



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 9, 2011  
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department  
3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona



Quorum having been established, Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

A. Call to Order – Roll Call

Chair Johnson introduced and welcomed Ms. **Judith** (instead of Edith) D. Meyer, the new commissioner for supervisory District 3.

Commissioners present were Jan Johnson (Chair), Anita Kellman (Secretary), Charles Catino, Tom Drzazgowski, Jim Mazzocco, Judith Meyer, and Victor Rivera. Commissioner Richard Barker was absent.

NRPR staff present: Carlo DiPilato, Steve Anderson, Grant Bourguet, George Kuck, Joy Mehulka, Evelyne Thorpe, and Gregoria Tucker.

Guest: Neil Konigsberg, Civil Deputy County Attorney

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

C. Consent Agenda: The minutes of the April 1, 2011 meeting were accepted as presented as moved by Commissioner Catino and seconded by Commissioner Drzazgowski.

D. Call to the Public: There were no members of the public present.

E. Commission Discussion/Action Request

1. Agenda items 1a, 1b, and 1c were tabled for insufficient information and will be a discussion item in a future commission meeting.
2. Chair Johnson urged the commissioners to attend scheduled meetings, except for unavoidable circumstance preventing their attendance. There are currently two vacancies in supervisory District 2 that makes it harder to establish a quorum (six members must attend to obtain a quorum). There was consensus that staff calendar the meeting dates in advance so the commissioners can block their calendars for the year. It was clarified that the commission meeting is regularly held annually on the first Friday of each month. If the meeting falls on a holiday, the alternate meeting date is the second Friday of the month.

Commissioner Rivera suggested having a quarterly meeting instead of monthly, or as needed, because the agenda reflects almost the same information. It was suggested that the director of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) and Chair Johnson discuss the scheduling of the commission meeting depending on the agenda items.

### 3. Parks and Recreation Commission Time Frame

Chair Johnson stated that she and Rafael Payan (director of NRPR) discussed two meeting components of the Parks and Recreation Commission. That is, that the commission conducts from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. its regular meeting; and (2) that the commission conducts from 10:16 a.m. to 12:00 noon a work/study session. The work session is aimed at developing strategies on how the commissioners will operate and interact with the NRPR projects/programs.

Regarding the work session, Carlo DiPilato (meeting facilitator and development manager) suggested that staff forward, at least two weeks in advance of the commission meeting, project/program status to the commissioners for their review. The commissioners should then submit their targeted projects/programs agenda item(s) no later than the Monday of the meeting week. Chair Johnson will discuss the proposed study/work session further with Rafael Payan.

### 4. Commissioners Report

#### a. Beat Cancer Boot Camp

Commissioner Kellman announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beat Cancer Boot Camp is on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. District 1 Supervisor Ann Day will be recognized at the January event. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beat Cancer Boot Camp Challenge is on Saturday, March 17, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. The guest speaker for the Challenge event is Jay Dobyns. Both events will be held at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. She invited the commissioners and the staff to attend the events. She also extended an invitation to the commissioners and the staff to join the Beat Cancer Boot Camp exercise program held at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park from 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

#### b. BAJA (Born Again Jocks Association) Project

Commissioner Catino stated that the BAJA Project is the only public park in Green Valley. The project is a co-operative venture between the Green Valley and Greater Tucson community. Pima County and many other agencies, companies, organizations, and individuals support the project through volunteer efforts, in-kind contributions, cash donations, and grants. Funds received are project specifics such as grading, electrical design, graphics design, construction, etc. NRPR has been designated as the general contractor to orchestrate all of the entities in developing the project identified in the future bonds of approximately \$4 million. Some projects associated with the development of the park have been completed such as utilities, graphic and electrical design, and grading.

### 5. Community Events – Announcement

- 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. NRPR Divisions Report

Recreation Division: Grant Bourguet, aquatics program manager, reviewed the information in the agenda items. There was a short discussion regarding the American Red Cross's proposal to assess a \$5.00 per student fee that would impact the division's aquatics program. Commissioners suggested the possible involvement of non-for-profit organizations for sponsorship. Mr. Bourguet will check into it; however, legal ramifications involved in the process might prevent that possibility.

Development Division: Mr. DiPilato reviewed the information as agenda items. There were no significant discussions.

Operations Division: Mr. George Kuck, operations manager, reviewed the information as agenda items. There were no significant discussions.

#### G. Next Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Items

- Date: Friday, January 6, 2012 (alternate date – January 13, 2012)
- Open Meeting Laws Update
- New regular agenda item: Board of Supervisors agenda item action review relating to NRPR projects/activities
- Open Space Acquisition Update
- SB 1598 Update Report

Commissioner Meyer suggested "Old Business" and "New Business" agenda items.

#### I. Call to the Public: None

#### J. Adjournment: Motioned and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.