

# anthem community council

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
Open Session  
Remote Meeting via Zoom

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Members Present:**

Bob McKenzie, Chair  
Darrin Francom, Vice Chair  
Doug Sutherland, Treasurer  
Barb Patterson, Director  
Chilesa Ready, Director  
Gina Richard, Director

### **Members Absent:**

Carolynn Hiron, Secretary

### **Others Present:**

Kristi Northcutt, Sr. Dir. of Community Relations  
Paul Conley, Sr. Director Finance  
Scott Newell, Dir. of Programs & Aquatics  
Mike Krask, Maintenance Manager  
Jonathan Ebertshauser, Legal Counsel  
Kim Bodary, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Foster, Project Manager

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and recognized those in attendance.

### **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Chairman McKenzie established a quorum with six Board members present.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

**Vice Chairman Francom made a motion to adopt the agenda. Treasurer Sutherland seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Director Ready made a motion to approve the October 27, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Director Patterson seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman McKenzie introduced Aaron Baker as the ACC's new Executive Director, who will begin his role on Dec. 1, 2021. Mr. Baker gave a brief overview of his background.

### **STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIALS**

#### **i. Programs**

Director of Programs & Aquatics Scott Newell gave the report of activities which included good participation in indoor rec volleyball, outdoor soccer, teen sports sampler and the Rock Wall challenge. Mr. Newell further stated that Anthem hosted its first official pickleball tournament Nov. 13-15 with over 350 attendees and the fitness schedule continues to add new and exciting classes with our new membership options to go along with the punch cards and drop-ins.

#### **ii. Operations**

Parks and Facilities Manager Mike Krask stated that planting for Paseo and the Panhandle common areas are complete; a potable water is being installed at the Anthem Veterans Memorial (vs. reclaimed water currently) to keep the flowers in the AVM at the peak of their bloom as long as possible; fourteen new picnic tables are being installed in Community Park; and safety-related concrete repairs have been completed at the Community Center. Mr. Krask further stated that mailbox repairs for 2021 reserve underway with over 50% of this year's required units on order and the balance being ordered. Mr. Krask also covered a list of upcoming closures for annual maintenance repairs, including the pool, Community Center, a trail, and other various projects.

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**iii. Financials**

Sr. Director of Finance Paul Conley spoke on status of accounts. Full disclosure financial statements are posted at *OnlineAtAnthem.com* as part of the documents supporting the open meeting.

**iv. Community Relations**

Sr. Dir. of Community Relations Kristi Northcutt gave an update on the EPCOR water rate case. The Arizona Corporation Commission is scheduled to hear the case at its open meeting Dec. 15-16, 2021. The Administrative Law Judge issued her Recommended Opinion and Order on Nov. 12, which called for full consolidation of districts, in line with the recent Arizona Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of consolidation. She also encouraged residents to submit Facilities Master Plan project proposals; deadlines are approaching in December and January. The Dec. 10 Representative Town Hall (9 a.m.) speaker is Tom Ellsworth, Director of Planning and Development for Maricopa County. Ms. Northcutt stated the community will be treated to a New Year's Eve fireworks show, which will launch at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. To secure the fallout zone, the Community Center will close at 2 p.m.

**Vice Chair Francom motioned to accept the Staff Reports and Financials as presented. Director Richard seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Facilities Master Planning Committee (FMPC)**

Committee Chair Treasurer Sutherland informed that the FMPC has received two proposal applications, but he anticipates more applications. The first deadline is the "Intent to Submit a Proposal" on Dec. 31. The next meeting of the committee is Dec. 14.

**B. Finance Committee**

Committee Chair Sutherland stated that since the meeting is later this month, there is no report.

**Director Ready moved to accept the Committee reports. Director Patterson seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

ACC Legal Counsel Jonathan Ebertshauser stated that there was no report from Closed Session.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Resident Marcus Ready suggested that Anthem hold a special event to celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. legal holiday and Chairman McKenzie stated that he will pass this along to staff for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Skate Park Rules**

ACC Project Manager Kevin Foster reviewed the final draft of the rules for the Anthem "SK8 & Ride," an all-wheels facility currently under construction. Vice Chair Francom thanked the staff for all their hard work on doing research and developing the rules. Once approved, staff will produce signs for the park, and the new rules will be added to the Board Policy Manual.

**Vice Chair Francom moved to approve the skate park rules as presented. Director Ready seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Community Center Outdoor Fitness Area**

Director of Programs & Aquatics Scott Newell gave an overview, as presented in the packet, of a proposed outdoor fitness area at the Community Center.

Chairman McKenzie inquired if the minimum age to use the area would be the same as the dog park, which is 14 years old. Mr. Newell stated yes, due to our insurance policy.

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Director Patterson asked if this would be for residents only, and Mr. Newell stated yes, as residents will have to check in at the Community Center first.

Director Richard inquired about lifespan of the equipment being outdoors in the heat exposure, and Mr. Newell stated that the lifespan should be 10–15 years.

Vice Chair Francom inquired if the difference in cost between the allocated Reserve funds and the bid will be covered by the Reserve Fund, Operating Fund, or Capital Expenditure. Chairman McKenzie deferred this to Mr. Conley who will answer at a later date.

Director Ready asked what the target end date is, and Mr. Newell stated that is unknown due to product and labor shortages, but that the goal would be May 2022.

Resident Nick Johnson asked if there would be signs/directions for each station on potential uses for each of the equipment pieces. Mr. Newell stated yes.

**Vice Chairman Francom moved to approve the Outdoor Community Center Fitness Area with a cost not to exceed \$160,000. Director Patterson seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

 *Carolynn Hiron*

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Carolynn Hiron, Secretary  
On Behalf of the Anthem Community Council Board of Directors