

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 181 NORTH 9TH STREET, SHOW LOW, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Daryl Seymore, Vice Mayor Mike Allsop, and Council members John Leech, Jr., Connie Kakavas, and Gene Kelley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Council members Rennie Crittenden and Brent Hatch.

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager; F. Morgan Brown, City Attorney; Jay Brimhall, Community Services Director; Justin Johnson, Administrative Services Director; Rachael Hall, Assistant City Clerk; and Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk.

GUESTS: Natalie Mackay and Jim Vollmer of Unlimited Play; and Dean Swingle of Little Tikes.

3. Presentation and Discussion with Unlimited Play.

Mr. Brimhall introduced the Founder and Executive Director Natalie Mackay, and the Project Manager Jim Vollmer of Unlimited Play. Ms. Mackay gave the history of Unlimited Play. Her son was born with a disability, and she wanted to figure out how to design an inclusive playground correctly for all kids to enjoy. Unlimited Play had opened 27 playgrounds across the nation. Mr. Vollmer said his son was put into a wheelchair at the age of 10 and wasn't able to play with the kids on the playground due to his circumstances. He saw Ms. Mackay on the news about creating an inclusive playground. He said it changed everything for his son, and he was now accepted by other kids. He then came on board with Unlimited Play.

Ms. Mackay said the playgrounds were created for kids with and without disabilities, and discussed building inclusion through play. She said the playgrounds promoted independence by placing poured ramps throughout the entire structure along with fencing. The shaded spots became a meeting place where empathy and friendship could blossom and social inclusion was created.

Ms. Mackay said all kids should have the opportunity to experience swinging, spinning, climbing, and building friendships and that the active motion module the

company created had that ability. She said they created graduating complexity so there were activities at every level to allow kids to choose their challenge and learn new skills. Creating a themed playground helped with imagination development. The City's theme was "Frontier" and also included a splash pad.

Councilmember Leech asked if the City's playground was designed to allow adults to swing. Ms. Mackay said yes, the City's design allowed for adults to swing with their kids. Mr. Vollmer said they received calls from veterans with disabilities that were able to visit the playground and play with their kids.

Vice Mayor Allsop asked if a zip-line could be incorporated in the City's playground design. Ms. Mackay said a zip-line could be incorporated if the area had enough space and budget allowed for it.

Mr. Brimhall said there would be multiple meetings tomorrow with internal staff, business leaders, and area stakeholders to educate them about this project and ask for support. Unlimited Play had established a network on raising funds and would help the City with their resources on filling in the gaps to pay for the project.

Councilwoman Kakavas asked about longevity and maintenance cost for the playground. Dean Swingle of Little Tikes, said the playground behind the police department had been there for 20 years, and the equipment has a warranty of at least 15 years. He said the surfacing for the playground would have a warranty around 10 to 12 years.

Councilman Leech asked where the playground would be located. Mr. Brimhall said it would be located at Frontier Field near the current parking lot.

Mayor Seymore said he liked the splash pad design and thanked Unlimited Play for their presentation.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, **MAYOR SEYMORE ADJOURNED THE STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019, AT 6:54 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk

Daryl Seymore, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the **STUDY SESSION** of the City Council of Show Low held on November 19, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Tamra Reidhead, City Clerk