

**MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
and the
YAVAPAI APACHE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
473 S. Main Street, Room 106
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Gioia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Gioia and Councilors Elmer, Garrison, German, Kovacovich, and Smith were present. Vice Mayor Hauser was absent due to a much-deserved vacation.

Yavapai-Apache Council Members in attendance were Cora-Lei Marquez and Roberta Quail. Tribal Council Secretary Karla Reimer was also present.

Also Present:

Town Manager Michael Scannell, Recreation Supervisor Joe Perez, and Town Clerk Deborah Barber

3. **Mayor's Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Gioia asked everyone to introduce themselves. Councilor Cora-Lei Marquez said that it was exciting and an honor to take part in the exercise and Councilor Roberta Quail agreed and thanked Council for the invitation.

Council members introduced themselves to Councilor Marquez and Quail and thanked them for attending, noting that this is a community-wide effort and that the Nation is very much a part of the community.

4. **Discussion with RBF Consulting concerning the Community Park Master Plan. Discussion may include, but not be limited to the results of community meetings, draft of the Park Master Plan, active and passive recreational uses, access points, water, lighting, funding, cost-saving measures, and other miscellaneous concerns.**

Kevin Kugler reviewed the process to date and presented a Conceptual Plan that included ball fields, rodeo grounds, a BMX track, star gazing area, parking, concession stand, community center, bike and pedestrian tracks, tennis courts, etc., stating that the price tag for the park, excluding the paving of the road and parking areas and water and waste water, exceeded 6 million dollars. The Council and the Nation's Council discussed the presentation.

The Mayor permitted open dialog between audience members and Mr. Kugler. Members who spoke included John and Cheri Wischmeyer, Linda German, Irene People, Vivan Ray, Howard Parrish, Bob Weir, Bob Burness, and Brandon Gillespie. The majority of the audience remained opposed to the proposed entrance to the park located on McCracken Lane. The discussion at times was somewhat contentious. However, Council members concluded that the McCracken Lane was the only entrance the Town could possibly consider at this time. Irene People requested that Council consider other safety concerns as they plan for the McCracken Lane entrance.

Manager Scannell explained that the cost of maintaining a park of this size over the lifetime of the park is a much bigger issue than the \$6 million cost for infrastructure. Kugler described a facility of similar size and amenities in Durango, CO. He said that LaPlata County subsidizes the park at approximately \$700,000 per year.

Tribal Council Members left at 8:40 p.m. explaining they had a meeting beginning at 9:00 in the morning.

Discussion continued among Council members. Mayor Gioia said that he would like to see RBF have discussions with staff about the first phase, to include maintenance and operation costs, annual costs, phasing costs; pass the plan through engineering staff; and give greater attention to improving the entrance and water and turf. German said that there needed to be discussion with staff regarding the issues of water and electrical supply.

Kugler responded that these were complicated issues requiring different levels of analysis that go far beyond RBF's scope of work to prepare a conceptual plan.

Gioia responded that if there were three ball fields, there would be less need to use them after dark, which would create a lesser impact on lighting and lighting costs.

The Mayor invited the audience to Trick or Treat on Main beginning Friday at 5:30 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Deborah Barber

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 Joint Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 29th day of October 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6 day of November, 2008.

Deborah Barber

Deborah Barber, Town Clerk