

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012  
8:00 A.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.  
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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Burnside called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, and Council Members George, Baker, Whatley were present. German met the Council at the Community Park. Jones arrived at 8:05 a.m.

**Also Present:**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Sunstrom, Public Works Director Ron Long, Mike Dumas, and Parks and Rec Coordinator Rickey Long.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Rickey Long led the pledge.

**4. TOUR OF 118 ACRE PARK SITE LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 260 AND MCCRACKEN**

Following the pledge, the Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:10 a.m. to tour the Community Park and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

**5. Discussion of the development of the Community Park**

Martin advised that there is a lot of opportunity in the Community Park. He explained that there were two important issues to be discussed: 1) when improvements can start and 2) how much the improvements will cost. Martin advised the Council that interest rates are at a historic low and they might want to consider borrowing money while the rates are still low.

Martin advised the Council that hydrology studies for the park is funded and asked for direction from the Council on moving forward. Ron Long presented the Council with a map of the Community Park and plans for improvements. The Council discussed options for fencing the park property line and installing fencing around the ditches for safety purposes. They discussed at length re-purposing an old building currently on site for workers and volunteers. Council agreed that the building poses a safety concern, as it has asbestos and lead paint and they should consider other options for the workers and volunteers. Council also discussed diverting water flows into basins, and when the improvements are going to begin. Long advised that the plans for starting improvements will begin early next year.

Mayor Burnside suggested the possibility of extending the right of way easement up to the Sanitary District. He explained that if the Town becomes trustees of the Sanitary District, we would have full use of the effluent water for the park needs. He advised that by extending that road a gravity feed could be installed, which would require no electricity. Council discussed installing a well in the park for drinking water.

Council also discussed at length installing an emergency exit/entrance road for the park. Mayor Burnside suggested an emergency exit/entrance onto McCracken road that would not only allow easy access for emergency vehicles, but access for workers and volunteers. He advised that without a workable entrance, improvements would have to wait until June of next year.

Martin reminded the Council that the intent of this meeting was to discuss ideas and plans for improving the park to help better judge what would need to be placed into the budget for improvements. Several members of the Council agreed that an emergency entrance/exit onto McCracken would pose several safety concerns

to both the public and the surrounding neighborhoods. It was suggested to wait until June for volunteers to start working, giving them time to plan what needed to be done. Council was encouraged to keep in mind the topography of the park will change over time and the best plan would be to get the fencing done right away and the issues concerning a maintenance building and emergency exit/entrance need further inspection and discussion.

Mayor Burnside allowed input from the public without identifying themselves. Input from the public included request for an updated map of the park, safety issues for the public and workers if the current building were to be used for the workers and volunteers, and if McCracken were to be used as emergency exit only, it would alleviate a lot of the concern for public safety and the foreseen parking issues. Members of the public stated that the original plan for an emergency exits/entrances into the park were to be off the Sanitary District Road with McCracken to be used for emergencies only, not as an access road for workers and volunteers. The public commented that there is no room for expansion opportunity in the Community Park.

Russ Martin advised that we will do all in our power to appreciate and consider the surrounding neighborhoods in the planning and that staff is always available to hear the concerns and ideas of the public.

6. **Adjournment**

On a motion by German, seconded by Jones the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor 11-30-12

  
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Stephanie Sunstrom, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the discussion and direction of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on November 9, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 30 day of November, 2012.

  
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Deborah Barber, Town Clerk