

Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority
Youth and Amateur Sports Oversight Committee
December 16, 2004, 10:30 a.m.
Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority Offices
14500 N Northsight Blvd, Suite 312 (Conference room)
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

Attendance

Members

Bill Peltier, Chairman
Herman Orcutt
Verma Pastor (telephonically)

Staff

Kerri White, Youth Sports Grant Coordinator

1. Call to Order. A public meeting of the of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority (the "Authority") Youth and Amateur Sports Oversight Committee (the "Committee") was held in the Conference Room at the offices of the Authority, 14500 N Northsight Blvd, Suite 312, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, on Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, Chairman Peltier called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of Proposed Grant Applications from Glendale/Peoria YMCA and Mesa Family YMCA. Chairman Peltier opened the discussion by first reviewing the Glendale/Peoria YMCA application for construction of a gymnasium (Exhibit A). Their request was for \$150,000 which represents 17 percent of a total project value of \$908,128. It was noted by Ms. White that this YMCA has the highest per square foot utilization of all YMCAs in the country and that they have 2,000 kids in their sports programs. Members Pastor and Orcutt agreed stating that they both had visited this YMCA. Mrs. Pastor moved for approval of the

\$150,000 grant request for the Glendale/Peoria YMCA and Mr. Orcutt seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried for further consideration by the Board of Directors.

Discussion of the Mesa Family YMCA field lighting grant request for \$65,000 (Exhibit B) was opened by Chairman Peltier. The grant request represents two-thirds of the project's overall estimated cost. Chairman Peltier stated that some of the YMCA's sports fields weren't lighted and that lighting was a reasonable expenditure of funds in that it extended the usefulness of the existing sports fields. Discussion ensued with respect to the neighborhood's approval of such a project. Ms. White informed the Committee that the YMCA has had discussions with neighborhood residents to discuss any concerns they may have with lighting the fields as well as extending the YMCA's hours of operation. According to the YMCA's Executive Director the neighborhood discussions have been positive. Mr. Orcutt moved the approval of a \$65,000 grant for the Mesa Family YMCA contingent upon neighborhood approval to light the field. Mrs. Pastor seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried for further consideration by the Board of Directors.

3. Discussion of Quick Grants Program. Chairman Peltier opened discussion on the Quick Grants Program (Exhibit C). Mrs. Pastor inquired about the Authority's limit of providing up to two-thirds of a project's overall cost. Chairman Peltier stated that the same two-thirds limit would apply and that applicants could request up to a maximum of \$2,500 under the program. Mr. Orcutt gave an example of equipment funding requests that have been received and that a Quick Grant Program could provide for needs such as these. Chairman Peltier said the proposed amount being made available under the program would be equal to approximately 5% of the total annual youth and amateur sports allocation, which for fiscal year 2005 would be approximately \$65,000. Mrs. Pastor moved for approval of the Quick Grants Program. Mr.

Orcutt seconded the motion and it unanimously carried for further consideration by the Board of Directors.

4. Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity (MCYSPA). Chairman Peltier provided some brief background on MCYSPA. Ms. White provided an updated on MCYSPA's current activities which includes the hiring of an Executive Director, preparing a Community Needs Assessment Study, and planning for an expanded Youth Sports and Health Expo similar to the Youth Sports Summit held in February 2003. She added that MCYSPA had been very active in the last few months. Mrs. Pastor inquired as to whether or not their efforts involved all of Maricopa County and Ms. White confirmed that they do. Chairman Peltier added that MCYSPA is currently formulating a strategic plan and that it was expected the Authority will be approached for funding which will be considered by the Committee at the appropriate time.

5. Announcements of future meeting dates and other information concerning the Committee. Chairman Peltier stated that there was no reason to schedule another meeting until after the New Year so that future updates could be included. Ms. White said that she was working with the Youth and Amateur Sports Advisory Committee to revise the grant program materials. Ms. White added that once the Advisory Committee finalizes their review of the grant program materials she would bring it back to this Committee for their review. Mr. Orcutt mentioned he had received a letter regarding construction of a youth sports facility called Sports World. Chairman Peltier asked Mr. Orcutt to forward the letter to Ms. White for her evaluation.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Committee, upon motion duly made by Mr. Orcutt, seconded by Mrs. Pastor, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

EXHIBIT A

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