



**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, June 4, 2010, 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 & Recreation Department located at 3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona.

**AGENDA**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

1. Welcome and Introduction of Peter Chesson, PhD  
District 3 Appointee to the Parks and Recreation Commission

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. CONSENT AGENDA: For consideration and approval

1. Approval of January 15, 2010 Minutes
2. Approval of April 2, 2010 Minutes

D. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST

1. Discussion Only: 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 (Neil Konigsberg)
2. Discussion Only: Budget impacts on NRPR of the May 18, 2010 election on temporary \$0.02 state sales tax (Tim Rapoza, Finance Account Supervisor, Departmental Analysis Division, Finance and Risk Management Department)
3. Discussion Only: Status of the Rillito Racetrack Use Agreement, a presentation by the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission and the Pima County Horsemen's Commission, for the non-exclusive use of Rillito Park/Racetrack (Pat White, President, Pima County Horsemen's Association)
4. Discussion Only: Native Seeds/S.E.A.R.C.H building at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park (Kerry Baldwin)
5. Update Report: Park "designations": The Commission will be briefed on the status of the draft language of park designations and park rule updates. (Rafael Payan/Kerry Baldwin)

6. Action Item: Constituents request for commissioner's contact information (telephone number/address/e-mail) (Rafael Payan)
7. Action Item: Request to cancel the September 3, 2010, regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission because of staff attendance conflict with the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association conference (Rafael Payan)
8. Action Item: Parks and Recreation Commission draft letter in support of the Board of Supervisors stand on the proposed child care licensing rules amendment (Joe Barr)
9. Update: Draft letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the proposed changes to the child care licensing rules for circulation to the parents/guardians of recreation program participants. The County Attorney's Office recommended that neither the Parks and Recreation Commission nor the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department is allowed to circulate the letter; however, the parents of program participants can sign/circulate a petition. (Joe Barr)
10. Action Item: Election of Officers – July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
11. Update Report: Centro del Sur Boxing Gym, located at 1631 South 10th Avenue, has successfully transitioned to operation by the non-profit Aztlan Youth Programs, Inc. NRPR will continue to maintain the building exterior and mechanical equipment. Youth and adult fitness and boxing programs will continue on essentially unchanged at a lower cost to Pima County. (Evelyne Thorpe/Joe Barr)

#### E. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS

1. Development (Carlo DiPilato)
  - a. Rillito Regional Park – City of Tucson (COT)'s NW Community Center: On April 19, 2010, the county administrator sent notice to the city of Tucson of the county's decision to NOT advance the development of the COT Northwest Community Center at the Rillito Regional Park site. The COT is considering moving the project to its Jacob's Park location.
  - b. Robles—Altar Valley Soccer Fields: The project is under construction with an expected substantial completion date of August 2010.
  - c. Rillito River Park (Divided Urban Pathway-Mountain to First Avenue south bank): Environmental Clearance and Federal Authorization for design from Arizona Department of Transportation has been received. Design is now proceeding and should be complete this fall. Following construction contractor procurement construction should begin early 2011 with anticipated completion in the summer of 2011. Public art contract is in the approval process.
  - d. Yaqui Park Development: Pima County Procurement has approved the design consultant contract. Design is now proceeding, and should be complete this summer. Following construction contractor procurement, construction should begin late this fall and should be completed by summer of 2011. Public art will be completed by Las Artes.

- e. Thomas Jay Senior Field Development: The county administrator gave authorization to seed the field. Seeding is scheduled for May 2010 and substantial completion in late August or early September 2010.
  - f. Mehl-Foothills Park: This project includes parking lot and entry access improvements, a new dog park, a new restroom, a new playground, and associated path connections and landscaping. Installation of most of the new elements is nearly completed. The MACC will de-mobilize from the site shortly, as the remaining park elements are scheduled to occur after the little league season in July. The project has relied on significant coordination with both the Tucson Girls Chorus and the local leagues throughout construction.
  - g. Pantano River Park (22<sup>nd</sup> to Michael Perry Park): This project includes a major extension of the Pantano River Park from Michael Perry Park to Kenyon Road, which includes a divided urban path, two new underpasses, a children's memorial park, a tree memorial park, and some improvements at Michael Perry Park. The project is over sixty percent complete, with work mostly focused south of Golf Links Road and at the underpasses. Norquay Construction intends to hand over the linear park south of Golf Links Road shortly for operations. Little league ball play at the existing park fields is ongoing in a cooperative effort with the contractor. The City of Tucson and the Tucson Clean and Beautiful will work with the county in scheduling a joint park opening in late fall.
2. GeoMedia (Joy Mehulka)
- a. Publication and release of *Movers & Shakers: The Creation of Tucson Mountain Park*, a research study conducted by Sam Negri in the County Administrator's Office
3. Natural Resources (Kerry Baldwin)
- a. Open Space/Ranch Management:
    - transition discussions for Empirita and Six Bar
    - Winter/spring rains – good production of range land vegetation
    - Range Lands Standards and Guidelines Report status
    - Enhancement projects, planning, and survey/monitoring at:
      - Rancho Seco cattleguards and well enhancements
      - Sands Ranch Coordinated Resource Management Plan
      - Bucklelew Farms riparian habitat enhancement/restoration planning and Tucson Water property livestock driveway constriction
      - Carpenter Ranch drift fencing and livestock exclosure around key water
      - Semi-annual range monitoring
      - Soporri Ranch state grazing lease boundary adjustments and assignment
      - A7 ranch invasive plant control project
      - Rancho de Cielo vandalism repairs and motor vehicle access barriers
      - Artificial bat roost construction in Cienega Creek Nature Preserve
      - Sands Ranch well upgrades and minimum regulatory standard compliance
  - b. Open Space Acquisition – specific open space acquisition to date
    - 77-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Houghton and Tanque Verde roads
    - The Nature Conservancy's transfer of title to NRPR for properties adjacent to Pima County lands along the San Pedro River

- c. Invasive Species/Bufelgrass:
    - County administrator's testimony to the Congressional delegation
    - Aerial spraying at Tucson Mountain Park this summer
    - Approved House Bill 2211 allowing government spraying of weeds
  - d. Environmental Education birding program at Roy P. Drachman-Agua Caliente Regional Park:
    - 4000 visitors contacts in last two months
    - 975 entries for Annual River of Words youth poetry and art contest
    - Earth Day update
  - e. Natural Resources Parks – specific tasks/projects:
    - Volunteers contributed 1200 hours in the past two months (environmental education outreach, undocumented immigrant trash and debris cleanups, ranch tours, buffelgrass control)
5. Operations (George Kuck)
- a. Flowing Wells District Park: The future Kory Laos Memorial Freestyle BMX Park sign was dedicated on May 8, 2010. Plans are being finalized to construct a temporary dirt track for intermediate and beginner riders.
  - b. Brandi Fenton Memorial Park: The Brandi Fenton Memorial Foundation will be funding the lights for the new small off leash dog park that they also funded.
  - c. Santa Cruz River Park: Pima County Regional Flood Control District funded the patching, crack sealing, and seal coating of two miles of the paved river park pathways from Mission Lane to 29<sup>th</sup> Street on both banks.
  - d. Mehl-Foothills Park: Capital Improvement Project (CIP) construction is progressing and could be completed by the end of June. New parking lots and batting cages have been completed and the dog park is under construction.
5. Planning (Steve Anderson)
- a. Urban Loop Trail: The Urban Loop is continuing to make strong progress. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation recently received approval from the Regional Flood Control District to use its FLAP funds to make some land acquisitions on the Mountain Avenue to Campbell Avenue stretch of the Rillito River Park. The Planning Unit is also costing each of the Julian Wash projects for the big book of River Park projects.
  - b. Trails Master Plan: The Pima Regional Trails Plan is very near completion. Final reviews and changes are being made, and we expect that the project will be complete soon. The Commission should see the completed Trails Plan in May or June.
  - c. Robles Pass: The 1000-acre Robles Pass Trails Park now has a new 16-mile trail system. Work is continuing in May to close the existing roads using the small SWECO bulldozer. Projects coming in the next few years include a new trailhead facility, and the Ajo Ecoduct, provided that a grant can be found.

- e. Roger Road: The Roger Road access into the Coronado National Forest was challenged this spring when a property owner refused to sell a right-of-way to the county. Pima County decided to go above his parcel to the forest, and will buy a trail on the common area of a subdivision nearby, and build a trail that is accessible only to hikers.

6. Recreation (Joe Barr)

a. Community Centers

- NRPR's community centers are currently operating status quo. Registration for youth summer programs is completed. First day of program will be June 1, 2010.
- The Arizona Nutrition Network has become a significant element of the NRPR's afterschool and summer youth programs. The program promotes the "Eat Well Be Well" and "Grow a Healthy Child" campaigns, which support ideals associated with finding a balance between food and physical activity. The program is run out of the University of Arizona Nutritional Sciences Department, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Cooperative Extension program.

b. Leisure Classes

- Leisure classes continue to operate status quo.

Session Dates:

Session 3a: May 9 – June 5 (4 weeks)

Session 3b: June 6 – August 7 (9 weeks)

Session 3c: August 8 – September 4 (4 weeks)

Registration Deadlines:

May 3, 2010

May 31, 2010

August 2, 2010

- c. Shooting ranges continue to operate status quo. Please see the attached recent photo of the Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range. The new education building and range are on the right-hand side.

d. Aquatics:

- The Splash Pad at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park opened for the season on Saturday, April 17, 2010, in conjunction with Family Fun Day.
- All county swimming pools are scheduled to open for the summer on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

H. ADJOURNMENT

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.