

TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Tucson Parks & Recreation Commission that the Tucson Parks & Recreation Commission will hold the following meeting, which will be open to the public.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023- 3:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In-person at the Tucson Parks & Recreation Administration Office, Mesquite Conference Room
and Teams Virtual

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Poe at 3:40 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Chair, Steve Poe, Ward 6 Representative

Vice Chair, Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative (joined meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

Commissioner Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative

Commissioner Robin McArdle, Ward 3 Representative

Absent:

Commissioner Azul Navarrete-Valera, Ward 1 Representative

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Greg Jackson, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Dawnee Moreno, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Mike Hayes, Tucson Parks & Recreation

John Bonillas, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Sierra Boyer, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Corey Martinez, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Other:

Jennifer Shopland, Friends of Rio Vista, Board of Directors

Bill Dupont, Colonia Solona

Joan Visconti, Constituent

Anna Don, Constituent

Sandra Hopkinson, Constituent

Tanya Rosier, Constituent

Monica B. Johnson, Dell Urich Golf Club

Julie Shelton, Constituent

Matthew Connelly, Constituent

Freddie Pepper, Constituent

Mark Albrecht, Constituent

2. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2023 (Action Item)

Motion was made by commissioner Manon Getsi duly seconded by Commissioner, Robin McArdle to accept the September 27, 2023, minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 4-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

3. Call to the Audience

There were constituents who addressed the commission regarding concerns with the city dog parks.

Constituents spoke to the commission regarding the proposed pedestrian walkways through and around Randolph Golf Complex. A document with a list of objections and questions regarding the concerns was provided as well. The document is enclosed with the meeting minutes.

A constituent spoke about concerns with the ducks near the pond in Reid Park.

No action was taken.

4. Tucson Parks & Recreation Commission Awards (action item)

There was a brief discussion on the nomination submittals for the TPRC awards.

The committee members supported all the submittals except the nomination that did not meet criteria for having partnership with the department.

Motion was made by Chair, Beki Quintero seconded by Commissioner, Manon Getsi to approve the nomination submittals for the 5 Individual, 1 Team and 1 Non-Profit/Partner.

All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 4-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

The awards will be presented during the department's All Staff meeting on December 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

5. Rio Vista Natural Resource Park, Master Plan- Project Manager

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson explained the processes and timelines in detail for the Rio Vista Natural Resource Park master plan. Mr. Jackson provided an update on the Project Manager position as well. The Project Manager (Tom Fisher) that was assigned to the project has retired. The project was placed on hold until a new person is in place. The department hired five Project Managers and another person will be hired in two weeks which will be assigned to the project. Mr. Jackson continued to explain that it is anticipated that the new Project Manager will be brought up to speed by the end of November or in December then rolling out the improvements in early 2024 once the Project Manager starts to take steps to deliver the project. Commissioner Robin McArdle mentioned that Mr. Fisher did a great job with the project as well as facilitating. In addition, Ms. McArdle asked that the collaboration process and facilitation is continued to involve the stakeholders through the implementation process for the approved master plan, and the new project manager is under the same process.

Mr. Jackson offered to the board that constituents can bring concerns directly to Mr. Jackson to talk through information.

No action was taken.

6. Mission Manor Park- Splash Pad and Pool Update

Mr. Greg Jackson spoke on the agenda item and explained the plans and actions in the various phases of the Mission Manor Park projects. Currently, the splash pad is in permitting status. Staff anticipate sending the project to bid then construction in early 2024. In addition, staff are working through environmental assessment and federal funding pieces of the project.

No action was taken.

7. Glass Recycle Bins

This item was brought forward from the previous meeting due to concerns with the location of a glass recycling bin in Rio Vista Natural Resource Park. Deputy Director, Mike Hayes explained that he reached out to Environmental Services, and after the first of the year, Environmental Services will be removing the recycling bins that are located throughout the city and converting back to the curbside service.

No action was taken.

8. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner McArdle spoke briefly regarding the Trunk-or-Treat event at the Quincie Douglas Center on October 13, 2023. The event was very well attended. Ms. McArdle commended the staff and all those involved with the event.

No action was taken.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Administrator, Dawnee Moreno provided information on the following various events:

Boo Bash event at Lincoln Park on October 21, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Boo Bash event at Marty Birdman Center and Santa Rosa Center on October 21, 2023, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

KIDCO hosted its first annual "KIDCO Town" event on October 27. The event is a different version of the "Lights on Afterschool" program that was offered last year. Each KIDCO site created their own performances and games to showcase their afterschool programs to their families. There were approximately 300 people in attendance.

The 16th Annual Family Festival is on November 18, at the Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. The event will have games, prizes, crafts, inflatables, and class demonstrations. There will be a variety of foods available for purchase through local vendors as well. In addition, the Reid Park Zoo will have a \$1 admission. The board is invited to attend the Family Festival.

The Adaptive Recreation Center (ARC) in Reid Park hosted an Aqua Pumpkin Patch event on October 14, 11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The same event was held at Clements Center on October 15. Participants plunged into a pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin to paint and decorate.

Ms. Moreno also said that the Aquatics team will be going on a two-day StarGuard training course during the first week of November. The StarGuard is an aquatic risk prevention agency that is internationally recognized for its elite training. The training course is a refresher with guest speakers and staff will meet with other StarGuard agencies from around the state.

Deputy Director, Mike Hayes provided information on the Autumn Corridor Clean Up program that began October 17. The department will be responsible for cleaning an area from Pantano from Irvington to Speedway. The clean up activities take place every Tuesday for six weeks.

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided information on the following projects:

The construction of the new parking lot project at Christopher Columbus Park will begin in November.

The construction of the bath house and splash pad in Ft. Lowell Park will start in November as well.

The splash pad in Jesse Owens Park will also go into construction in November. The Mansfield Park splash pad is currently in construction and is anticipated to be completed in December. Staff continue with community engagement activities. Mr. Jackson mentioned that the Reimagined Open House will take place on November 4th. A public engagement meeting will take place on November 7th to share a dog park concept for Loma Park. In addition, a public engagement activity to share a concept will take place at Armory Park on November 18.

Director, Lara Hamwey reported that the department was notified that the department is able to purchase land for Barrio Nopal. This will be a new park for the neighborhood. Currently, the project is

in design and permitting. Ms. Hamwey mentioned that staff attended the National Recreation Parks Association (NRPA) annual conference. Ms. Hamwey along with Administrator, Dawnee Moreno and PIO, Sierra Boyer gave a presentation on how to resuscitate an Aquatics program. The presentation had over 100 people in attendance.

No action was taken.

c. Director

Director, Lara Hamwey provided Information.

No action was taken.

9. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

d. Future Agenda Items:

Reid Park Duck Pond

No action was taken.

e. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

There was discussion to move the November 22, 2023, meeting as it falls before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Commissioner, Robin McArdle moved to move the next meeting to November 29, 2023. All committee members were in favor of the proposal.

f. Location:

Hybrid Format- In-person at the Tucson Parks & Recreation Administration Office, Mesquite Conference Room, 900 S. Randolph Way and Microsoft Teams Virtual

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Chair, Steve Poe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner, Robin McArdle moved to adjourn the meeting, and all committee members were in favor.