



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE  
PIMA COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



Notice is hereby given to the Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and to the general public that the **Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission** will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Friday, February 4, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 in the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation first floor conference room, 3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona (877-6000).

NOTE: As of the posting date of Wednesday, February 2, 2011, no executive session item has been placed on the regular agenda. However, this is subject to an addendum.

Public comment will be taken. Members of the Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. The Commission will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items.

## AGENDA

(The order of the agenda may be changed to accommodate public comment.)

### **A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**In remembrance of the January 8, 2011 victims**

### **B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS (DISTRICT 1)**

Mr. Thomas J. Drzazgowski  
Mr. James L. Mazzocco

### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on today's agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Speakers are limited to three minutes.

### **E. CONSENT AGENDA: For consideration and approval**

1. Action: Ratify/Approve – October 8, 2010 Minutes
2. Action: Slate of Officers - Reelection

## **F. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST**

1. Proposed naming of little league baseball field for Christina Taylor Green in Oro Valley by the town of Oro Valley (Ainsley Reeder, Director of Parks, Recreation, Library, and Cultural Resources, Town of Oro Valley)
2. Proposed revision of the Naming/Renaming Policy for parks, facilities, open space (Joe Barr)

Staff recommends eliminating the Parks and Recreation Commission's sub-committee process and the 30-day public notification process. The Commission could request a public notification process for any particular request if deemed necessary.

3. Proposed naming of trail and trailhead for Gabe Zimmerman (Steve Anderson)

The Honorable Supervisor Richard Elias received a request from the Arizona Trail Association to rename the Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek for Gabe Zimmerman.

4. Proposed naming a linear river trail for Christina Taylor Green

The County Administrator's Office received a proposal from the Tucson National Estates Improvement Association to name a stretch of the Cañada del Oro Linear River trail from La Cholla Boulevard to Thornydale Road for Christina Taylor Green.

5. Proposed adjustments to archery hunting closure zones in Tucson Mountain Park (Kerry Baldwin)

NRPR hosted a public Open House in December on proposed changes to the archery hunting closure areas in Tucson Mountain Park. Arizona Game and Fish and NRPR have been working on a proposal to update closure areas based on local resident concerns and to minimize current and future conflicts between hunters and adjacent property owners.

7. Park Designation Report (Kerry Baldwin)
6. Update Report: 2011 Saguaro BioBlitz (Kerry Baldwin)

## **G. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS**

1. Development (Carlo DiPilato)

a. Rillito River Park south bank—First Avenue to Mountain Avenue: The scope is to build a 11' wide paved path from North First Avenue to Mountain Avenue (1/2 mile) on the south side of the Rillito, and install a second pedestrian bridge over the Mountain Avenue Wash to provide separation between pedestrians and bicyclists. There is ancillary landscaping and irrigation, and refurbishment of an existing decomposed granite path in the same location. The \$676,041 project has been funded through the Transportation Enhancement funds and the 1997 Pima County Bond. The project was awarded to Tucson Asphalt. The project should be completed by June 2011.

b. Rillito River Park south bank Mountain Avenue to Campbell Avenue: The scope is to construct a Divided Urban Pathway with a paved path and a decomposed granite path, as well as ancillary landscape and irrigation improvements. The project was awarded to M. Anderson Construction. The project should be completed by December 2011.

- c. Stadium District Sports Field Lighting: Installation of sports field lighting at the Kino Sports Complex Fields #4 and #7 to NCAA play levels for regular season collegiate games (70-foot-candles in the infield and 50-foot-candles in the outfield) is completed.
- d. Carmelin Castro Ítom Usím Children's Park - Yaqui Park: The project improvements consist of the construction of a main entry plaza and a secondary southern entry; installation of a pedestrian bridge over the Julian Wash; improvements to the existing path realignment, path lighting, street; landscape and irrigation. The \$933,440 project is funded through the 1997 Pima County Bond. The park's dedication ceremony scheduled for February 12, 2011.
- e. Southeast Regional Park (SERP) Shooting Range: Phase I of the shooting range project has been completed. Phase II-A improvements include the development of a master plan, design of a new clay target center, an archery center, infrastructure upgrades including a new water distribution system, fire protection system, access roads, earthen berms, detention basins, electrical connections, septic systems, and communication connections. The Phase II-A improvements are currently being reviewed and shall be updated by the Regional Flood Control District, Facilities Management, and Environmental Quality if required. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2011.
- f. Thomas Jay Senior Field and Bridge: Art component of project to be completed before park opens in spring 2011.
- g. Robles/Three Points/Altar Valley School District Recreation Facility: Construction was completed in December 2010. The final inspection was completed in January 2011.
- h. Pantano River Park–Kenyon to Michael Perry Park:

Pantano I: The project was completed in January 2011. Several significant lengths of the pathway are now open for use by the general public from Michael Perry Park to Kenyon Drive.

Pantano II: The project design and procurement process have been completed. The Notice to Proceed with construction activities has been issued to Durazo Construction with completion project in July 2011.

- 2. GeoMedia (Joy Mehulka - no report)
- 3. Natural Resources (Kerry Baldwin)
  - a. Open Space and Ranch Management Status: Stock rates for 2010; Sands Ranch management plan; Brawley Wash restoration; grassland research; new acquisitions; two cowboys hired for A7
  - b. Invasive Species: buffelgrass helicopter spray test preliminary results
  - c. Environmental Education program status: volunteer numbers, urban wildlife trailer, new bird lists (hand out copies), bird hikes, Sonoran Desert Kids Club
  - d. Natural resource park status: Agua Caliente water issues; mountain lion study at Tucson Mountain Park; Canoa Ranch restoration project status; Canoa Ranch “friends” group and fund-raising
- 4. Operations (Sherrie Barfield)

a. Santa Cruz and Rillito River Parks: Asphalt path renovations and scupper repairs proceeding. Path closures have been posted on NRPR's Web site and signs have been installed along the pathways.

b. Vesey, Lawrence and Reynolds-Manzanita playground replacements: Near completion; engineered wood fiber surfacing for Vesey and Reynolds-Manzanita parks and is being installed to replace worn surfacing. Arthur Pack and McDonald parks playgrounds will also be replaced. All of these playgrounds were installed with 1986 bond funds in early 1990s.

c. Downtown and Old Courthouse Landscaping: Re-landscaping along Congress Street in front of county building complex is complete. Facilities Management, in co-operation with NRPR and other departments are working on re-landscaping at Old Courthouse building grounds

5. Planning (Steve Anderson)

a. Arizona Trail Update: Mark Flint, trail crew supervisor, and several volunteers are building the remaining six miles of the trail, including the northern and southern extremes. Project is anticipated to be completed by May, 2011.

b. Tortolita Mountain Trails: The town of Marana intends to construct several trails in the Tortolita Mountains using the town's \$1.2 million in 2004 bond funding obtained from Pima County. The Marana trail crew is building the Wild Burro Wash Trail. Thereafter, they will build the Ridgeline Trail.

c. The Harrison Greenway: A six-mile potential re-route of the Houghton Greenway may provide a link between the Julian Wash Trail and the Pantano River Park in the Urban Loop Trail system.

6. Recreation (Joe Barr)

a. Upcoming Events:

January 21 through January 30 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Olympics Festival

January 27 – Youth Day at Old Tucson Studios

January 28 – pistol shoot at Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range

January 29 – high powered rifle at Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range

January 30 – small bore rifle at Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range

b. Community Centers:

The NW YMCA Angel Youth Center is currently under construction. Target completion date is June 2011.

The Robles Ranch Community Center received a CDBG grant of approximately \$80,000 for the renovation of this historic building. This grant was developed by the Friends of Robles Ranch in cooperation with NRPR staff. Facilities Management is coordinating this project, which is expected to be completed in May 2011. Project elements include: roof cleaning, sealing and repairs, flooring repairs and replacement, sand, seal and refinish of all exterior doors, painting exterior and main room interior, adobe crack repair, and window sealing.

The Marana Health Center (MHC) has been chosen to operate a medical clinic at the Ellie Towne-Flowing Wells Community Center (ETFWCC). The clinic is expected to open this spring.

Due to changes brought about by the childcare licensing issue, the TOTS (Teach Our Toddlers Skills) programs at community centers have converted to the KAPP program (Kids and Parents Program), whereby parents must remain on site for the duration of the program. Each community center has devised a unique approach to involving the parents.

Focus on exercise: Several staff are pursuing certification through the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America (AFAA), and others have been collaborating with Pima Council on Aging to provide an evidence-based program for fragile seniors known as Enhanced Fitness.

Focus on nutrition: Staff continue to offer programs and information provided by the Arizona Nutrition Network. Additionally, A Farm Stand operated by the Community Food and is now offering fresh produce at ETFWCC every other Friday.

Staff training: Community center staff received bi-annual training on December 20, 2010. Guest speakers included Ms. Albie Johnson, who spoke on Teaching Good Manners, Cheralyn Schmidt, who trained staff on the Arizona Nutrition Network, and Dr. Tim Harrigan, who spoke on Workplace Wellness.

c. Leisure Classes: Leisure classes continue to operate status quo. Registrations for art and leisure classes have begun to increase. Participants may now register for NRPR's Leisure Class E-Mail Newsletter on the NRPR Web site.

**Session Dates:**

Session 1: January 2 – February 26 (8 weeks)

Session 2: March 6 – April 30 (8 weeks)

**Registration Deadlines:**

December 26, 2010

February 27, 2011

d. Shooting Ranges: Shooting ranges continue to operate status quo.

e. Aquatics: December lifeguard training class successfully graduated 25 new lifeguards. Spring aquatics classes will begin soon; updated information is available on the NRPR Web site.

## **H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

## **I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Posted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2011.**

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