

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Steve Hair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Steve Hair, Dawn Hall, Joel Weeks, Vice Mayor Connie Kakavas (via telephone)

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, Jay Brimhall, Bill Kopp, Rick Austin, Terri Nikolaus, Becca Seeley

GUESTS: Gordon Terracina, Kimberly Wilson, Anita Hunter, Larry Waterworth, Dave Jakus, and two other pool patrons.

3. **Consideration of Minutes.**

Joel Weeks moved to approve; Dawn Hall seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

4. **Other discussion:**

Patrons of the aquatic center had concerns.

Anita Hunter expressed “three issues,” lack of respect and professionalism, lack of communication particularly about the no response for gift, and lack of fairness.

Larry Waterworth has issues with staff telling him needs to bathe before entering the pool and he is angry over a text message response.

Gordon Terracina is concerned that complaints do not get passed up the ladder.

Kimberly Wilson has concerns about paying for an aerobics class when it is a video instructed class, she believes she should be able to stay after the session to relax in spa, she expressed that she does not feel it is necessary to get out of the pool and walk back to the front to punch back in for the next session, website does not have accurate hours, it is unprofessional to have to wait to the side for front desk to get enough cash to assist her friend.

Dawn Hall asked questions of the group and addressed some of their concerns.

Becca Seeley addressed the group with answers to some of their concerns.

Dave Jakus feels that rules have been changed without his knowledge, does not think it is fair that they must punch their card twice to get in jacuzzi before the session is over.

Steve Hair addressed the visitors, asked if they have all communicated their concerns, stated that he appreciated the staff being at the meeting and doing their work at the Aquatic Center, especially the lifeguarding staff.

Gordon Terracina again spoke of concerns with the 20-punch pass being charged twice for two different sessions and those with memberships will lose a day if it is swiped twice.

Steve Hair suggested the group needs a representative.

Staff remarked to the group that they would respond to their concerns in writing.

Mr. Brimhall asked the group to select one spokesperson and Kimberly Wilson volunteered to be the representative.

5. Facilities/Maintenance/Programming:

Mr. Kopp discussed the many improvements and projects that have or will happen with the Parks and Facilities within the City:

- BMX lighting was received and will be installed possibly next month.
- Frontier Park had ribbon cutting on December 2nd, the ramadas at Frontier needs ADA sidewalk which will soon be completed
- City Campus lights completed and a grant from additional courts and restrooms will not cover so will need to look at additional funding.
- Getting bids for City Campus restrooms
- Meadow fence is now complete except a small portion near new construction of hotel
- City Park restrooms near volleyball court construction has started, tennis court flooring finished around April 4th
- City Park lighting project, possible ramada additions
- Ground Hog Day breakfast 6am to 9am @ Turn of a Card Community Center (formerly the Senior Center)

Rick Austin shared new signs for 2 new parks the Timothy McKay Park and the Zebulon Pearce Park that will be installed in the future.

He also shared that there is budget funding for new trees at Nikolaus Park, city park and downtown. Staff also submitted two budget requests for new playgrounds near Ponderosa Field at City Park and one at Show Low Lake.

Dawn Hall thanked the City for the Christmas lights in downtown how amazing it was. She heard many citizens and visitors talk about how much they enjoyed all the lights, and snowmen.

6. Community Services Report

Mr. Brimhall discussed the success of New Year's Eve event and Christmas Parade. He reminded attendees about the upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance on February 3, 2023

Youth Basketball registration is ongoing at this time and will end soon. The league is being run as a fundraiser for the Show Low High School basketball program with coordination and partnership from the City of Show Low. The Martin Luther King Day of Service is on April 29, 2023 and the BBQ Throwdown is on May 5-6, 2023 at Frontier Park.

7. Other Discussion

a. Next meeting will be April 4, 2023, at 4:00pm at City Hall.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Hair moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:03pm