



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS MINUTES OF  
THE JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER**

A joint session meeting of the Town Council and the Community Services Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Vice Chair Sherman Abrahamson at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 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 Mayor Linda M. Kavanagh, Vice Mayor Henry Leger, Council members Dennis Brown, Nick DePorter, Cassie Hansen and Cecil Yates. Absent at roll call was Council member Alan Magazine. Town Attorney Andrew McGuire attended by phone.

In attendance at roll call were, Vice Chair Sherman Abrahamson, Commissioners Pat Canning, Don Doty, Jerry Gorrell, Jim Judge, Lynne Mott and Greg Woo. Absent at roll call were Chair Natalie Varela and Commissioner Ron Ruppert. Town Manager Grady Miller, Director Mark Mayer, Park Supervisor Kevin Snipes, Recreation Supervisor Rachael Goodwin, Senior Services Supervisor Kelley Fonville and Executive Assistant Jennifer Lyons represented staff.

**ITEM #3: CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**ITEM #4: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE JANUARY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Doty made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting and Commissioner Woo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM #5: CONSIDERATION OF ELECTING NEW COMMISSION OFFICERS**

Commissioner Judge made a motion to appoint Sherman Abrahamson as Chair and Commissioner Mott seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Canning made a motion to appoint Commissioner Judge as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Gorrell and passed by unanimous vote.

**ITEM #6: UPDATE ON THE 2015 TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTER AGREEMENT**

Director Mayer stated, prior to the current year we had a lease agreement with them and there was a concern that the space was being under-utilized. We had a growing need not only for recreation programs, but also for senior activities and there was a real need to have some additional space. By working with members of this Commission and representatives of TLC, we were to be able to reach the following conclusion:

- Rent the facility the same as any other group.
- Paying on a monthly basis instead of up front.

- Pay after the fact based on their rentals. Same as any other long term user.

Director Mayer presented the following comments provided by Community Center Events and Operations Supervisor Mike Fenzel since implementing the changes:

- TLC has not made a single cancellation.
- Class size is significantly larger.
- Other groups have utilized the room including private rentals, Senior Activity Center programs and recreation classes.
- TLC is holding classes every Monday and Tuesday with one session from 10a.m.-12p.m. and another from 2-4p.m.
- TLC holds a session on Fridays 10a.m.-12 p.m.
- TLC holds a free “Time 4-U” lab on Wednesdays from 9-11a.m.
- TLC utilizes storage space for their mobile equipment.

Senior Services Supervisor handed out the attached Activity Center Programs/Classes/Events Outline 2015-2016 and gave an overview of the “Time 4-U” lab”:

- The “Time 4-U” lab came under the Activities Center as part of our Social Services.
- Wednesday lab from 9-11a.m.
- Free and open to the public (no membership required).
- TLC has a representative from Verizon that comes out during that open lab that can answer questions.
- The “Time 4-U” lab was expanded the first week in January and offered a program called “Five Free Days of New Gadget Tech Time”. It was an open lab where people could drop in and ask questions about their new technical equipment. 103 people utilized this program.
- Kathy Mullen the volunteer from TLC did one presentation last fall and will be doing two this winter/spring.

Commissioner Judge commended the job that Kelley Fonville is doing with the Activity Center. Just looking at the numbers of activities, classes, support groups, presentations, it is absolutely remarkable. She has grown the membership to over 1300 members in a community of 22,500 roughly.

#### **ITEM #7: UPDATE ON THE KIWANIS PLAYGROUND COMPLETED IN 2015**

Director Mayer stated this was great private/public partnership. The Town covered half the cost with the local Kiwanis club covering the other half. It’s a brand new feature for kids up to five years of age. Thanks to Mike (Scharnow), he came to us and suggested it. We were able to work out an arrangement, bring it to the Commission and ultimately to the Council.

Note: A picture of the completed playground was presented and is attached.

#### **ITEM #8: UPDATE ON THE 2015 DOG PARK UPGRADES**

Commissioner Doty read aloud from the attached document, “UPDATE on the 2015 Dog Park Upgrades”.

Mayor Kavanagh commented that the improvements were so significant and a big part of our last year that she did include a section in her “State of the Town” (address). This was another great accomplishment for the Commission. There was a problem with the neighborhood and (the Commission)

worked with the neighbors and found some kind of solution. Also there is a newsletter that is now being put out by the dog park.

Commissioner Woo commended Commissioner Doty for his work and helping to resurrect ADOG.

Councilmember Yates stated that these were funds spent on your own accord based on ADOG. There was no Town funding.

### **ITEM #9: UPDATE ON DRONES**

Director Mayer explained that is an ongoing discussion and that this something the Commission will be taking a look at.

- The current moratorium is included in the signage that's gone in the kiosks at Fountain Park, at Golden Eagle and the other parks.
- There has been a recent ruling by the FAA that all drones need to be registered as they are purchased.
- Legislature is also taking a look at drones and may pass a prohibition against communities passing any laws specific to drones.

Mayor Kavanagh remarked that with the Legislature, there is a bill going through. They don't want different cities making specific rules because the companies that want to start doing deliveries said they can't do that with all these different laws. This is mainly meant to protect privacy so that drones can't fly over your backyard and start take pictures of you doing things in the privacy of your own home, but also to make it uniform for all the cities for deliveries.

\*Director Mayer introduced Parks Supervisor Kevin Snipes to the Council and the Commission.

### **ITEM #10: UPDATE ON HARMONY MUSICAL PLAYGROUND**

Director Mayer presented the two attached slides and summarized what has been accomplished.

- The Greening Committee has prepared the site, with the trees in place now.
- They (the Rotary) are continuing with their funding raising efforts and we are hopeful that by fall or maybe sooner we'll be in the position utilizing their funds that they have collected to start to put some instruments in.
- Benches will be added as funds allow us to do that.

### **ITEM #11: UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENTS/TOURISM FROM RACHAEL GOODWIN, RECREATION SUPERVISOR**

Events: We are more than just an Art's community. Our large Art Fair this weekend and also have a number of Thunderbird Art Events that go on, but we are moving beyond that to have quite a variety.

- Large disc golf event coming up next weekend. It is a 4 day National Championship in our park.
- Eggstravaganza
- Kite Festival
- Music Fest
- Multiple St. Patrick's Day celebrations
- Slide the City – expect to return this fall
- New Chamber Bike Event – next spring
- New Half Marathon – Council just approved and be welcoming in October
- Possible Food Truck Rally

Recreation: We are moving in new directions, trying to work with what the community wants.

- We did a survey that reached out to the community, trying to get a better picture of what everybody is looking for; times of day, types of classes, age brackets, so we are working to implement that.
- We have brought in a number of successful programs: Archery over at Four Peaks Park that has run 2 sessions at 20 people per session. Tai Chi which has been really popular and that has been a full house. Tonight we are introducing Moonlight Yoga down at the park.
- Youth programs - We work with the schools and the Coalition here in town to run teen programming. This past Friday we ran a trip to the Suns basketball game with the help of Steven Hunter. We took 45 kids, which was a packed bus. They got to meet him, have some interaction and see the game. We have been doing that monthly and packed the bus every single trip we have done since September/October. We hope to introduce some new classes and trips over the summertime that may have an overnight or turnaround component. Also bringing in a more traditional camp. We did a 3 day camp last summer that was well attended and we are hoping to turn that into a full week camp.

Tourism: We have a number of grants that have allowed us to do a lot of different things.

- Waste Management Phoenix Open: We had a hole sponsorship as well as a full page ad in their commemorative program.
- Spring Training: We will be doing some sponsorships with the Cubs Training Facility. Fountain Hills will be the proud sponsor of every homerun hit this spring and we will have ads in their program. We are also doing some advertizing with the Diamondbacks Facility.
- New branding material was presented. (copy is attached)
- New website is in the final stages and should be coming before Council the first meeting March.

#### **ITEM #12: CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Judge made a motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m., Vice Chair Abrahamson seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **Community Services Advisory Commission**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherman Abrahamson, 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 Joint Session held by the Town Council and the Community Services Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016

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Jennifer Lyons, Executive Assistant

# ACTIVITY CENTER

## PROGRAMS/CLASSES/EVENTS

Outline 2015-2016

### Activities/Classes

Bingo  
Bridge (intermediate, advanced)  
Bunko  
Calligraphy (beginners) - **NEW**  
Cards (Pinochle)  
Classical Music Matinee  
Conversational Spanish  
Diabetes Management Workshop - **NEW**  
Domino Players  
Exercise Classes  
Golden Age of Radio Show  
Great Decisions Class  
Hand & Foot Cards  
Hooks & Needles (beginners, intermediate)  
Left, Center, Right  
Let's Rock-n-Roll  
Line Dancing (beginners, intermediate, advanced)  
Mah Jongg (beginners, intermediate, advanced)  
Matter of Balance Class  
Men's Discussion Group  
Movies  
Parkinson's Art  
Parkinson's Exercise  
Ping Pong  
Poetry Readers - **NEW**  
Poetry Writers - **NEW**  
Poker  
Quilts N' More  
Scrabble Club  
Sherlock Holmes Book Club  
Sign Language (beginners, intermediate) - **NEW**  
Spanish Club II  
Speechreading (beginners) - **NEW**  
Summer Games for All Ages  
Swing Time Music  
Table Talk - Women's Discussion  
Women Singles' Group  
Woodcarvers  
Writing a Memoir - **NEW**

### Support Groups/Social Services

Bereavement Support Group  
Blood Pressure Monitoring  
Caregiver's Support Group  
Celiac Support Group  
Diabetes Support Group - **NEW**  
Hearing Loss Support Group  
Home Delivered Meals  
Legal Consultations\*  
Lending Library  
Medical Equipment to Loan  
Medical Insurance Consultation\*  
Parkinson's Support Group  
Surviving Cancer Support Group  
**Time 4-U Computer Lab**  
Vertigo Support Group - **NEW**  
\*indicates appointment is required

**OVER**

## EVENTS

Coffee and Bagel Social Hour sponsored by D.J.'s Bagels  
Pizza Party sponsored by Little Caesars  
Ice Cream Social sponsored by Spooner & Shaft, Schultz Chiropractic, and Schwan's  
Balance Screenings offered by Spooner & Shaft Physical Therapy  
Osteoporosis, Lung Capacity & Posture Analysis offered by AFC Chiropractic  
Activities & Volunteer EXPO hosted by the Activity Center and Town Volunteer Program

## SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Brain Health offered by Banner Alzheimer's Institute - **NEW**  
Intro to Mindfulness offered by Ninette Hupp - **NEW**  
Living Well with Hearing Loss offered by ASU Audiology Department - **NEW**  
Singing in the Rain offered by Area Agency on Aging - **NEW**

## 2015 SUMMER/FALL PRESENTATIONS

Drone Photography  
Statins (Cholesterol Lowering Drugs)  
Pain Management  
Taliesin West  
Medication Safety  
Ride Choice and Give-A-Lift Program  
Medicare & Benefits  
Cruising Down the River  
Home (Heard Museum)  
Forensic-CSI and Text-A-Tip  
Holocaust Survivor  
AZ-land of Anomalies and Tamales  
British Isles and Ireland in Depth  
Vertigo - Common Causes  
Dutch Master Painters (Phoenix Art Museum)  
Songs of the Grand Canyon  
**Shopping for Mobile Devices and Accessories**  
Life on the Northwest Coast and in the Arctic (Heard Museum)  
Pearl Harbor - A Day of Remembrance  
Arizona River and Creeks  
The Other Guys of the Renaissance & Impressionism (Phoenix Art Museum)

## 2016 WINTER/SPRING PRESENTATIONS

America's Epidemic: dangers of excess weight  
Guarding the President  
Shoulder Pain  
Hidden in Plain View (Phoenix Art Museum)  
Silent Witness  
Dine' - The Navajo (Heard Museum)  
Just in from Mars-Roving Mars with the Curiosity Rover  
Secrets of the Grand Canyon  
Botswana the Peaceable Kingdom  
The Eye and the Artist  
**Managing Your Password**  
Bassonner or Later  
Avoiding Falls: secrets to staying on your feet  
Tips for Protecting Your Personal Privacy and Data  
Tutto Italy  
Madagascar the Mini-Continent  
Improve Posture  
Chocolate, Chilies, and Cochineal (Heard Museum)  
Arthritis- natural ways to beat Arthur  
Laughter Yoga  
**Understanding the Cloud**  
Mysterious Mysteries of Johannes Vermeer (Phoenix Art Museum)  
Fibromyalgia  
What is Dementia Anyway  
Just in from Saturn  
Foods that Affect BP & Cholesterol  
Tips n' Tricks for a Restful Sleep





# Harmony Musical Playground



A cooperative effort between the  
Town of Fountain Hills,  
Four Peaks Rotary Club, and  
The Fountain Hills Cultural & Civic Association  
Greening of Downtown Program





## "UPDATE on the 2015 Dog Park Upgrades"

The sight barriers were installed in Sept of last year they included;

A 3-foot fence on the raised planter keeping dogs off the planter and providing a sight separation between the large and small dog parks.

A solid mesh was placed on the fence across the park entry way blocking the sight of dogs as they arrive and greet each other.

The same mesh was placed on the gate that separates the two parks.

These areas were considered a major source of the barking.

The modifications appear to have served as intended and eliminated these noise sources.

I have talked to several residents in the area and they confirmed that these modifications helped curtail barking.

However, they also stated that there was still some annoying barking noise.

In my opinion some of the random barking could be reduced through self-governance of the dog park users.