

PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

6:15 p.m. Thursday January 20, 2022
800 Municipal Dr. Farmington, New Mexico

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Commission (PRCA) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Members Present Leslie Thompson, Chair; George Golombowski, Co-Chair; Deborah Cutler; Ken LaCasse; Melissa Mortensen; and Thomas Hawkins; Richard Griffiths and Patricia Baca;

Members Absent: Larry Hilliard, Carla Stimac, and Evan Noel;

Also present were: Shaña Reeves; PRCA Director, Natalie Spruell PRCA Assistant Director
Gwen Johnson; PRCA Administrative Aide

OPENING OF MEETING

Leslie called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m. She welcomed the Commissioners and thanked them for being present. The roll was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2021 minutes needed approval, Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Ken made the second. Vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The new business on the table was the procedure and action to nominate and vote for a new Chair and Co-Chair that would be willing to serve for a 2 year term. Deb Cutler was nominated and voted in as the new Chair, and George Golombowski was nominated and voted in as the Co-Chair.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shaña Reeves presented.
Project and Division Updates

❖ Aquatics:

The deck at the Aquatic Center pool desk needs to be re-done. A RFP is in place for 30 days so that we can obtain contractor bids.

As the evaluation of the project began some rust around the columns was discovered. That rust has been addressed and some restoration has taken place. New plates have been put in place around the columns. They have been inspected and they have been approved for structural integrity. They will be sealed and welded and have concreted around them before the deck process begins.

The southern portion of the roof will also be repaired to complete the roof job that has been being executed in stages.

The project with new plaster at Lions pool is in progress. A few minor cracks were found, which did add about \$3500 to the cost. The cracks will be repaired with professional detail before they are plastered.

Feb 2nd at 3pm, a public meeting will take place for concerned patrons that use Lions pool. It will be held at the Bonnie Dallas Sr. Center with the City Manager and the Mayor to discuss the future of Lions Pool and updates. The goal of this meeting is to bring some discussion and dialogue to hear about the updates, and the phase 2 and phase 3 and also to communicate our possible goal of a new pool in the future. Lions pool has evolved into a therapy pool for many and Lions pool is a life line to a lot of people. We want to convey we understand the importance of this pool.

There was a blockage at the Aquatic Center. The drainage was poor in the locker rooms. A large clog was determined to be the cause of the blockage. A hole had to be cut in the floor, and a clean out cap was found caught in the pipe. The obstruction was removed and the pipe has been repaired, the floor is being repaired, and the drainage problem is corrected.

Some of our seniors have been using the Aquatic Center, as the project at Lions pool moves forward. The temperature in the leisure pool has been increased to 88 degrees.

❖ **Recreation Division:**

Recreation Center, and Sycamore Center,

We have two key fulltime positions opened at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Sports Supervisor has been opened for about a year, and the Recreation Center Program Supervisor just opened as the past Program Supervisor took a position at the Civic Center.

Programming continues to move forward.

❖ **Indian Center:**

A new roof has been put on the Indian Center.

❖ **Sr. Center:**

The RFP has just been submitted for Sr. Services, - in San Juan County again and when we are awarded that we will be in place for 4 more years instead of the 2 yrs. as we were this past term. The City has been the administrator for the Blanco, Aztec, Bloomfield, Lower Valley and Farmington Sr. Services since the Northwest NM Seniors organization has dissolved.

❖ **Golf Course:**

Tomorrow is the day (January 21st) that the Golf Course will proceed with the new renovations. A lot of Excitement is in the air! Chris; Golf Course Manager, Mark; Golf Course Superintendent, and Rick Page; Project Construction Coordinator are involved and on the grounds. We have all pertinent materials in place, and anticipating a project without delays. The project is 150 day

contract, and we will have a 90 full closure of Pinon Hills Golf Course. This time frame is subject to change, if construction delays occur.

With the Programs on the books we are anticipating dates not changing for them, but we will reach out to our patrons if we see there is going to be delay.

Regular project updates will be on the Pinon Hills web site, and on Facebook.

There will also be signage in the parking lot to keep patrons informed

Civitan Golf Course has a significant crack in the cement floor in the pro shop. We did a Geo Tech study. Which required boring into the floor. We are in the process of studying that and then we will make with decisions on how to proceed and remedy that. In the bond for the Golf Project there is \$200,000 to put toward Civitan Golf Course.

❖ **Park Operations:**

Jaycee Parks new playground project is complete and it is a positive statement to that Park. The new playground is awesome. It offers an Accessible, feature, ADA compliant, shade, and is accessible for ages 2-12. It looks awesome.

Vietnam Veterans Park is our last wooden playground, and new construction begins soon at that location.

Park Operations has received a new mowing equipment fleet will make all of their jobs easier. The Park Ops team are very appreciative of this new equipment.

❖ **Animal Shelter:**

The Shelter is dealing with ongoing staffing challenges although they are moving forward to be worked on and resolved.

There is new Animal care non- profit facility coming to town and our Regional Shelter is trying to stay informed and be good neighbors to learn about the spay and neuter programs they will be offering in the future. We would like to be supportive to them in the most positive way as we can.

❖ **Museum:**

The Oil and Gas Exhibit is still on display.

The staff continues to prepare for the Wild Kratts Exhibit which is coming in September. It is a very large display and we anticipate it to be well received and visited.

They have cleaned out the Rock House (the oldest house in Farmington). The Gem and Mineral Club can rent that space for their office.

❖ **Civic Center:**

The recent shows, Choir of Men, and The Sharp Family were excellent, and well attended. The staff is still working on the Marketing, to really promote these excellent entertainment venues.

Dancing with the Stars Farmington is happening February 19th with our local talent. This season's stars, Linda Rodgers, Tom Taylor, Ryan Hanson, Sugar Singleton, Shane Ferrari, and Michelle Meyering, will be partnered with professional dancers. We are anticipating a wonderful event.

The Civic Center is working to expand the Heather McGaughey Theater and offer a Heather McGaughey Academy. This will be open to teens and adults. Auditions will open for the summer season. The summer Theater Venue:

June 16-26, 2022 - *The Music Man* at the Farmington Civic Center

July 7-31, 2022 - *The Pirates of Penzance* at Lions Wilderness Park Amphitheater

August 11-21, 2022 - *Annie* at the Farmington Civic Center

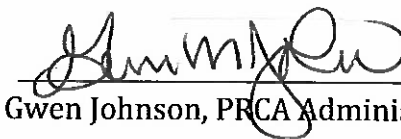
Paid professional theater talent and community local talent will be involved in the productions.

With no further items for discussion or comment from the Commissioners, Chair; Leslie Thompson, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Deb Cutler, and seconded George Golombowski. Vote was taken all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next Meeting March 17, 2022



Deb Cutler - Chair



Gwen Johnson, PRCA Administrative Aide