



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 25, 2016**

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

A regular session meeting of the Community Services Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Natalie Varela at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

In attendance at roll call were, Chair Natalie Varela, Commissioners Don Doty, Jerry Gorrell, Jim Judge, Lynne Mott, Ron Ruppert, and Greg Woo. Absent at roll call were Vice-Chair Sherman Abrahamson and Commissioner Patt Canning. Director Mark Mayer and Executive Assistant Jennifer Lyons represented staff.

ITEM #3: CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

Commissioner Canning arrived at 5:04 p.m.

ITEM #4: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE OCTOBER 26, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Judge made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting and Commissioner Gorrell seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM #5: DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016
JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL**

Director Mayer stated that what we have typically done in the past is if Commissioners have anything specifically to talk about it now, otherwise you (Chair Valera) and I (Director Mayer) can work together and put together a schedule, send it out to everybody to add or amend. It's a good opportunity to meet with them and give them some background on what you have been working on and what you see in the future.

Commissioner Judge proclaimed that we have a couple significant things to report of things that have been accomplished.

- Don (Commissioner Doty) and his crew with the dog park, a very successful program that resolved many of the problems.
- Working with TLC to get a little better room arrangement and that worked out well for both groups.
- Other accomplishments that have been done with parts of the Commissioners involved in the parks and some of the trails.
- Ask them (the Council) if they have some things that they would like us to work on or advise them on.

ITEM #6: REPORT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SMALL UAS REGISTRATION RULE BY THE FAA

Director Mayer gave an overview from the attached document.

- First step in the process is that they are going to require people register their drones so they have a record. That accomplishes two things:
 1. Gets a handle on the numbers that are out there, the types and varieties.
 2. What it also does is, if there is a problem with one, then they will know based on the numbers that are supposed to be on the unit itself, who the owner is.

Director Mayer addressed the following questions from the Commission:

- Even though it is required, do people as they purchase them, are they required to register them at that point? Yes that is his understanding. It's just like a firearm, you cannot walk out of the store with a firearm without having it registered.
- Can they fly them in the park? The moratorium is still in place.
- Haven't we given permits to people to take pictures of some of public events? We have done that, but it's on an approval basis. They still have the right to step forward if they want to participate in the special event. We have used some of the photos for some promo things. That way we know who the person is and who operates it.
- What about the realtors? We haven't had any specific request from them. They wouldn't necessarily have to go through us since we only control the Parks and the Plaza.

ITEM #7: UPDATE ON HARMONY MUSICAL PLAYGROUND

Director Mayer reported that the site work is basically done at this point. That was done by a contractor that was under the supervision of the Greening Committee. They've got the walkways in place. They've got the trees in place and the irrigation system. Everything is done except for the Rotary Club raising the necessary funds to start to place the instruments in the park. What you see now there is what it's going to look like except for the pieces of musical instruments that will go in the center of it. It certainly solved an eyesore that we had with the turf area that we had trouble keeping established and growing. It's a much better approach to what was down there. They (the Rotary) had indicated that it might take a year or two. They were hoping to get a enough funds to put in two to three at a time, so you didn't have just one sitting there.

ITEM #8: UPDATE ON THE KIWANIS PLAYGROUND

Director Mayer announced that it's in. Working with Landscape Structures who had playground pieces that actually have the Kiwanis logo and signage and benches that are commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the International Kiwanis. The installation was a combination of contractors and volunteers from the Kiwanis group. On the downside, it's amazing for \$46,000 you don't get much. We may be able to add some pieces on to it. They did add some benches, there's a sign out there and there is a couple smaller pieces that surround it.

ITEM #9: UPDATE ON PUBLIC ART PIECES

Director Mayer gave a summary of the four new art pieces, as well as presented pictures and a placement diagram for the art pieces that will go on the Plaza.

There are a total of five art nodes that are built into the design of the Plaza. We've got a piece on one and this would be four of the five that we would need to finish up. So these next three pieces will all go on the East side.

- Sky Totem is a bronze piece that is twelve feet tall.
- Ascendo is an aluminum sculpture that will go on the East side.
- Interactive Sunglasses. Director Mayer had concerns with the artist that he was able to address. One was the scratching of what appeared to be lenses, but they are actually steel and he said that they can be easily buffed out. Also concerned about the frames possibly being bent, but they're hollow rods, but then they've got steel bar that goes on the inside.
- Frank D. Roosevelt will be placed in the general area where all the other presidents are at this point.

ITEM #10: UPDATE ON ADERO CANYON TRAILHEAD

Director Mayer updated the Commission on the latest developments.

We have been working with MCO to see if we can utilize some excess fill material that they have on their site. We needed 8,800 cubic yards of fill material to balance our site up at the trailhead. It's pretty hard to visualize what 8,800 cubic yards looks like, but was told that it's the size of a football field at 8 feet deep. The cost was projected to us at \$10.00 a cubic yard, about \$88,000. So if we can save \$88,000 on the project, it seems to be well worth it. It's going to require a Memorandum of Understanding between ourselves and MCO and we are working on that now. We are kind of rushing to try to get it done because his contractor that is doing the grading work up there on the underground is close to finishing up so once he's off site that kind of goes away and then we're looking at hauling it onto the site.

We are also in the process of getting a final update from the architect on what the final costs of what the project might be. It depends on who you ask, but was I told earlier we have about \$1.9 million and now I'm told it's about \$1.8 million on the project which will do everything except but what was proposed up there initially which was a restroom, a low seating wall, and a picnic ramada. Those were originally listed as to be in the second phase. With the changes to the collection of development fees there will likely not be a second phase. We're trying to see if we can figure out some way to come up with the necessary dollars to get that included in this first and likely only phase. That is still a work in progress. We meet tomorrow (January 27th, 2016) jointly with the Town Council and MMCP. We've got a time schedule that indicates from the time we start the construction drawings to when we finish is likely to be anywhere from 18-24 months. We are close to having access up there now, so we can start to do some of the work, like we will need to do a grading plan. Redo it based on a new survey being done because it's been ten years since we did the survey up there. New plant inventory for salvaging. Establish a nursery up there for the trees that are going to go off the site and then back on the site because you are required by law to transplant and salvage a number of certain species. Some of that work can be done at the same time, parallel to each other. The bulk of the work for construction will not take place until after the fiscal year starts July 1st.

Director Mayer addressed Commissioner Doty's question of, what is in Phase 1? Phase 1 will include everything except the restroom building, picnic ramada, and low seating wall, unless budget wise we can fit that in. What you will basically get is a drive up to a parking lot that will have about a little over forty stalls available to it. There is \$60,000 in the budget for blasting because putting this parking lot in is like putting it on the dark side of the moon. It's nothing but rock and scabble up there. Even with the fill

material it sits in a low spot because the intent is that when you are sitting down here in town you would not be able to see the cars parked up there and the glare off of the windshields. He's designed it in a particular spot in a particular way so that those kind of issues don't occur. Down lit lighting in the parking lot. It will be a dawn to dusk operation. Electric closing gates, so at night it will close after a certain amount of time and then park staff, will be the only one to access it for cleaning the restrooms. Even if we can't get the public restrooms in, we've got a couple other options. Prefab building that can be dropped into place. Portables – temporary basis or a longer term.

ITEM #11: CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Doty made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m., Commissioner Judge seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Community Services Advisory Commission

BY: _____
Natalie Varela, Chair

REVIEWED BY: _____
Mark C. Mayer, Director of Community Services

PREPARED BY: _____
Jennifer Lyons, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Session held by the Community Services Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 25th day of January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2016

Jennifer Lyons, Executive Assistant



**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Press Release – FAA Announces Small UAS Registration Rule

For Immediate Release

December 14, 2015

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Registration Begins on December 21, 2015, First 30 Days are Free

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced a streamlined and user-friendly web-based aircraft registration process for owners of small unmanned aircraft (UAS) weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms) including payloads such as on-board cameras.

The Registration Task Force delivered recommendations to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx on November 21. The rule incorporates many of the task force recommendations.

“Make no mistake: unmanned aircraft enthusiasts are aviators, and with that title comes a great deal of responsibility,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. “Registration gives us an opportunity to work with these users to operate their unmanned aircraft safely. I’m excited to welcome these new aviators into the culture of safety and responsibility that defines American innovation.”

Registration is a statutory requirement that applies to all aircraft. Under this rule, any owner of a small UAS who has previously operated an unmanned aircraft exclusively as a model aircraft prior to December 21, 2015, must register no later than February 19, 2016. Owners of any other UAS purchased for use as a model aircraft after December 21, 2015 must register before the first flight outdoors. Owners may use either the paper-based process or the new streamlined, web-based system. Owners using the new streamlined web-based system must be at least 13 years old to register.

Owners may register through a web-based system at www.faa.gov/uas/registration (<http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration>)

Registrants will need to provide their name, home address and e-mail address. Upon completion of the registration process, the web application will generate a Certificate of Aircraft Registration/Proof of Ownership that will include a unique identification number for the UAS owner, which must be marked on the aircraft.

Owners using the model aircraft for hobby or recreation will only have to register once and may use the same identification number for all of their model UAS. The registration is valid for three years.

The normal registration fee is \$5, but in an effort to encourage as many people as possible to register quickly, the FAA is waiving this fee for the first 30 days (from Dec. 21, 2015 to Jan 20, 2016).

“We expect hundreds of thousands of model unmanned aircraft will be purchased this holiday season,” said FAA Administrator Huerta. “Registration gives us the opportunity to educate these new airspace users before they fly so they know the airspace rules and understand they are accountable to the public for flying responsibly.”

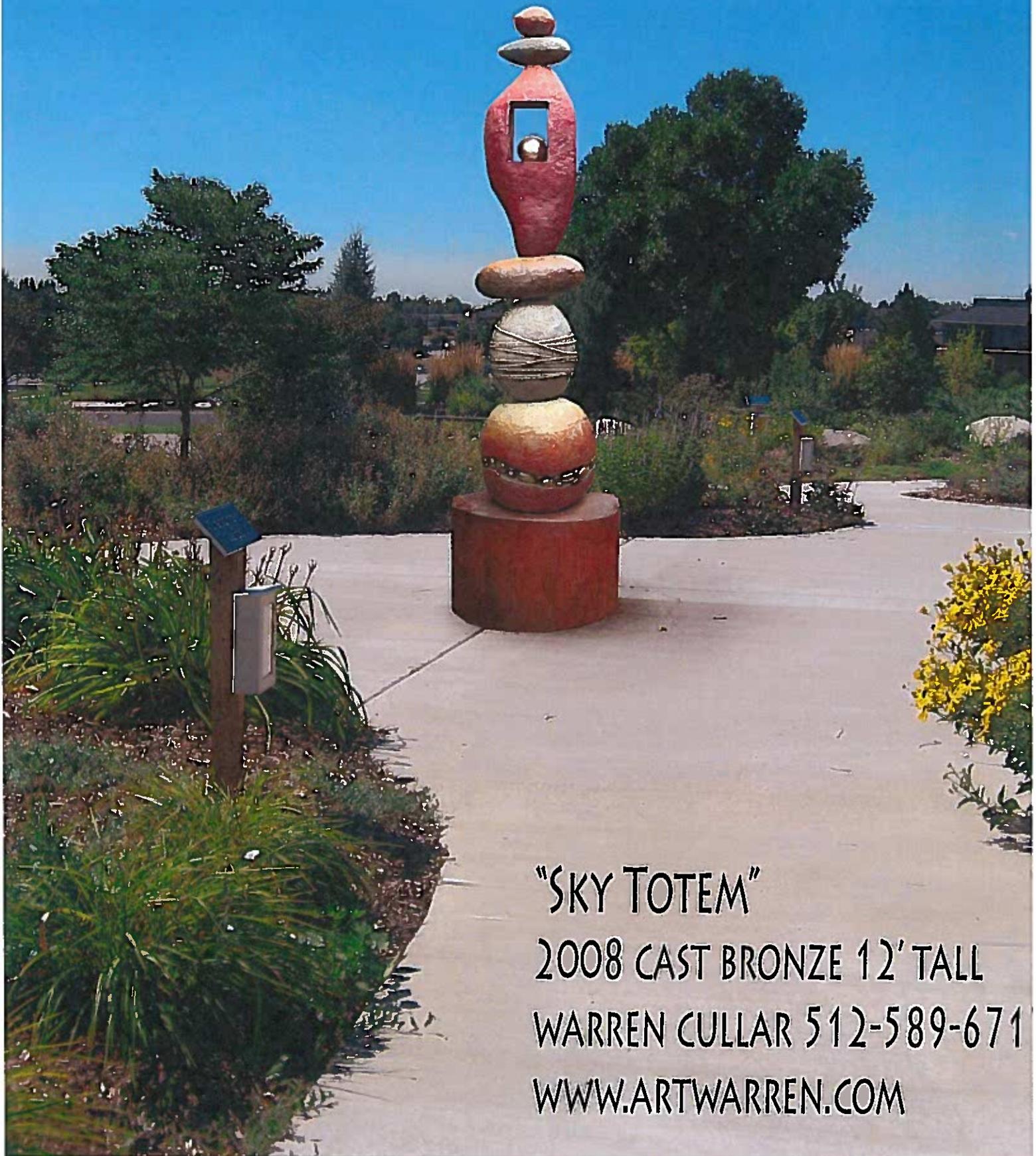
The online registration system does not yet support registration of small UAS used for any purpose other than hobby or recreation – for example, using an unmanned aircraft in connection with a business. The FAA is developing enhancements that will allow such online registrations by spring of 2016.

The full rule can be viewed here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/16/2015-31750/registration-and-marking-requirements-for-small-unmanned-aircraft> (<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/16/2015-31750/registration-and-marking-requirements-for-small-unmanned-aircraft>).

Review the [UAS Registration FAQs \(http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs/\)](http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs/) to learn more about the program.

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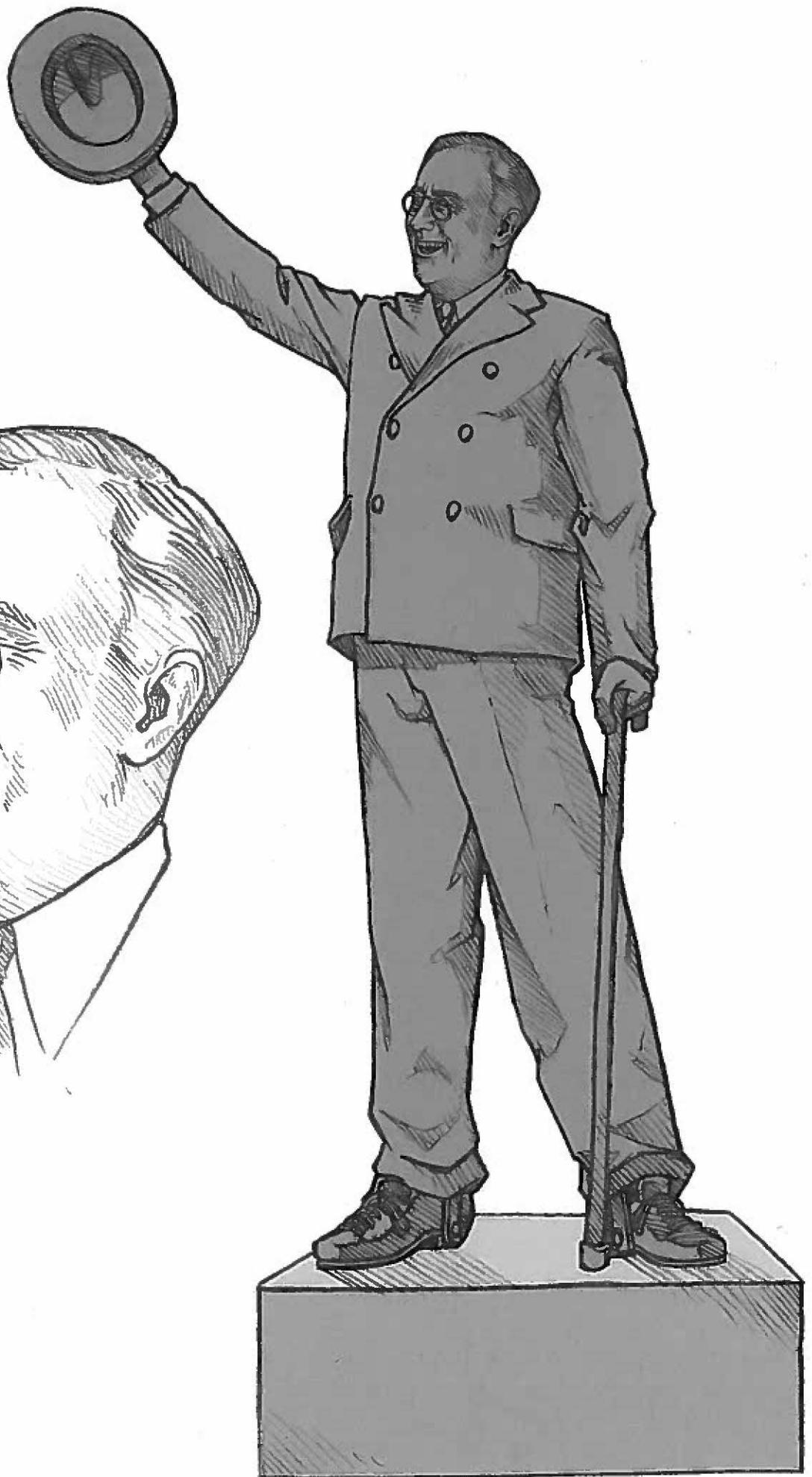
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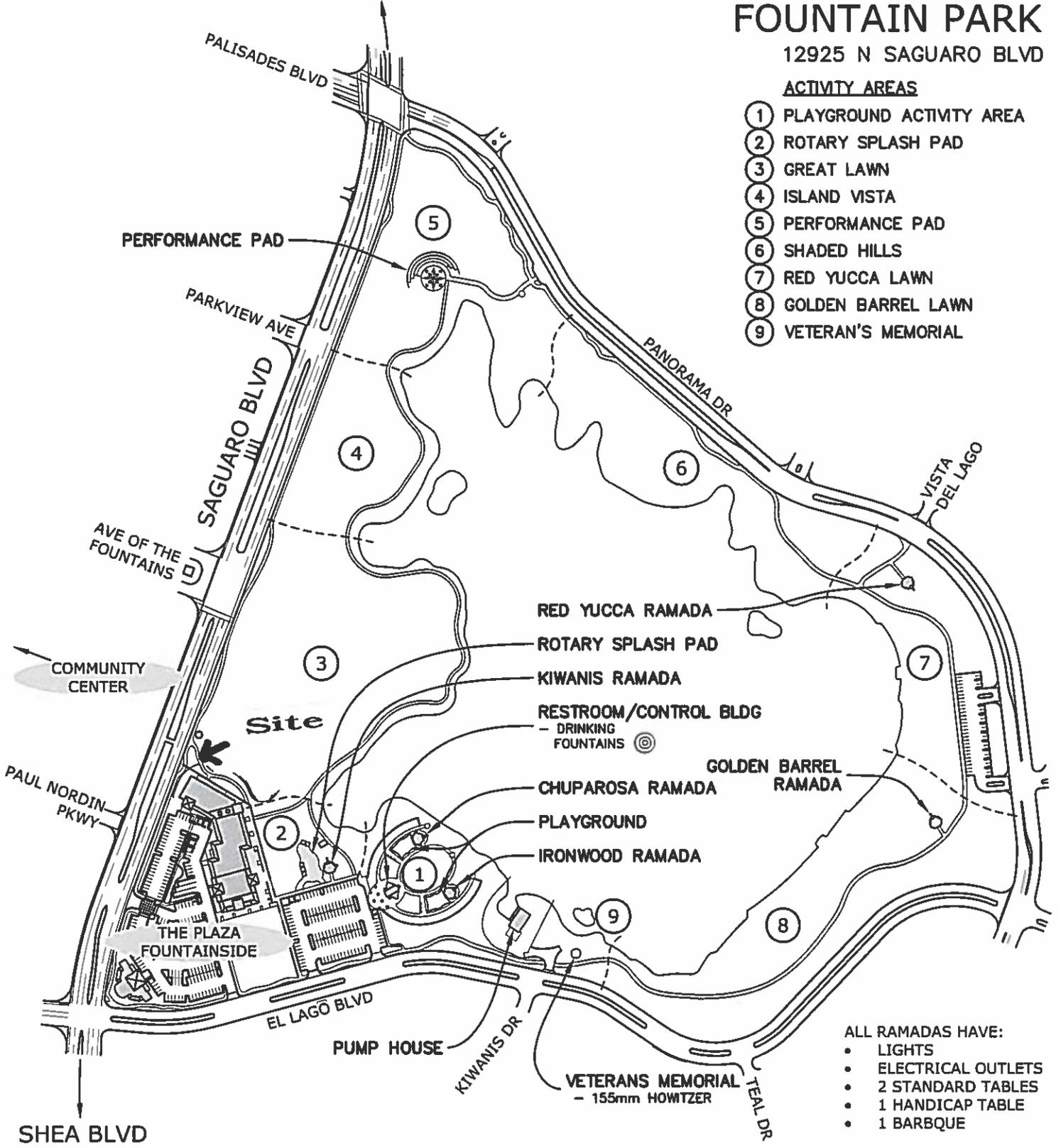
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FOUNTAIN PARK

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ACTIVITY AREAS

- ① PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY AREA
- ② ROTARY SPLASH PAD
- ③ GREAT LAWN
- ④ ISLAND VISTA
- ⑤ PERFORMANCE PAD
- ⑥ SHADED HILLS
- ⑦ RED YUCCA LAWN
- ⑧ GOLDEN BARREL LAWN
- ⑨ VETERAN'S MEMORIAL



- ALL RAMADAS HAVE:
- LIGHTS
 - ELECTRICAL OUTLETS
 - 2 STANDARD TABLES
 - 1 HANDICAP TABLE
 - 1 BARBQUE



Built in 1970, Fountain Hills World Famous Fountain draws from a 33 acre, million gallon lake and reaches a height of 330 ft. with two pumps for 15 minutes on the hour from 9am to 9pm daily. On special occasions the fountain can attain 560 ft. with all three pumps running. In the event winds exceed 10 mph the fountain will automatically shut-down.