



**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, December 9, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 in the first floor conference room of the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department located at 3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona (877-6000).

NOTE: As of the posting date of December 7, 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

1. Introduction of Judith D. Meyer, District 3's newly appointed Parks and Recreation Commissioner

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CONSENT AGENDA: For consideration and approval

1. Action: Approval of April 1, 2011 Minutes

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. Legal Procedures regarding (Neil Konigsberg, Civil Deputy County Attorney)**
 - a. accepting Pima County parks system-related donations from an individual and/or multiple donors for multiple park elements other than through the Pima County Parklands Foundation**
 - b. solicitation of funds for park naming and selling park naming rights to a corporation: would funds be sent to Pima County, the Pima County Parklands Foundation, or other foundation?**
 - c. Naming/Renaming Parks/Facilities/Open Space Procedure**

2. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Attendance (Jan Johnson, Chair)

Chair Johnson in her memo dated November 1, 2011, to the members of the Commission urged the members to make an all-out effort to attend scheduled meetings (except for unavoidable emergencies) whenever possible.

3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Time Frame (Jan Johnson, Chair)

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will have two components: (a) time certain regular session that will adjourn at 10:15 a.m. followed by a (b) work session that will begin at 10:16 a.m. and adjourn as late as 12:00 noon for the purpose of developing a plan for how the Parks and Recreation Commission will operate and be involved with the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department

4. Commissioners' Reports: This item 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.

- a. Beat Cancer Boot Camp (Anita Kellman)**
- b. BAJA Project 137 (Chuck Catino)**

5. Community Events

- January 4, 2012: Memorial Site Naming and Dedication of the Davidson Canyon-Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead**
- January 7, 2012: Beyond Tucson Community Foundation of Southern Arizona is concurrently holding the following events at numerous sites to commemorate the January 8, 2011 shooting victims, including the:**
 - Cienega Creek Walk at Davidson Canyon-Gabe Zimmerman Trailhead, and**
 - Remember Tucson 5K Run starting at Auto Mall to La Cholla Boulevard and vice-versa (Homicide Survivors)**

- January 7, 2011: Stroll and Roll Walk to be held at the CDO River-Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Park sponsored by Suzi Hileman

F. DIVISION REPORT: Division Managers will report on their recent activities related to the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department. This item 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.

Recreation Division (Grant Bourguet)

Upcoming Events:

January 26, 2012 - Youth Day at Old Tucson Studios

Community Centers:

Archery training: NRPR community center staff are scheduled to attend an archery program training in December designed and operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Upon completion, staff will be qualified to provide archery training programs for youth at NRPR community centers. AZ Game and Fish will additionally provide start-up equipment and program materials.

Building locations for emergency shelters: NRPR community centers are being reviewed for suitability as emergency shelters by the American Red Cross and Pima County Emergency Management. This review is particularly focused on facilities that can accept both people and pets, as they have found that many pet owners will not use a shelter that does not accommodate pets. If a particular location is selected as appropriate for this purpose, the responding agency, typically the American Red Cross working in conjunction with Pima County Emergency Management, would initiate a standard operating procedure (SOP) to prepare the building as an emergency shelter. If a pet shelter is part of the SOP, the area identified for pets would be covered in plastic by Facilities Management staff and the pets (in crates) would then be cared for by their owners in that location.

Leisure Classes: Leisure classes continue to operate status quo. Registrations for art and leisure classes have begun to increase with the return of snowbirds.

Participants may now register for NRPR's Leisure Class E-Mail Newsletter on the NRPR website! <http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/classes/index.htm>, or by emailing LeisureClasses@pima.gov

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation is looking for new instructors to teach at any of the county's leisure class locations. We are seeking instructors in any and all media and/or disciplines such as language, drawing, painting, needle arts, exercise, dance, etc. We are looking for instructors for youth and/or teen classes as well as adult classes. If interested, applicants may log on to the Pima County Procurement Department website www.pima.gov/procure, click on "Materials and Services Solicitation" in the left hand column under "Services", and look for a copy of the printable **RFP** or pick up a copy of the solicitation at the Pima County Procurement Office, 3rd floor, Pima County Administration Building, 130 West Congress Street from 8:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Jennifer Moore at 740-8164 or jennifer.moore@pima.gov or Carolyn Lenz at 877-6156 or carolyn.lenz@pima.gov

Session Dates:

Session 1: January 1 – February 18, 2012 (7 weeks)

Session 5: February 26 – April 21, 2012 (8 weeks)

Registration Deadlines:

December 26, 2011

February 20, 2012

Shooting Ranges: Shooting ranges continue to operate status quo, and participation continues to be strong. A record single-day attendance of 182 shooters was recorded on November 5, 2011. Special programs at the Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range are regularly attracting new users, such as a recent training session with the Boy Scouts. There were 218 scouts from five troops who worked on 267 merit badges in 21 topics.

Construction of the archery and shotgun additions to the Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range is proceeding nicely. Completion is expected in spring 2012. Currently, concrete for the third trap field has been poured and the combination trap/skeet fields are scheduled to be poured next.

Aquatics:

Kino Community Center transition: County Administrator C. H. Huckelberry advised the Board of Supervisors regarding the phased assumption of the Kino Veteran's Memorial Community Center (KVMCC) by the YMCA of Southern Arizona. Currently, KVMCC is operated by the Stadium District and NRPR operates the Kino Swimming Pool, which is co-located with the community center. NRPR staff are assisting with this transition with the understanding that the swimming pool will be jointly operated with the YMCA in a manner similar to the joint operation of the Thad Terry Swimming Pool at the NW YMCA Pima County Community Center.

Lifeguarding classes: The winter lifeguarding class will be conducted December 17–23, 2011, at the NW YMCA. The spring lifeguarding classes will be held March 1-22, 2012, and March 24 through April 21, 2012.

American Red Cross nationwide fee increase: The American Red Cross (ARC) has announced a nationwide effort to charge fees for all aquatics programs offered by third parties that use ARC materials. It therefore appears that NRPR will be charged fees for each child enrolled in an NRPR swim lesson. Information from ARC on this policy change has been incomplete and contradictory, so precise dates of implementation and the amount of the fee for NRPR are not yet clear. However, discussions with ARC staff indicate it is likely a \$5 per student fee will be assessed. Therefore, NRPR may need to pursue a fee schedule increase this spring commensurate with this new fee. To our knowledge, the Red Cross has never charged a fee of this nature since Commodore Longfellow began the Red Cross Water Safety program in 1914.

Development Division (Carlo DiPilato)

BAJA Canoa Preserve Senior Softball Field Complex: (4) Senior softball fields, health /walking path, river park connections and support facilities, restroom, ramadas, picnic facilities, dog park off leash facility, bleachers, parking, landscaping, security lighting, and a potential concession building.

Project Update: NRPR is presently working with approximately \$60K budget provided through the Parks Ordinance funding and private donations. The funding is administered through the Pima County Parklands Foundation. NRPR is coordinating planning, design and preliminary construction efforts with The WLB Group (Civil Engineering), Borderland Construction, Caterpillar Inc., Farmer's Water and FICO, the BAJA Sporting Club, Sierra Mining & Crushing, Tucson Electric Power Company, Canoa Preserve Development, and various Pima County departments. The immediate effort is to clean up the site, complete preliminary grading and develop an electrical plan which will support a Tucson Electric Power Company accommodation to the site well and other future park facilities. The well site is also under review in that this well is intended to provide future water to the fields and other park elements.

Direction from County Administration is to move forward with preliminary design/development using in-kind and donated services in anticipation of the future bond election where funding may be provided to complete the four field complex and miscellaneous park facilities. The BAJA Sporting Club is working diligently to optimize donations of time and funding to complete most of the project as possible prior to the future bond election development opportunity.

NW Community Park – Playground: The project budget is \$65,000 for a two-to-five-year old appropriate playground structure with shade structure, rubberized surfacing, and access sidewalk. The contractor (Durazo Construction) has been given notice to proceed on October 28, 2011. The scheduled completion date is January 12, 2012.

Future Bond Program Update: County administration has requested the all county departments and corresponding jurisdictions review and update their respective future bond project data sheets that have been tentatively approved. NRPR have 46 projects totaling \$210,702,000. There are nine additional projects under a school district partnership program, which total \$15,000,000. This budget amount is incorporated into the total noted above. The projects incorporate the CIP development requests from NRPR and the following jurisdictions: city of Tucson, town of Marana, Vail, City of South Tucson, Pasqua Yaqui, town of Sahuarita and the town of Oro Valley. Updates are to be completed and submitted by January 15, 2012.

The last Bond Advisory Committee meeting was held on November 18, 2011. The committee is continually deliberating on the schedule of the bond election.

Rillito River Park—Campbell to Mountain Avenue and Mountain Avenue to 1st Avenue:

Scope: Asphalt and decomposed granite paths along with ancillary landscaping.

Project Budget—\$335,416 (Campbell to Mountain) and \$648,061, \$444,263 Transportation Enhancement Grant (Mountain to First Avenue); both projects are substantially complete with the pedestrian bridge over Mountain Avenue wash installed.

Lincoln Park

Scope – Four field softball complex.

Project Budget - \$3,720,000

Status - The City of Tucson dedicated this park on

Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range Phase II Improvements: The project is currently at 60% completed construction. The scheduled completion date per contract is March 2011; however, the contractor is working on an accelerated timeline to complete early in January. Significant capital equipment purchases are being prepared for the shotgun range equipment.

Bike Celebration Event: This project event culminated on October 22, 2011. The event highlighted the County and City achievements in the development of the River Parks Urban Loop. The primary sections emphasized was the western section of the Rillito River Park and its connection to the Santa Cruz River Park as well as the Canada del Oro River Park from Magee Road to the confluence of the Rillito and Santa Cruz. Various jurisdictions and agencies were involved in showcasing their achievements and involvement with our Urban Loop River Park system.

Operations Division (George Kuck)

Winston Reynolds-Manzanita and Arthur Pack Parks: ball field lighting projects are nearly complete. The ball fields have been reopened at both of these parks and the new lights are operational.

Sahuarita Park: Sahuarita Unified School District has constructed a new road to the park and its new high school along with plans to construct a potable water line to the park.

Recent wire thefts at Arthur Pack, Winston Reynolds-Manzanita, Flowing Wells and Rillito parks have cost the county thousands of dollars in repairs and impacted youth league schedules, and there have been recent break-ins at the Mike Jacob Sports Park, Summit Park, and Winston Reynolds-Manzanita Park.

Arthur Pack Park: Two volunteer projects completed the installation of a system of trails along Hardy and Thornydale roads

Flowing Wells Park: Kory Laos BMX tracks have been completed and were dedicated on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

G. Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date/Time

H. Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda Item(s)

I. Call to the Public

J. Adjournment

Posted this 7th day of December, 2011, at www.pima.gov/nrpr/geninfo/commission.htm

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