



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING



July 12, 2019

Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department
3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona

Quorum having been established, Chair Lundin called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on July 12, 2019.

Commissioners present were Michael Lundin, Chair, Jan Johnson, Vice Chair, Damion Alexander, Enrique Serna, Richard Barker, Anita Kellman, Carol Kovalik and Robert Owens. Peter Chesson and Victor Rivera were absent.

Staff present were Chris Cawein, Robert Padilla, Diane Frisch, Director, Attractions and Tourism, Karen Simms, Brian Powell, Elisabeth Van Der Leeuw, Ron Odell, Chris Doak, Robin Hadden, Valerie Samoy and Ann Khambholja.

Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 15, 2019 minutes. The motion passed.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST

Informational update regarding Rillito Racing (Diane Frisch) Ms. Frisch, introduced herself as the Attractions and Tourism Director to the commission and informed them that her department manages both Rillito Racing and Colossal Cave contracts. Ms. Frisch delivered a brief power point presentation on Rillito Racing providing an update on the recently completed racing season. Ms. Frisch shared with the commission the final numbers provided by Rillito Racing that included total number of race days, total attendance, paid attendance, off track and on track wagering, and concessions revenue. Ms. Frisch indicated that Rillito Racing still owes Pima County their portion of the racing revenue and utility cost reimbursement, which totals \$48,447.

Commissioner Kovalik asked at what point do we see some of the arrears, considering that the racing operator is a legal and financial mess and that the decision would have to be made before the racing season in February. Ms. Frisch informed her that they have set a tentative October date for that and that the county needs to see payment, a plan and an audit. Commissioner Kovalik asked how the commission could help and Mr. Cawein informed them that the county had a contract and Rillito had to comply with it. However, any decisions to be made would be between the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Alexander asked whether any study on the economic return had been conducted considering the amount owed was not a very large sum for the county. Commissioner Kovalik said that looking ahead to

new contracts, they should not be for long periods. Commissioner Alexander said that the county should conduct economic impact studies for all the events held, like the El Tour de Tucson, so that it would justify supporting these events. Ms. Frisch informed him that they had suggested Rillito Racing perform a study through the University of Arizona. Commissioner Alexander asked whether the county had the ability to conduct a study. Ms. Frisch informed him that she would check with her department considering it had some leverage with Sun Corridor. Commissioner Alexander asked whether she could share that data with him if received. There were no more questions.

Informational update regarding Colossal Cave Mountain Park (Diane Frisch): Ms. Frisch provided a brief power point presentation on Colossal Cave. The operator is Colossal Cave, LLC that is run by Ortega National Parks, which manages numerous other show cave sites in several states.

Commissioner Serna asked who was responsible for liability for the horseback rides and was informed that the operator had basic insurance, but worked within the umbrella of Colossal Cave, LLC. Commissioner Alexander asked whether there was a problem with the general managers or Colossal Cave. Ms. Frisch informed him that they have brought in a new manager who is an Ortega family member. Commissioner Alexander asked whether they were considering mountain bike racing and was informed that there was some discussion about it. Ms. Frisch informed them that she would continue to keep them updated. There were no more questions.

Action item: Renaming the Canoa Hills Golf Course the Canoa Hills Trails – an Open Space Park – Mr. Cawein provided the commission a short history of the Canoa Hills Golf Course that was offered to the County in 2017. After much discussion between County Administration and Borderland Construction it was accepted by the County in 2018. Mr. Cawein informed the commission that the area has 25 drainage ways with the subdivisions built on the hilltops and the valleys serving as drainage ways. At the end of them, going south are two more and that is where the Canoa Hills Golf Course resides. Since 70% of the golf course is in the flood plain, the Regional Flood Control District accepted the donation as additional drainage ways. The Board of Supervisors also designated the donated parcel as part of the County's parks system as natural open space

Mr. Cawein and Ms. Suzanne Shields, Director of the Regional Flood Control District had several meetings with the Green Valley community who had numerous ideas for its use, such as a dog park, pickle-ball courts, water features, etc. The Green Valley Council worked closely with the community and established a Parks Advisory Committee to receive and vet all these ideas submitted by area residents. The Parks Advisory Committee came up with the idea of naming it an open space park that suggests that this should be a trails park without having any additional features. Ms. Shields and Mr. Cawein have been having discussions with the community to educate them on Canoa Preserve, a recreational facility, and Canoa Ranch, a historic and educational park, and having the former golf course as a natural resource trails park. The committee embraced this, and thus this is the reason for the renaming. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to accept the name as the Canoa Hills Trails – an Open Space Park. Commissioner Barker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Informational GIS update regarding Parks and Recreational facilities within Pima County (Elisabeth van der Leeuw): Ms. van der Leeuw provided a power point presentation informing the commission about the benefits and challenges of maintaining a summary of recreational amenities in the form of GIS layers available throughout the county by working with many local governmental agencies. Chair Lundin asked how this information could be shared with the public and was informed that this information is currently served in the form of a web application from the Natural Resources Parks and Recreation main web site on the Featured Maps tab. In addition, Ms. Valerie Samoy is working with the Communications Department to get the information out. Chair Lundin asked whether there were mobile apps for it too and was informed that people could also use their phones. Commissioners Serna and Kovalik were very appreciative of the information provided.

Informational update regarding whether the number of homeless people residing in parks is increasing or decreasing (Ron Odell/Chris Doak): Mr. Ron Odell along with staff member Chris Doak informed the commission that they have not seen an increase in the homeless population in urban parks. However, staff have seen an increase in homeless activity along the Loop. Mr. Doak informed them that in addition to the normal routine maintenance that needs to be performed, staff is spending more time cleaning up homeless camps. Mr. Doak informed them that dumpsters now need to be emptied twice as often.

Commissioner Kovalik asked whether there were any financial aspects, like robbery and damage to property. Mr. Doak informed her that these things did happen occasionally. Commissioner Serna asked whether they had this information for all the different zones as it would provide valuable information for those working in the medical field. Chair Lundin asked whether NRPR was capturing data for the zones. Mr. Odell informed him that the majority of these people had mental health issues and Risk Management recently provided training along with the Sheriff's Department about mental illness and how to deal with these issues. He informed them that where they are seeing an increase is along the Santa Cruz, Rillito and Pantano washes and just a few at the CDO at the Christina Taylor-Green Memorial.

He also informed them that if the people are in the riverbeds that is under RFCD jurisdiction. NRPR follows the Homeless protocol, which is to notify the jurisdiction involved with an incident report, photographs and locations, issue a trespass notice in coordination with law enforcement and try to connect individuals with social services. Mr. Odell said they have the protocol and the 72-hour notice, and if they move on, NRPR has to come in and clean up the place. Commissioner Alexander asked whether giving these people garbage bags to clean up would help to engage them and was informed that maybe one in twenty would assist. Mr. Cawein mentioned that if there was a way to actually solve the problem rather than let it continue in this fashion it would be far preferable. Commissioner Kellman asked whether it was a waste of time evicting people who shuffled back and forth. Mr. Doak informed her that, yes, indeed it was a waste of time, but ignoring it would cause an even larger mess which would need more manpower and machinery to clear. Commissioner Alexander asked who he should call about the camps at River and Craycroft. Mr. Odell informed him that he could contact the zone supervisor in charge of that location. Commissioner Kovalik had an outdated version of the plan to end homelessness. Mr. Padilla informed her that in his follow up email to her he had provided more information about the entity in charge of implementing the homelessness plan including the website that provided links to their latest strategic plan that runs to 2021 as well

as copies of previous year's annual progress reports. Chair Lundin thanked them for their work in at least trying to get some off the streets and thinking of public safety as well. Commissioner Kovalik also thanked Mr. Doak for sharing his experiences with them. There were no more questions.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S): None

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the commission, duly motioned and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



RILLITO PARK RACETRACK
&
COLOSSAL CAVE MOUNTAIN PARK
UPDATE



- ❖ Contract: 7/1/14 – 6/30/21
- ❖ Attractions & Tourism Covers Only Racing Days – Up to 16 Per Session
- ❖ Utilities Paid and Services Associated with Racing Including Insurance
- ❖ Operator to Invest One Million in Improvements
- ❖ Fees: \$1,750 Per Racing Day Plus \$.50 Per Paid Attendance Due 1 May of Each Racing Season
- ❖ Audited Financial Statements Due Within 60 Days of Completion of Each Racing Season



OUTSTANDING

- ❖ 12 Racing Days - \$21,000
- ❖ Paid Attendance - \$14,720
- ❖ Audit





2 extra DAYS

RILLITO MEET COMPARISON	WEEK 1 TOTAL	WEEK 2 TOTAL	WEEK 3 TOTAL	WEEK 4 TOTAL	WEEK 5 TOTAL	March 16th, 2019	March 17th, 2019	WEEK 6 TOTAL	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	2016 TOTAL
									12 DAYS	12 DAYS	14 DAYS	12 DAYS
Total Attendance	8322	6830	5618	9699	6041	3166	6848	10014	46524	47375	45037	48165
Paid Attendance	5364	4697	3492	5532	3970	1796	4590	6386	29441	27381	22987	27221
WAGERING												
Rillito Wagering on-track	\$ 131,169	\$ 133,757	\$ 93,067	\$ 134,441	\$ 124,014	\$ 69,430	\$ 91,904	\$ 161,334	\$ 777,782	\$ 788,845	\$ 848,227	\$ 795,773
Rillito Wagering off-track	\$ 105,380	\$ 117,175	\$ 88,167	\$ 106,615	\$ 135,021	\$ 49,094	\$ 98,047	\$ 147,141	\$ 699,499	\$ 723,548	\$ 724,476	\$ 221,991
Simulcast Wagering	\$ 19,082	\$ 16,852	\$ 23,496	\$ 20,991	\$ 18,830	\$ 15,007	\$ 30,369	\$ 45,376	\$ 144,627	\$ 126,026	\$ 134,956	\$ 182,575
Total Handle	\$ 255,631	\$ 267,784	\$ 204,730	\$ 262,047	\$ 277,865	\$ 133,531	\$ 220,320	\$ 353,851	\$ 1,621,908	\$ 1,638,419	\$ 1,707,659	\$ 1,200,339
GROSS REVENUE												
Rillito Wagering Commission - on-track	\$ 34,918	\$ 35,455	\$ 24,027	\$ 35,653	\$ 32,920	\$ 18,431	\$ 24,357	\$ 42,788	\$ 205,761	\$ 226,999	\$ 207,101	\$ 195,212
Rillito Wagering Commission - off-track	\$ 3,688	\$ 4,101	\$ 3,086	\$ 3,732	\$ 4,726	\$ 1,718	\$ 3,432	\$ 5,150	\$ 24,482	\$ 25,324	\$ 21,734	\$ 6,660
Simulcast Wagering Commission	\$ 3,788	\$ 3,167	\$ 4,831	\$ 4,502	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,836	\$ 5,508	\$ 8,344	\$ 26,683	\$ 26,817	\$ 27,069	\$ 36,696
Food & Beverage	\$ 87,163	\$ 73,075	\$ 60,630	\$ 84,653	\$ 66,038	\$ 32,755	\$ 61,976	\$ 94,731	\$ 466,290	\$ 413,969	\$ 367,611	\$ 332,101
Attendance, Parking, Hospitality	\$ 45,774	\$ 46,606	\$ 31,926	\$ 48,158	\$ 40,501	\$ 19,529	\$ 35,657	\$ 55,186	\$ 268,151	\$ 230,722	\$ 207,729	\$ 193,073
Total Race Day Gross Revenue	\$ 175,331	\$ 162,404	\$ 124,500	\$ 176,698	\$ 146,237	\$ 75,269	\$ 130,929	\$ 206,199	\$ 991,368	\$ 923,831	\$ 831,244	\$ 763,742





HB2547 Passed this Legislative Session. Allows Rillito to Open Up to 6 Parlors in Pima County (Turf Paradise in Phoenix can Open 7). Rillito Signed a Contract with Turf Paradise to Retroactively Receive ADW Funds of 4.35% Retroactively from 1 January 2019 and .93% of All Handle Wagered on Horse Races, Live and Simulcast, at the Current Off-Track Betting Sites in Pima County that Receive the Greyhound Racing Signal.



Rillito Racetrack Launches Equine Wellness Program In Partnership With University Of Arizona

Rillito Park racetrack in Tucson, Ariz., is partnering with the University of Arizona's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to launch the Rillito Equine Wellness Program. The purpose of the Equine Wellness Program is to create a racing environment whereby the health and safety of horses and riders is a primary objective. "The health and [...]"

Horse wellness plan at Rillito Park paying dividends



'No Breakdowns': New Rillito Equine Wellness Program Gets Positive Results

One of the first programs of its kind in the country, Rillito Race Track implemented an Equine Wellness Program during the 2019 Winter Meet. The program was a resounding success as there were no horse breakdowns during 96 races at the meet this year. "A couple years ago as Rillito was opening for the season [...]"

PariBet Racetrack Industry Student Experience: 'Always Knew I Loved Animals'

by Alex Sausville | 05.13.2019 | 12:18pm

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PariBet Racetrack Industry Student Experience



RTIP Students To Gain Real-World Racetrack Operations Experience At Rillito Park

The Rillito Park Foundation announced today that PariBet LLC, an advanced deposit wagering service, is partnering with Rillito Park Racetrack to sponsor students in the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) who work at the racetrack during its 2017 winter meet. The sponsorship, which will be known as the PariBet Racetrack Industry Student [...]"



PIMA COUNTY
ATTRACTIONS AND TOURISM



Thursday, July 11, 2019 –
Arizona Racing Commission Held a
Hearing on Rillito License Renewal,
Commercial, County Fair and
ADW Permits Through 2021
License was approved with questions
on the financial stability of Rillito.



- ❖ Contract: August 2015-August 2025
- ❖ \$20,000 Annual Rent – Escalator in Place When Over 2 Million in Revenue
- ❖ Currently at Just Over 1 Million
- ❖ Sub-Lease with NRPR for Horse Operator
- ❖ Cave is on the National Register of Historic Places



Arcadia Jordan Pond House, ME	Stow Lake Boathouse, CA
Cades Cove Trading, TN	White Sands Trading, NM
Carlsbad Caverns, NM	Thunderbird Bar & Grill, NM
Breezy Point Surf Club, NY	Ortega's Plaza, NM
Death Valley Lodging, CA	Shop at Yippie Yi Yo, NM
Hawaii Volcanoes Lodge, HI	Lodge at Mammoth Cave, KY
Hot Springs Mountain Tower, AR	El Rancho Hotel, NM
Muir Wood Trading, CA	Gardiner Gifts, Yellowstone Park
Petrified Forest Trading, AZ	Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA
Silver Gull Beach Club, NY	





Oversite Committee at Pima County Includes:

Natural Resources,
Parks and Recreation



Regional Flood
Control District



Risk Management



Office of Sustainability
and Conservation



Facilities Management





Fire at CCMP May 2018 Staff Housing Destroyed





April of 2018, the Arizona Geological Society Investigated a Sinkhole in the Wash on the Road to La Sevilla Campground. Following their Report, the Sinkhole was Fenced and Posted. Regular Inspections of the Area are Conducted by Pima County Risk Management to Monitor the Area and Potential Danger.





Inventory Site Property Review
Conducted March 2019.
Condition, Repair and Areas of
Improvement were Noted

**Colossal Cave Mountain Park
2019
Property Inventory Report**



Prepared by GW Bundrick LLC



AREAS OF CONCERN AND CONTINUED REVIEW:

- ❖ Roads
- ❖ Zipline or Coaster Proposal –
County Must Approve Plan
- ❖ Limited Water for Expanded Services
- ❖ Change of Management –
Currently Working with 4th General Manager



Pima County Parks and Recreational Elements

Benefits of a GIS System

Benefits/Challenges of Collaboration across various Local Governmental
Agencies

Request from the Director

- A summary of ballfields and other amenities that are in each Supervisor District
 - Gaps in the data - since certain BOS Districts are mostly in the City
 - Most of the data NRPR collects and maintains is focused on lands and assets the County is responsible for
 - Request/pull GIS data from the City of Tucson and/or other Jurisdictions
 - Cooperation



Obtaining Data

Contacts:

Provided spreadsheets and data



NAME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	TYPE	STATUS	FEATURES	JURISDICTION
AMPHITHEATER POOL	AMPHITHEATER HIGH SCHOOL	125 W. YAVAPAI ROAD	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMPETITIVE POOL, DIVING BAY	CITY OF TUCSON
ARCHER POOL	SAN JUAN PARK	1665 S. LA CHOLLA BOULEVARD	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMPETITIVE POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
NAIDA JANE BAKER SPLASH PA	BALBOA HEIGHTS PARK	2536 N. CASTRO AVENUE	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH PAD	CITY OF TUCSON
CATALINA PARK SPLASH PAD	CATALINA PARK	941 N. 4TH AVENUE	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH PAD	CITY OF TUCSON
CATALINA POOL	CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL	2005 N. DODGE BOULEVARD	YEAR-ROUND FACILITY	OPEN	COMPETITIVE POOL, DIVING BAY	CITY OF TUCSON
CLEMENTS POOL	LINCOLN REGIONAL PARK	8155 E. POINCIANA DRIVE	YEAR-ROUND FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL, DIVING BAY	CITY OF TUCSON
EDITH BALL ARC	GENE C. REID PARK	3455 E. ZOO COURT	YEAR-ROUND FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL, THERAPY POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
EL PUEBLO POOL	EL PUEBLO PARK	5100 S. MISSIONDALE ROAD	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
ESCALANTE POOL	ESCALANTE PARK	6835 E. BARROW STREET	CLOSED	CLOSED	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
FORT LOWELL POOL	FORT LOWELL PARK	2900 N. CRAYCROFT ROAD	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL, DIVING BAY, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
FREEDOM POOL	FREEDOM PARK	5000 E. 29TH STREET	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
HIMMEL POOL	HIMMEL PARK	950 N. TUCSON BOULEVARD	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, DIVING BAY, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
JACOBS POOL	JACOBS PARK	1020 W. LIND STREET	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, SPLASH PAD	CITY OF TUCSON
JESSE OWENS POOL	JESSE OWENS PARK	400 S. SARNOFF DRIVE	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH POOL, DIVING POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
KENNEDY POOL	JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK	3700 S. MISSION ROAD	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, DIVING BAY, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
MANSFIELD POOL	MANSFIELD PARK	2275 N. 4TH AVENUE	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH POOL, DIVING POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
MENLO POOL	MENLO PARK	1060 W. FRESNO STREET	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
MISSION MANOR POOL	MISSION MANOR PARK	5900 S. 12TH AVENUE	CLOSED	CLOSED	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
NORTHWEST DISTRICT POOL	JOAQUIN MURRIETA PARK	1400 N. SILVERBELL ROAD	CLOSED	CLOSED	COMPETITIVE POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
OURY POOL	DAVID G. HERRERA AND RAMO	600 W ST. MARY'S ROAD	CLOSED	OPEN	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
PALO VERDE POOL	PALO VERDE PARK	355 S. MANN AVENUE	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH POOL, DIVING POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
PURPLE HEART POOL	PURPLE HEART PARK	9800 E. RITA ROAD	SUMMER SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
QUINCIE DOUGLAS POOL	SILVERLAKE PARK	1563 E. 36TH STREET	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMBINATION POOL, SPLASH PAD	CITY OF TUCSON
RANDOLPH POOL	RANDOLPH PARK	200 S. ALVERNON WAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	COMBINATION POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
SANTA RITA POOL	SANTA RITA PARK	401 E. 22ND STREET	CLOSED	CLOSED	RECREATION POOL, WADING POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
SUNNYSIDE POOL	SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	1725 E. BILBY ROAD	YEAR-ROUND FACILITY	OPEN	COMPETITIVE POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
UDALL POOL	MORRIS K. UDALL PARK	7200 E. TANQUE VERDE ROAD	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	COMPETITIVE POOL	CITY OF TUCSON
PALO VERDE PARK SPLASH PA	PALO VERDE PARK	355 S. MANN AVENUE	EXTENDED SEASON FACILITY	OPEN	SPLASH PAD	CITY OF TUCSON



Obtaining Data

Contacts:

Some just directed to WebSite(s)

[Marana](#)

[Oro Valley](#)

[Sahuarita](#)



How do you determine which Board of Supervisor District - Parks/Park Amenities are in ??

Depends if Jurisdictions have that data on hand / if they are willing to cooperate/perform the analysis/send the data

otherwise – manual search – website / call

GIS – Boundaries / Location (address)

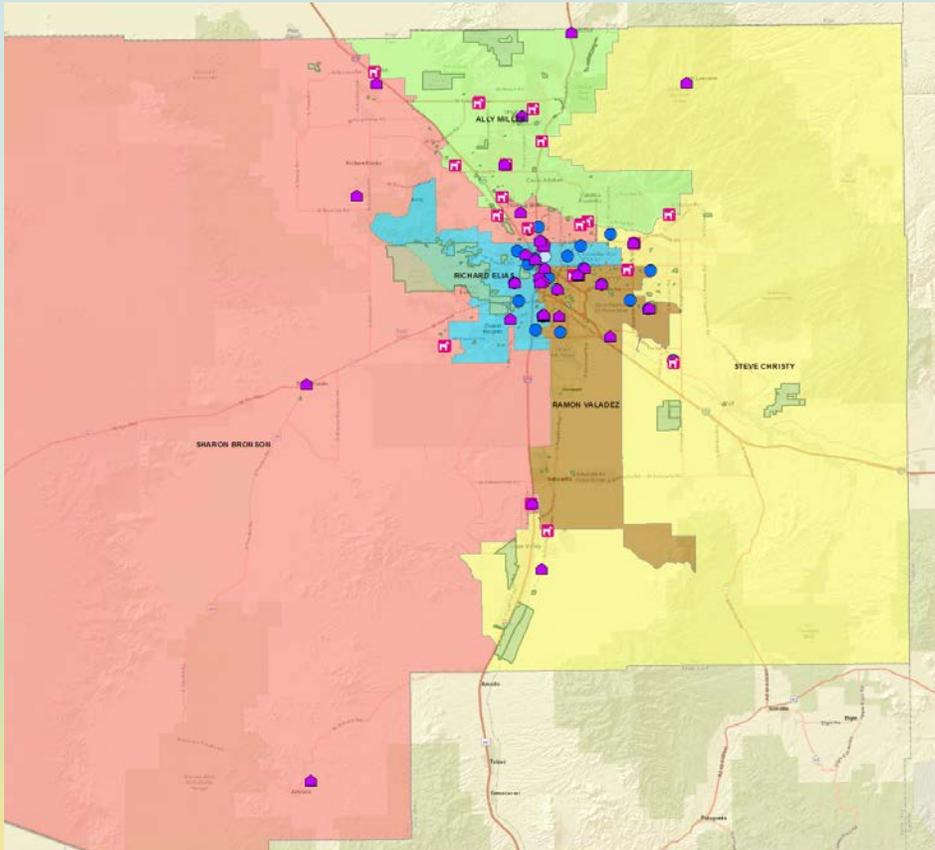
City of Tucson is in Steve Christy, Ramon Valadez, Richard Elias and Sharon Bronson's District (spreadsheet / tally)

Ally Miller – Oro Valley



How do you determine which Board of Supervisor District Parks/Park Amenities are in ??

Locate the data on a Map with Jurisdiction Boundaries and tally the results



A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Pools		Rec Centers		Dog Parks
Ally Miller		6		3		14
Ramon Valadez		14		13		2
Richard Elias		13		8		1
Sharon Bronson		10		8		7
Steve Christy		3		4		5

Interactive Map Application

Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation main WebSite

Featured Maps tab

Regional Sports and Recreation Interactive Map



[Regional Sports and Recreational Interactive Map](#)

Tools:

- Layer List
- Legend
- Basemaps
- Query

Benefits and Difficulties Collaborating across Jurisdictions

Benefits:

Comprehensive source of information for the public

Difficulties:

co-operation

keeping data well maintained

responsibilities

* Technology will eventually make this easier