



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 6, 2009  
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department  
3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona



Quorum having been established, the Chair convened the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Commissioners present: Richard Barker (Chair), Jan Johnson (Vice-Chair), Anita Kellman (Secretary), Stephanie Maben, Gary Davidson, Dave Ridings, Victor Rivera

Staff present: Rafael Payan, Kerry Baldwin, George Kuck, Derek Shaw, Carlo DiPilato, Joy Mehulka, Lacey Gould, Kelly Cheeseman

Guests: Ed Moore, William Matthews, Shari Minton, Carol Baumgartner, Frank B. DeFazio, Valerie Samoy-Alvarado

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CONSENT ITEM

Duly motioned and seconded, the January 9, 2009 minutes were accepted as corrected (Midnight Jam, instead of Midnight Jan).

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### D-1: Naming of the 36<sup>th</sup> Street and La Cholla Open Space Property as Connie Harris

George Kuck reported that the parks and recreation subcommittee for naming/renaming of parks/facilities reviewed and discussed the request to name 36<sup>th</sup> Street and La Cholla open space properties in honor of Connie Harris. The requestor, Beryl Baker, failed to submit all the required documentation, specifically the biographical sketch of Connie Harris; therefore, the request was denied by the subcommittee. Ms. Baker was encouraged to resubmit her request if she completes the requirement.

##### D-2: Rillito Racetrack Historic District National Register Nomination

Commissioner Maben made a motion to support the County Administrator's position on the proposed historical nomination of the Rillito Racetrack. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 to 1). Commissioner Johnson cast the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Maben made a motion to forward the attached document from Historic Rillito Racetrack signed by Ed Moore and William Matthews to the Office of the Pima County Attorney to verify whether or not the direct reference to the Parks and Recreation Commission was an intentional misrepresentation, and what, if anything, should be done to redress the comment because the Commission has not taken any formal action on the claim and to request the Office of the Pima County Attorney whether or not it is appropriate for the Historic Rillito Racetrack, an Arizona nonprofit 501-C3 organization, to use the same

letter for their fund-raising activity. Commissioner Kellman seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 to 1). Commissioner Johnson cast the dissenting vote.

D-3: Proposed Fee Structure Revision

Commissioner Ridings made a motion to submit the proposed revision to the fee structure to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D-4: Future Meeting Date/Time of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Kellman made a motion to temporarily schedule the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in April 2009 and May 2009 to the second Friday of both months, respectively. Commissioner Davidson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

E. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS

1. Administrative Services: Mr. Derek Shaw reviewed Period Seven departmental budget. He also briefed the Commission of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget submittal, which included the proposed 20% reduction.
2. Development: Mr. Carlo DiPilato reviewed the written report on the following projects: Robles Park, Mehl-Foothills Park, Catalina Regional Park, Sportspark/Brandi Fenton Lighting, Thomas Jay Community Center, Hidalgo Park and Picture Rocks Skate Park
3. Natural Resources: There was no significant discussion on the written report. Commissioner Johnson handed out the 2004 Pima County Bond Election Expenditure Report through December 31, 2008 to the commissioners present for their information.
4. Operations/Maintenance: Mr. George Kuck gave update reports on special events at Rillito and the river park, vandalism at Flowing Wells District Park, and the status of the Sportspark lighting project.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S): No suggestions.

G; CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No discussion.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Duly motioned and seconded the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.