Input

Louis Rezzonico encouraged Council to build fairgrounds into the park, noting that 65% of the children that participate in the fair in Cottonwood are from Camp Verde. He said to include 2 to 3 barns and a full-size kitchen. He stated that if the Council did this, it would bring in enough revenue to build the park. He also noted that the fairgrounds in Cottonwood are in a bad location with no room left for growth.

Jim Ellington said that he was a strong advocate for a BMX track, noting that it would be the cheapest to build and that it could be located in a place where nothing else could go because the track needed hills and valleys. He also noted that a regulation track would be a large revenue generator. He pointed out that the need to raise the fence at the Skate Park is indicative of the need for a BMX track.

Robin Whatley said that she was advocating for a Community Center and the BMX track.

There was no other public input with regard to amenities.

Council members turned their focus to the proposed access points, one of which was off McCracken and the other off the Sanitary District Road. Kugler reported that the RBF recommendation remained off McCracken due to costs, future traffic signals, and the logistics of development. After a lengthy discussion, Council members appeared to agree that the park should move forward with plans for access off McCracken Lane, in the interest of applying for the

Heritage Grant, with the long-term intention of adding additional access off the Sanitary District Road.

Public Input

Bruce George asked if it was possible for the Town to purchase additional acres to construct a different access.

Jim Ellington said that if the Town submitted another application for Heritage Funds when we did not have the land for access, they would throw it out. Council agreed.

Cheri Wischmeyer said that she understood the need for a park, ball fields, and arenas. However, she felt there were serious safety issues for her neighborhood that needed to be addressed first. She said that if there were one accident, the residents would be unable to get in or out of their neighborhood. She strongly urged Council to take into consideration how this park would impact the neighborhood.

Carol German noted that there would be heavier traffic due to the expanded ranger station. She said that it would increase in the summer with the Hot Shot crews and helicopters. In addition, there are two businesses in the neighborhood. She said that she and other neighbors have come to Council on more than one occasion to request help with the speeders and nothing has been done. She encouraged Council to get all the data together before they made the decision to locate the entrance to the park off McCracken Lane.

Roger Doering asked if Council had considered other possible access points.

There was no other public input.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Hauser, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.




Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions 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 10th day of October 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27 day of October, 2008.



Deborah Barber, Town Clerk