



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, August 6, 2010, 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).

REVISED 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. Approval of June 4, 2010 Minutes
- D. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST
 1. Special Recognition Presentation to Commissioner Richard Barker
 2. Special Recognition Presentation to some members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for various community service projects completed at Pima County parks in 2009. (George Kuck)
 3. ***Information Only: The Pima County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation at its August 3, 2010 meeting recognizing the lifeguards at the Catalina Community Pool and Picture Rocks Community Pool for their commitment to their jobs and the safety of the public.**
 4. Action: Pima Regional Trails Master Plan—a comprehensive review and update of the Eastern Pima County Trail System Master Plan, which was last updated in 1996. The plan expands the trail system in the urban areas of Eastern Pima County, including the city of Tucson, and explores new opportunities in the surrounding outlying areas, especially natural preserves. The plan includes river parks, greenways, trails, bicycle boulevards and enhanced corridors, as well as trails parks, trailheads and boundary access points. It also includes a first-ever trail standards element (Steve Anderson, HDR, McGann and Associates, and Coffman Studio)
 5. Discussion Only: Update on the Proposed establishment of parks publications, souvenir and enhancement funds development in accordance with A.R.S. §11-941 to allow Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) to raise revenues for the current and future publications used for leisure and educational information (Rafael Payan)

6. Discussion Only: Update Report on Rillito Racetrack Fee (Rafael Payan)
7. Discussion Only: The St. Elizabeth's Health Clinic has terminated its lease with Pima County for the clinic space at the Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, effective June 30, 2010. NRPR staff are currently working on a selection process to identify another service provider for this location. (Joe Barr/Evelyne Thorpe)
8. Discussion Only: Offsite Meeting Venue as it relates to SB2209 – New Open Meeting Law Changes

E. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS

1. Development (Carlo DiPilato – no report)
2. GeoMedia (Joy Mehulka - no report)
3. Natural Resources (Kerry Baldwin)
 - a. Buffelgrass: Pima County will again participate in limited control test on steep buffelgrass infested slopes in Tucson Mountain Park utilizing controlled aerial spray applications. This research project was authorized by the Board of Supervisors last summer after several public meetings. Depending on local conditions of the buffelgrass green up, the test should be conducted the week of August 16, 2010. A public Open House was held at the NRPR headquarters on July 26.
 - b. Empirita Ranch: A new operator will be taking over the State and Federal grazing leases associated with Empirita ranch. A new Management Agreement will be developed over the next several months consistent with the current operating agreement.
 - c. Arizona Game & Fish Grant: The Natural Resources Division received \$45,000 from Arizona Game and Fish for habitat and recreational access projects on Rancho Seco and Sopori Ranch. Projects to improve water sources and water storage capabilities are currently underway on both ranches.
4. Operations (George Kuck)
 - a. **Adopt-A-Park Projects in collaboration with Tucson Clean & Beautiful volunteer program (George Kuck)**
 - b. Mike Jacob Sports Park: Completed installation of shade canopies over the bleachers on the six softball fields.
 - c. Budget FY 2010-11 Supplemental Requests: NRPR has received supplemental funding for upgrading ball field lighting systems, for paving projects, and for replacing outdated playgrounds.
 - d. George Mehl-Foothills Park: Fields 3 & 4 are being converted to year-round baseball and softball fields.

5. Planning (Steve Anderson)

- a. Cienega Creek Preserve: An acceptable route for the Arizona Trail has been sited through the Cienega Creek through collaborative efforts by the Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Department of Transportation, Arizona Department of Transportation, Union Pacific, and the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation.
- b. Arizona Trail: The department submitted an application with the State Land Department to complete the Arizona Trail. In addition to Cienega Creek, applications were also submitted for 0.6 of a mile south of Saguaro National Park, 1.2 miles of bypass at Highway 83 and Sahuarita Road, and 2.8 miles by the northeast border of the Coronado National Forest. After a survey of the trail is completed, the remainder of the trail will be constructed to finish the more than 30 miles of the Arizona Trail.
- c. Roger Road Trail: Access through a private parcel to the Coronado National Forest has been denied by a private landowner whose property would need to be accessed. As a result, an alternate route is being considered. This alternative route, however, limits access to intermediate and higher level hikers but is unsuitable for horses and almost all mountain bikers. Staff will meet with the area homeowners association to present and obtain comments on the proposed trail.

6. Recreation (Joe Barr)

- a. Child Care Licensing: On July 13, 2010, NRPR staff attended a public meeting held by the Arizona Department of Health Services to gather public comment on the proposed rules for child care facilities. NRPR staff read a letter to AZDHS from C. H. Huckelberry, county administrator, on this subject and staff provided background information and relevant detail on NRPR's programs and Pima County's opposition to the proposed definition of compensation. A number of parents of children who are enrolled in recreation programs and other interested community members attended the meeting and spoke against the proposed definition of compensation. One member of the general public spoke in favor of the definition.

AZDHS is firm in its contention that this definition is for clarity and represents AZDHS' viewpoint dating back to 1996. AZDHS staff did not appear to be swayed by the passionate pleas from Arivaca parents to find a way to keep their children safe in a rural area with no other options for after school care.

On July 26, 2010, Will Humble, director of the AZDHS, responded to Mr. Huckelberry's letter: "The youth programs as described in your letter appear to meet the definition of "child care" and your letter does not include any circumstances that would exempt the youth programs from licensure." The county administrator is requesting the Office of the Governor to review the ruling.

- b. Community Centers: NRPR's community centers are currently operating status quo. Registration for fall after-school programs is completed. First day of program will generally be August 11, 2010.
- c. Leisure Classes: Leisure classes continue to operate status quo. Classes are continuing until September 4.

- d. Shooting Ranges: Shooting ranges continue to operate status quo.
- e. Aquatics: The swimming pools are operating well and experiencing record attendance, likely because of the closure of many City of Tucson swimming pools. The championship swim meet was held on Saturday, July 17, 2010, with over 1200 in attendance. The Marana Marlins were the top scoring team.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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 to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Posted this 4th day of August, 2010.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Pima County does not discriminate based on a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Gregoria Tucker or Ann Khambholja at 877-6000. Requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance to allow time to arrange the accommodation.