

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Member Randy Guyer, Committee Member Rob Langford, Chair John Maldonado, Committee Member Paul Murphy, Committee Member David O'Donnell, Vice-Chair Ralph Perry, Committee Member Tim Skogen

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Escobedo, Community Services Manager Shawn Muir, Project Manager Kevin Swartz, City Clerk Anthony Mejia, Recording Secretary Michelle Nance

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Maldonado on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 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

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Committee Member Guyer

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Committee Member Guyer

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Approve the Minutes of March 4, 2025.

Motion Carried

5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

None.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a DISCUSS THE PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER YEAR 2 FEE INCREASE

Community Services Manager Muir and Liberty Urban of Urban Consulting narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member O'Donnell

Seconded by: Committee Member Murphy

Recommend that the City Council approve the Year 2 increase in admission fees to the proposed rates for the Palm Desert Aquatic Center.

NOES (1): Committee Member Guyer

Motion Carried (6 to 1)

6.b UPDATE ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PARK DESIGNER INTERWEST

Community Services Manager Muir narrated a PowerPoint presentation; no formal action taken on this item.

6.c CONSIDER THE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI) SCORING SYSTEM FOR EACH PARK

Motion by: Chair Maldonado

Seconded by: Committee Member O'Donnell

1. Approve the KPI scoring system for each park.
2. Approve the six-month parks reporting structure.

Motion Carried (7 to 0)

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

7.a UPDATES FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

7.a.1 Palm Desert Aquatic Center

Palm Desert Aquatic Center Manager, David Keyes, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.2 First Tee - Coachella Valley

General Manager of Desert Recreation District, Kevin Kalman, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.3 Friends of the Desert Mountains

Executive Director of Friends of the Desert Mountains, Tammy Martin, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.a.4 Family YMCA of the Desert

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

7.a.5 Desert Recreation District

General Manager of Desert Recreation District, Kevin Kalman, provided a report and responded to member inquiries.

7.b CITY STAFF

7.b.1 Palm Desert Skate Park Update

This item was continued to a date uncertain.

7.b.2 City Clerk Update

City Clerk Mejia narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries.

7.c CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Mayor Pro Tem Trubee expressed appreciation to the Committee for great discussions during today's meeting.

8. REQUESTS FOR ACTION

Committee Member O'Donnell, with support of the Chair Maldonado, requested a report on comparable maintenance costs for Palm Desert Aquatic Center, parks, and other city services.

9. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk II
Recording Secretary

Kevin Swartz, Project Manager
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE