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**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, May 4, 2012, 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 May 2, 2012, 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. CONSENT AGENDA: For consideration and approval
 - 1. Action: Approval of February 3, 2012 Minutes
 - 2. Action: Approval of April 13, 2012 Study Session Summary
- D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

“This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration.” The rendering of comment by a speaker is limited to three minutes.

E. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST

1. Action: Reappointment of Jan Johnson, Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, to the Conservation Acquisition Commission (CAC).

Ms. Johnson is the Parks and Recreation Commission appointee on the Conservation Acquisition Commission. Her eight-year term expires on April 30, 2012. Ms. Johnson is interested in continuing to serve on the CAC. Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission reappoint Ms. Johnson to another eight-year term to the CAC.

2. Presentation: Lighting of Soccer Fields (Kaissa Gurvine, President, AYSO Region 206)

AYSO Region 206 proposed lighting installation on two multi-use fields.

3. Presentation of the Pima County Loop Master Plan and The Loop (Nancy Cole, Project Manager)

The 55-mile Loop being developed around metropolitan Tucson is a non-motorized pathway with links to the towns of Oro Valley and Marana and several unincorporated areas within Pima County for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and other users. The Loop includes the Rillito River Park, the Santa Cruz River Park, the Julian Wash Greenway, the Harrison Greenway, and the Pantano River Park. The project is a divided urban pathway with an asphalt multi-use trail, a soft-surfaced path, native landscaping, and separated crossings underneath major roads.

Staff recommendation:

- a. that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the amended Pima County Loop Trails Master Plan, including the Harrison Greenway stretch as presented and endorse its approval by the Board of Supervisors, and
 - b. that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept The Loop and its appurtenant spurs designation as a park and endorse the designation approval by the Board of Supervisors.
 - c. that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept that future acquisitions of river parks and appurtenant trails acquisition shall be undertaken by the Pima County Regional Flood Control District.
4. Presentation: Native Plant Nursery – Introduction of Tall Pots Planting
Aaron Chambers, Program Coordinator

The Native Plant Nursery provides plant material indigenous to Pima County and the Sonoran Desert bioregion. The plant materials are utilized for urban landscape and environmental restoration improvements. The tall pots planting method introduced at nursery is cost effective. With traditional 15-gallon conventional pots planting method, the tap root only grows around and requires constant irrigation, while with the tall pots planting method, the tap root grows down and requires less soil, water, and weeding. However, tall pots

don't work for cacti and succulents, which have a lateral root system. The tall pot plant materials are available on a grow-to-order for projects.

5. Fiscal Year 2012-13 NRPR Budget Process (Joe Barr, Recreation Superintendent)

Pima County is implementing Project PimaCore, an enterprise resource planning system. The PimaCore system provides Pima County with the opportunity to expand methods of financial planning such as budgeting, procurement, human resource, and others. NRPR's status quo budget submittal is February 24, 2012.

6. Commissioner's Report

a. BAJA Project (Chuck Catino)

F. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS: Division Managers will report on their recent activities related to the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department. These items will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

1. Development (Carlo DiPilato – no report)

2. GeoMedia (Joy Mehulka – no report)

3. Natural Resources (Kerry Baldwin – no report)

4. Operations (George Kuck)

a. NRPR hired our JOC (Job Order Contractor) to install the replacement playground parts for the vandalized playground at Summit Park. A Certified Playground Safety Inspector will inspect the playground before reopening it.

b. Star Valley Park's new playground installation was completed by a JOC to replace the playground that was burnt down at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

c. NRPR staff assisted with the installation of new landscaping and irrigation system at the County's El Banco Building on Broadway that is managed by PC Facilities Management.

d. NRPR's Assistant Operations Manager, Bill Burlow, has retired after 36 years of service to our department.

5. Planning (Steve Anderson – no report)

6. Recreation (Joe Barr)

a. Summer recreation starts June 4, 2012 through July 27, 2012.

b. Robles Ranch Community Center received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund to construct a basketball court.

c. Picture Rocks Community Center received CDBG fund to install a computer lab.

d. Drexel Heights, Littletown, and Catalina community centers are scheduled to receive high-speed Internet connections on or before June 30, 2012.

e. The Southeast shooting ranges continue to operate status quo.

f. NRPR co-hosted a family educational event Summer Sun at the University of Arizona on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

g. Splashpad at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park opened April 21, 2012.

- h. NRPR is continuing to negotiate with the American Red Cross regarding the charges for swim lessons.
- i. Picture Rocks Swimming Pool will offer free swim through the generous donation of the Knights of Pythias Tucson Lodge #9.
- j. For the third summer, the Vail School District Special Olympics swim team will practice at Los Niños Swimming Pool.
- k. Flowing Wells Swimming Pool will be closed for the summer for renovations.
- l. Manzanita and Picture Rocks swimming pools are undergoing extensive repairs; however, they will be open for the summer.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

H. ADJOURNMENT

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