

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF PALM DESERT

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Administrative Conference Room, City Hall

73-510 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert, CA 92260

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2449, this meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting and there will be in-person access to this location.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. NONAGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time has been set aside for the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee on issues that are not on the agenda for up to three minutes. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of the agenda. Because the Brown Act does not allow the Parks and Recreation Committee to act on items not listed on the agenda, members may briefly respond or refer the matter to staff for a report and recommendation at a future meeting.

4.	CONSENT CALENDAR	
	All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. The public may comment on any items on the Consent Agenda within the three-minute time limit. Individual items may be removed by the Parks and Recreation Committee for a separate discussion.	
	RECOMMENDATION: To approve the consent calendar as presented.	
4.a	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	5
	RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of November 5, 2024.	
5.	CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER	
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	None.	
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	The next Regular Meeting will be held on January 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.	

9. PUBLIC NOTICES

Agenda Related Materials: Pursuant to Government Code §54957.5(b)(2) the designated office for inspection of records in connection with this meeting is the Office of the City Clerk, Palm Desert Civic Center, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert. Staff reports for all agenda items considered in open session, and documents provided to a majority of the legislative bodies are available for public inspection at City Hall and on the City's website at www.palmdesert.gov.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda for the Parks and Recreation Committee was posted on the City Hall bulletin board and City website not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

/S/ Monique Lomeli
Senior Deputy Clerk

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

CITY OF PALM DESERT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Member Lori Flint, Member Rob Langford, Chair John Maldonado, Committee Member Paul Murphy, Committee Member David O'Donnell, Vice Chair Ralph Perry, Committee Member Tim Skogen, Committee Member Akkerman

Absent: Committee Member Randy Guyer

Liaison(s) Present: Councilmember Evan Trubee

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Escobedo, Community Services Manager Shawn Muir, Management Analyst II Kevin Swartz, Recording Secretary Erika Castellano

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Maldonado on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Committee Member Murphy

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Member Langford

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Approve the Minutes of September 20, 2024.

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

5. ACTION CALENDAR

5.a EXPLORE COST OPTIONS FOR FENCING AROUND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CITY PARKS

Management Analyst Swartz provided information related to fencing around playground equipment at Freedom Park and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Seconded by: Chair Maldonado

After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with exploring cost options for fencing around playground equipment at City parks. This will include researching various height levels, starting with an assessment of Freedom Park.

Motion Carried (8 to 0)

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS

6.a UPDATES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

6.a.1 Palm Desert Aquatic Center

Family YMCA of the Desert Executive Director Paula Simonds provided a report and an update regarding a \$50,000 grant from First Five to provide free swimming lessons to children aged 0-5 years old. No action taken on this item

6.a.2 First Tee - Coachella Valley

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

6.a.3 Friends of the Desert Mountains

Friends of the Desert Mountains Executive Director Tammy Martin provided a report and an update on the annual Friends of the Desert Mountains Connect to the Land Fundraising event taking place on November 13, 2024, at 4 p.m.

6.b UPDATES FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

6.b.1 Family YMCA of the Desert

None.

6.b.2 Desert Recreation District

Desert Recreation District General Manager Kevin Kalman advised the Desert Recreation District location in Palm Desert is scheduled to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 7, 2024, at 10 a.m.

6.c PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

6.d CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilmember Trubee provided thank you cards to Committee Members on behalf of the City Council.

6.e CITY STAFF

Recording Secretary Castellano provided information on a live, interactive AB1234 Ethics Training session, facilitated by attorneys from Best Best & Krieger on January 30, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Palm Desert Council Chamber or virtually via Zoom.

6.f ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Castellano, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary

Kevin Swartz, Project Manager
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER (PDAC) MONTHLY REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by PDAC to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. PDAC Monthly Report



October 16th – November 15th 2024

Passes

25 Punch Card:	66 New	21 Renewed Total: 87
3 Month Pass:	17 New	1 Renewed Total: 18
Annual Pass:	1 New	0 Renewed Total: 1
Fitness Pass:	0 New	0 Renewed Total: 0
Water Exercise Punch Card:	2 New	1 Renewed Total: 3
Water Exercise Monthly:	36 New	89 Renewed Total: 125

Daily Admission Lap Swim

Non-Resident: 652

Resident: 518

Total: 1,170

Daily Admission Rec. Swim

Non-Resident: 151

Resident: 49

Total: 200

Daily Admission Low Income Discount 9 Desert Cities

Non-Resident: 0

Resident: 0

Total: 0

Gate Entries/Water Exercise Attendance

Lap Swim entries = 2,153

Water Exercise Class Attendance = 1,604

Total entries: 3,757

Swim Lessons

Private Swim Lessons: Non-Resident = 20	Resident = 30	Total: 50 participants
Group Swim Lessons: Non-Resident = 12	Resident = 14	Total: 26 participants
Rec. Swim Team: Non-Resident = 11	Resident = 17	Total: 28 participants

Multiuse Room Rentals

Birthday Parties: 1

Total: 1

User Groups

Palm Desert Swim Club

Xavier High School

Scorpions Water Polo

Tritons US Masters Swimming

Salton Sea Triathlon Club

Recreational Swimming ended on October 27th for the season and will resume April 5th, 2025.

Branded equipment was introduced to the Rec. Swim Team, and we have seen a renewed interest in the program.



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: FIRST TEE AND THE GOLF CENTER AT PALM DESERT
MONTHLYREPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the First Tee to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. First Tee Report
2. The Golf Center at Palm Desert Report



A program of the Desert Recreation District

Programming Update:

- January 1st – November 22nd
2,984 registrations
- Back to School Session
218 registrations
- 4 Week Back to the Basics Full Swing Session @ The Golf Center
224 registrations
- Fall Session November 4th – December 21st
329 Registrations as of October 26th

Desert Willow Golf Academy & First Tee CV Collaboration

- First Tee CV and Desert Willow have opened up conversations on how we can collaborate on a "First Tee – Golf Academy" at Desert Willow taught by Desert Willow teaching staff

Evans Scholars Foundation Caddie Update:

- Caddie Class & Program has started its 2nd year at Ironwood CC

Fundraising Events

- October 26th & 27th Annual Golf A Thon Fundraiser at The Golf Center
As of Saturday October 26th participants, coaches, and their families raised \$36,000.00.
- May 5th: 15th Annual Play with a Purpose Event at Desert Horizons CC



The Golf Center at Palm Desert

NOVEMBER

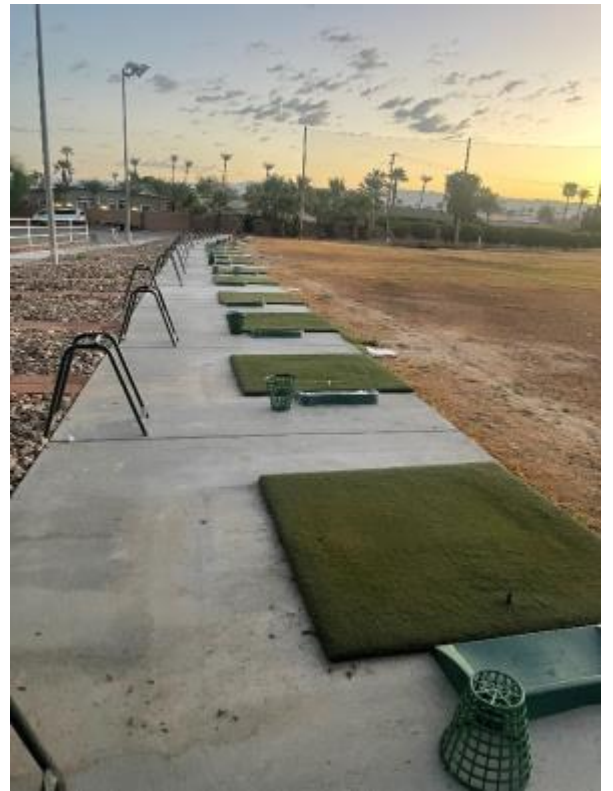
	2024	2023
September-October		
Range/Rental/Lesson	\$39,207	\$49,857
Golf Course	\$ 8,498	\$11,516
Merchandise/F&B	\$ 4,033	\$ 4,768
Total	\$51,739	\$66,141

Golf Course Update:

The renovation of the East End Driving Range has been successfully completed, and the facility is now open to the public (refer to the picture below).

- In the preceding months, revenue figures declined compared to 2023 due to the temporary closure for renovations. However, following the reopening of the newly renovated area, we are observing a positive trend in revenue. As of November 17, 2023, revenue for the month has increased by \$14,000 in comparison to 2023 and has surpassed the budget by \$4,000.





**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY
REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the Friends of the Desert Mountains Association to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Friends Monthly Report



November Events

Date	Category	Event	# of Participants	City
11/1/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	7	Palm Desert
11/2/2024	Guided Hikes	Randall Henderson Trail Hike	14	Palm Desert
11/2/24	Outreach	Outreach, RHT parking	14	Palm Desert
11/4/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	9	Palm Desert
11/7/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike	16	Palm Desert
11/7/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon	16	Palm Desert
11/7/2024	Outreach	Outreach, AST parking	10	Palm Desert
11/7/2024	BLM Event	Yoga with a Ranger	14	Palm Desert
11/8/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	6	Palm Desert
11/9/2024	Event	Star Party at the Monument	32	Palm Desert
11/10/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike	15	Palm Desert
11/10/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon	11	Palm Desert
11/14/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike	10	Palm Desert
11/14/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon	11	Palm Desert
11/14/2024	BLM Event	Yoga with a Ranger	12	Palm Desert
11/15/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	11	Palm Desert
11/16/2024	Guided Hikes	Randall Henderson Trail Hike	11	Palm Desert
11/16/2024	Outreach	Outreach, RHT parking	25	Palm Desert
11/16/2024	BLM Event	Archaeology Training	11	Palm Desert
11/17/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike	15	Palm Desert
11/17/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon	16	Palm Desert
11/18/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	5	Palm Desert
11/19/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About	9	Palm Desert
11/19/2024	Volunteer Only	History of Cahuilla People	27	Palm Desert

December
Events



11/21/2024	Guided Hikes	City Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
11/21/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
11/22/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
11/23/2024	BLM Event	National Public Lands Day		Palm Desert
11/24/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
11/24/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/5/2024	BLM Event	Yoga with a Ranger		Palm Desert
12/5/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/5/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/6/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
12/7/2024	Guided Hikes	Randall Henderson Trail Hike		Palm Desert
12/7/2024	BLM Lecture	A Monument in Your Backyard		Palm Desert
12/7/2024	BLM Event	Desert Mountains Art Fair		Palm Desert
12/8/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/8/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/12/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/12/2024	BLM Event	Yoga with a Ranger		Palm Desert
12/12/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/13/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
12/16/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
12/19/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/19/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/20/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
12/21/2024	Event	Star Party at the Monument		Palm Desert
12/22/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/22/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/26/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/26/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert
12/27/2024	Guided Hikes	Birding Walk-About		Palm Desert
12/28/2024	Guided Hikes	Randall Henderson Trail Hike		Palm Desert
12/29/2024	Guided Hikes	Carrizo Canyon Hike		Palm Desert
12/29/2024	Guided Hikes	Dead Indian Canyon		Palm Desert

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT MONTHLY REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the YMCA to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. YMCA Monthly Report



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November 19, 2024

Family YMCA of the Desert: December 3, 2024 City of Palm Desert Parks and Recreation Committee Report

FROM: Paula Simonds, CEO

Camps/Programs: Registration underway

Thanksgiving Break Camp: November 25th -27th

Winter Break Camps: December 23rd-27th and December 30-January 3, 2025

Winter Basketball : January 11th-March 8th, 2025

Y Rookies T-Ball: January 11th-March 8th, 2025

Y Rookies Basketball: March 8th -May 3rd, 2025

Flag Football: January 11th – March 8th, 2025

Breakfast with Santa at The Shops at Palm Desert:

December 8th from 10:00am -11:30am

Merry Grinchmas Party at The Shops at Palm Desert:

December 14th from 11:00am-12:30pm

Jean Benson Early Childhood Development Center:

Enrollment: 54

Carter Elementary School Age Childcare:

Enrollment 54

AED Installation:

We are in the process of installing AED Machines and provide training at all of our program locations.

Reminder: If you'd ever like to visit one of our programs, our dedicated team would love to have you visit. Always good to see first hand the wonderful programs that are being provided in the City of Palm Desert. Please contact me at paulasimonds@desertymca.org or 760-341-9622 to schedule a visit.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2024

PREPARED BY: Kevin Swartz, Project Manager

SUBJECT: DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

This report is submitted by the Desert Recreation District to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their monthly update. There is no action required from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRD Monthly Report



Date: November 25, 2024

To: City of Palm Desert Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Brenda Nutter, Community Services Coordinator

Subject: Numbers reflective November 1 through November 22, 2024

Palm Desert October:

Memberships Sold	
Fitness Pass	7
Desert Willow	213
Skate Park	8
Adaptive	3
Activity Totals	
Soccer	15
Chess	5
Guitar	10
Yoga	1
Tai Chi	6
Line Dance	15
Tennis	24
Rugby	12
Afterschool	178
Pickleball Clinics	35
Drop-In Class Participation	
Fitness	4
Dance	11
Pickleball	4
Facility Rentals	
Amphitheater Rentals	9
Football Field Rentals	reseeding
Pavilion/Outdoor Area Rentals	11

Tennis/Pickleball Courts Rentals	46
Softball Field Rentals	30
Soccer Field Rentals	131

Adaptive October

October Program Participation	
Adaptive Basketball	33
Adaptive Golf	10
Adaptive Pickleball	20
Adaptive Tennis	17
Adaptive Walk, Roll and Run	18

Outdoor Adventure October:

Costal Trips	84
Hiking	14
Trips for Kids, mountain biking	6

Palm Desert:

Join us on December 7th for the ribbon cutting event at 10am. We will have plenty of activities for the community. Take part in some free classes/ clinics. We will have Santa and lots of arts and crafts as well as other activities for the children.

January 11, 2024 from 9am to 2pm, we will have an open house. Our instructors will be offering free classes. Go to myrecreationdistrict.com to look at the classes/clinics offered as well as and times.

Parks Recreation Committee

Year	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	Total Absences	
Month	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	July	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov		Unexcused	Excused
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Flint, Lori	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		0	0
Guyer, Randy	E	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		0	1
Langford, Rob	P	-	P	P	-										0	0
Maldonado, John	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P		0	1
Murphy, Paul	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E		0	1
O'Donnell, David	P	-	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		0	2
Perry, Ralph	P	-	P	P	-	P	A	P	P	E	P	P	P		1	1
Skogen, Tim	P	-	P	P	-										0	0

Palm Desert Municipal Code 2.34.010

Monthly: Three unexcused absences from regular meetings in any twelve-month period shall constitute an automatic resignation of members holding office on boards that meet monthly.

Please contact the Recording Secretary to discuss any attendance concerns.

- P Present
- P** Remote
- A Absent
- E Excused
- No Meeting
- Resigned/Not Yet Appointed