



**TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (TPRC)
2023 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

The purpose of the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission is to make recommendations to the governing body regarding recreational activities and facilities of the City; To review, as needed policies and procedures regarding parks and recreational operations, fees, and name changes; and to make recommendations to the governing body; and to serve as a citizen's communication and advocacy conduit regarding parks and recreation program and facilities.

January 25, 2023

- The minutes for December 28, 2022, were approved.
- Call to the Audience: There were no members that wished to address the commission.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Chair Elections
A motion was made by Commissioner McArdle duly seconded by Commissioner Quintero to approve Commissioner Poe to serve as Chair for the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion was carried by a roll call of 3-0. Commissioner Poe consented to the vote. (Commissioner Navarrete was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
Motion was made by Commissioner McArdle duly seconded by Commissioner Poe to approve Commissioner Quintero to serve as the Vice Chair for the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion was carried by a roll call of 3-0. Commissioner Quintero consented to the vote. (Commissioner Navarrete was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
 - Robert Price Park (Action item)
Motion was made by Commissioner Quintero duly seconded by Commissioner Getsi to approve the Robert Price Park Master Plan. Motion was carried by a voice vote 3-0. Chair, Poe was in consent of the approval. (Commissioner Navarrete was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
- Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
 - Ms. Hamwey reported that the Mayor and City Manager's office along with different departments have been working through a process called federal earmark funding. The city will propose certain projects to be funded through federal dollars that are attributed under Congress or Senate. The city overall received approximately 12 million dollars. The department will receive \$2.9 million of the 12 million to go towards an aquatic complex at Mission Manor Park. The complex will be comprised of a splash pad, open recreation pool and a therapy pool. A second portion of the money, which is \$2.7 million, will be attributed to improvements at the El Pueblo Center.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Landscape Service
 - Renaming of Christopher Columbus Park
 - Santa Rita Park Project- Timeline
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on February 22, 2023

- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.
A motion was made by Vice Chair, Quintero, duly seconded by Commissioner Getsi to adjourn the meeting. (Commissioner Navarrete was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

February 22, 2023

- The minutes for January 25, 2023, were approved.
- Call to the Audience: No one wished to address the commission.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - **Landscape Service Provider (distributed in meeting packet)**
Deputy Director, Mike Hayes spoke on the item and shared a Request for Proposal for contractor services. The document contained detailed information on Scope of Work and contract obligations.
 - **Renaming of Christopher Columbus Park**
Commissioner Navarrete-Valera provided a presentation on the “Renaming Christopher Columbus Park”. In addition, Ms. Navarrete-Valera spoke about the history of Christopher Columbus, and indigenous people. She also spoke about Danny Lopez, who was an educator and an elder protector of traditional Tohono O’odham culture and language. She added that Mr. Lopez made an impact on indigenous youth throughout Tucson and the Tohono O’odham Nation. Ms. Navarrete-Valera proposed renaming Christopher Columbus Park to Danny Lopez Park. Ms. Navarrete-Valera mentioned that there were 137 signatures received in support of renaming the park. The efforts to rename the park were shared on social media as well. There are more than 300 signatures supporting and counting.
Commissioner Navarrete-Valera made a motion duly seconded by Commissioner McArdle to approve the renaming of Christopher Columbus Park to Danny Lopez Park.
There was a discussion.
Director Hamwey explained the renaming process in detail and made a recommendation to submit a letter of request for the renaming along with the letters of support, petition, and signatures. This will allow for the renaming process to begin and a 45-day public notice process to take place as well.
The board showed support for the renaming and decided to wait on fully executing the motion and vote to allow for the formal process to take place including a 45-day public notice.
Commissioner Navarrete-Valera made a motion duly seconded by Commissioner McArdle to support the renaming process for Christopher Columbus Park to Danny Lopez Park. Motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
Executive Assistant, Diana Schroeder will email a copy of the renaming process to the board.
 - **Santa Rita Park Project- Timeline**
Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided an update and reported that the design process will take approximately six or seven months which will take the project into December or January. There is a 60-day period for the bidding process. Construction will begin within 30 to 60 days after the contract is awarded for the bid which is sometime in March or April 2024. A map of the park with Phase I improvements was shared during the updates.
- **Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director**
Deputy Director, Mike Hayes mentioned that the Tennis Contract has been finalized with the Tucson Tennis Management LLC. and effective on March 1. Tucson Tennis will manage the

Refkin Tennis Center and Himmel Park Tennis Center. The Intelligence and Excellence Tennis organization will manage the Ft. Lowell Tennis Center effective February 1.

Ms. Hamwey reported that the department in conjunction with the Pima County Flood Control and Tucson Water Storm to Shade program to apply for an Arizona Forward Award. The awards are targeted on how municipalities are being mindful of climate action conservation. The award submittal is for the partnership of Seneca Park and Cherry Ave and merging GSI as a stormwater control within a park setting for the benefit of the community. The department has been invited to attend a dinner in April.

- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Training and Shared Vision.
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.
A motion was made by Vice Chair, Quintero, duly seconded by Commissioner McArdle to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

March 22, 2023

- The minutes for February 22, 2023, were approved.
- Call to the Audience: No one wished to address the commission.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Trainings and Shared Vision
There was no discussion on the item. Commissioner, McArdle requested the item at the previous meeting on February 22. Ms. McArdle was absent from this March 22 meeting, and it was consensus of the board to move the item to the next meeting.
 - 2022 Annual Report (action item)
Commissioner Getsi made a motion duly seconded by Commissioner Navarrete-Valera to approve the 2022 Annual Report. Motion was carried by 3-0. (Commissioner McArdle absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
- Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
 - Ms. Hamwey also spoke about pilot programs with West Consultants. West Consultants specializes in advanced water resources investigations and uses engineering methods for regenerative agriculture. The data enhancement of the microbiology of soil can help with water retention and prevention of weeds. West Consultants is looking at how to reduce compaction as it prevents growth in productivity. A pilot program will take place at the CSR "Gunny" Barreras Park to rebuild its whole premises biological amendments for development and growth. Himmel Park has an issue with goat heads and weeds and is under a one-year treatment program. A presentation was shared with the neighborhood association for understanding purposes when they see people working in the park.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Results of the third Reid Park Survey
 - Training and Shared Vision.
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on April 26, 2023
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.
A motion was made by Commissioner Getsi, duly seconded by Commissioner Navarrete-Valera to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by 3-0. (Commissioner McArdle absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

April 26, 2023

- The minutes for the March 22, 2023 meeting were approved.
- Call to the Audience:
 - Constituent, Jonathan Paul Salvatierra asked about the protocol for Call to the Audience and asked to speak after the meeting. The process was explained to Mr. Salvatierra. The committee agreed to allow Mr. Salvatierra to speak after the meeting.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Plan Tucson (Action item)

Amanda Smith from Planning and development Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on Plan Tucson, the City of Tucson General and Sustainability Plan. A flier with information was provided as well.

The City of Tucson is working on an update to Plan Tucson and invited the commission to appoint a liaison to the Plan Tucson update process. This includes participation in a working group to aid in the development of policies, goals, and future growth map. Active engagement will start later this Spring 2023 and is anticipated to extend through late 2024.

The commission expressed interest in the initiative and to learn more about the working groups. The commission will be added to a list for a formal invite with a survey for availability. The invite will be sent in May and the working groups to begin in June or July.
 - Reid Park Zoo- Expansion & Parking Update

Nancy Schegel, President & CEO of the Reid Park Zoological Society provided a “Reid Park Zoo-Saving Wild Animals and Wild Places” PowerPoint presentation with information and updates.
 - Training and Shared Vision

The item was at the request of Commissioner, McArdle from the previous meeting. Commissioner, McArdle asked what process the department is doing to create vision in training. Director Lara Hamwey explained that the department takes advantage of training’s that experts bring in and those available through the city partners as well. Ms. Hamwey named various training offerings such as analysis work through the new financial Human Resources system, de-escalation in partnership with Tucson Police Department, triage processes, mental health through Cigna and diversity trainings.

Ms. McArdle asked how the department is bringing together all levels of staff to build the Parks and Recreation mission and vision.

Ms. Hamwey explained that the department has a Strategic Plan. The plan was launched last year, and a roadshow was conducted for the public to learn about the Strategic plan. All levels of staff were given the opportunity to be involved as well. Staff meet monthly and discuss various objectives that are outlined in the Strategic Plan. The objectives were developed by staff. Ms. Hamwey mentioned that it is instrumental of moving the department forward in a unified force and offered to do a presentation on the Strategic plan at a future meeting. Ms. Hamwey also mentioned the accreditation process and keeping up to date the components of the accreditation features. This includes making sure that the mission vision statement is up to date as well review and dissemination of policies and procedures. The General Security Plan was recently updated, and staff are working on the Risk Management item.

Commissioner, McArdle welcomed a Strategic Plan presentation.
- Reports and Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, Director
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Strategic Plan
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on May 24, 2023
 - Constituent, Jonathan Paul Salvatierra spoke regarding various involvements and initiatives with the City of Tucson and Pima County.

- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.
A motion was made by Commissioner Getsi, duly seconded by Commissioner Navarrete-Valera to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by 3-0. (Commissioner McArdle absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

May 24, 2023

- The minutes for the April 26, 2023 meeting were approved.
- Call to the Audience:
 - Ron Spark, member of the 2018 Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Committee shared information regarding the Santa Cruz River Loop and installation of directional signs.
 - Constituent, Jonathan Paul Salvatierra to hold his comments until after the meeting and provided an explanation for the request. Director, Lara Hamwey explained the protocol for Call to the Audience.
 - Bill Dupont with Colonia Solona neighborhood shared various concerns with the Reid Park Master Plan. The concerns are regarding open space and destruction of trees for installation of car parking.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Strategic Plan
Deputy Director, Greg Jackson spoke on the item and provided a PowerPoint presentation with information. The department is updating its Strategic Plan, and the planning processes were provided in detail. The planning process involves team efforts and staff of all levels.
 - Reid Park Master Plan Survey (survey results provided in meeting packet)
Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided a PowerPoint presentation with information on the Survey Three Results for the Reid Park Master Plan. Mr. Jackson explained the various categories and levels of responses. In addition, Mr. Jackson shared the various community engagement activities for the surveys which served as informative and an invitation for decision participation.
- Reports and Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, Director
 - Deputy Director, Mike Hayes reported information on the opening of the swimming pools. The department will open 20 pools across the city. There were over 260 aquatic staff hired. Facility improvement projects were completed at various pools in preparation for opening and use. It
 - was also mentioned that the department is implementing the B-shift. The B-shift staff will work Tuesday through Saturday from 2:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. and will be in active parks with different events taking place.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Elder Programs- Type and Outreach.
 - Summer Break
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on June 28, 2023
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.
Commissioner Getsi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion was carried by 3-0. (Chair, Steve Poe was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

June 28, 2023

- The June 28 meeting was cancelled during a regular quorum check that was done prior to the meeting date.

July 26, 2023

- The minutes for May 24, 2023, were approved.
- Call to the Audience:
 - Constituent Joan Visconti shared information and concerns regarding city dog parks.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Elder Programs- Type and Outreach
 - Tucson Parks & Recreation Commission Awards
- Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
 - Commissioner, Azul Navarrette-Valera inquired about Murrieta Park and the splash pad project. Director Hamwey provided an update on the project, and said that through the Water Conservation Fund, the department was successful in a grant application for just under \$1,000,000 towards the new splash pad in Joaquin Murrieta Park. Ms. Hamwey continued to say that the park has had a master plan on file since 2013, and it was the intent to be able to implement some of that master plan. Currently, the project is in permitting. Construction could begin in the late fall depending on how quickly it is navigated through the permitting process. The project will include a new splash pad, playground, restrooms, rebuilding of the baseball field and quad field, and security light improvements in the parking lot.
 - Director, Hamwey provided updates on different grant applications for various parks and projects. Ms. Hamwey spoke about an application that is in process which includes approximately \$3.5 million for Jacob's Park. The funding will allow for building out the entirety of the master plan. Applications for Tohono O'odham gaming grants for different projects have been submitted as well. The department is focused on matching Prop 407 money with external money to extend and enhance the plans that are ready.
 - Ms. Hamwey mentioned that the department will be awarded at the Arizona Parks & Recreation Association (APRA) conference in August for efforts with lifeguard recruitment and how it was approached with marketing information and programs. The department's Public Information Officer, Sierra Boyer, was commended for efforts with this initiative. Ms. Hamwey continued to say that staff, P&R Administrator- Dawnee Moreno, PIO, Sierra Boyer and including herself will be presenting at the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) Conference in October. The presentation will be on aquatics program and how it was rebuilt and rebranded to successfully hire many lifeguards and open 20 pools. The department is looking at year two of retaining lifeguards and keeping the momentum of the new culture.
 - Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
Report on Dog Parks concerning gravel and accidents. Director Hamwey recommended that the item is placed on the September agenda for better staff representation as staff will be attending the APRA conference.
Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
Motion was made by Commissioner, Manon Getsi, duly seconded by Commissioner, Robin McArdle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by 4-0. (Vice Chair, Beki Quintero Poe was absent. There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

August 30, 2023

- The minutes for July 26, 2023, were approved.
- Call to the Audience:

Mr. Ronald Sparks spoke to the commission regarding the Alamo Wash and requested information on management of the space and plans for the wash. Mr. Sparks also asked for information on potential acquisitions.

- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Tucson Parks & Recreation Commission Awards
Director, Lara Hamwey spoke on the item, and the purpose of the agenda item is to confirm with the committee that the program will launch on September 1st with a two-week deadline for recommendations. The on-line nomination form was shared previously with the board as well as during the meeting. There was discussion on the 2-week deadline and limiting the number of winners to keep manageable and meaningful. It was consensus of the board to use September 15 as the deadline for submittals and to limit the number 3 per category.
 - Discussion on Proposed of Zoo Asset
Director Hamwey explained that on August 2nd, the department launched a 45-day process for the proposed naming of six different zoo assets. The letter came from Nancy Schlegel, from the Reid Park Zoological Society. Ms. Hamwey continued to say that significant donations have been made to the zoo in correlation to the first project, which is the World of Play at Reid Park Zoo. The Angel Charities donated a significant amount of money for that project. The project is coming in at a higher cost and the zoo is working on donations to help close the gap of funding and for some of those donations that are quite significant. Part of the donation is given with an agreement for naming. The board received a copy of the letter that outlines the different pathway to Asia assets that would be named in correlation to those donations. Ms. Hamwey said that she has not received any letters of support for or against the proposal of the naming's and the department is working towards taking it to the Mayor and Council on September 19.
Motion was made by Vice Chair, Beki Quintero, duly seconded by Commissioner, Manon Getsi to approve the zoo assets and naming initiative. The motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)
 - Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
Ms. Hamwey also spoke about the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) in Glendale, Arizona on August 22-24. The department was presented with a marketing award. Ms. Hamwey commended Public Information Officer, Sierra Boyer for her efforts with helping promote lifeguard jobs.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Report on Dog Parks
 - Alamo Wash
 - Old trees lost to weather systems.
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, September 27, 2023
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.
 - **Motion was made by Vice Chair, Beki Quintero, duly seconded by Commissioner, Robin McArdle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)**

September 27, 2023

- The minutes for the August 30, 2023, meeting were approved.
- Call to the Audience:
 - Jennifer Shopland, Chair of the Board of Directors of the non-profit organization, Friends of Rio Vista Natural Resource Park spoke regarding the Rio Vista Park master plan.
 - Constituent, Christine Carino addressed the commission concerning the Rodeo Wash Greenway I and drinking water availability as well as maintenance of trees.
 - Constituent Mark Albrecht spoke about the Randolph Park golf course and a walking path that may be planned to be installed in the middle of the course. Mr. Albrecht also inquired about the

- Del Urich Golf Course and a redesign to include a walking path. Mr. Albrecht expressed safety concerns with the two plans.
- Constituent Joan Visconti addressed the commission concerning city dog parks and gravel concerns.
- Mr. Bill Dupont with Colonia Solana neighborhood spoke to the commission regarding various safety concerns with Randolph Park golf courses and the David Bell pedestrian path that coexist near the Colonia Solana neighborhood.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Dog Park Report
Director, Lara Hamwey provided a PowerPoint presentation, “Dog Parks- Claims and ADA Accessibility”. The presentation included various detailed information on city dog parks such as documented claims with reference to dog parks (confirmed with City Attorney and Risk Management- no known current lawsuit or complaint regarding dog parks and accessibility), City dog parks ADA accessibility evaluation, as well as ADA accessibility of 6th Avenue Dog Park.
 - Alamo Wash
The item was requested in the previous meeting during Call to the Audience.
Deputy Director, Greg Jackson shared a map of the Alamo Wash Greenway, and explained that the Alamo Wash is part of the Pima County Regional Trail System master plan. The plan was adopted by the Mayor and Council and the County Board of Supervisors. The project is brought forth as part of Proposition 407 in Phase 2 and 3. Additionally, the project will include an eight-mile trail, and could connect ten parks and eight schools in that greenway. The plan impacts Wards 2, 4 and 6. Mr. Jackson mentioned that there will be necessary land acquisition to complete the project. Currently, the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) is estimating the cost to be more than is budgeted, and approximately \$33 million dollars. Staff will evaluate how to bridge the gap and look at possible federal grants. Mr. Jackson added that DTM will take a little bit of a lead to build then Parks and Recreation will take on the operations.
 - Old trees lost to weather systems.
The agenda item was at the request of Commissioner, Manon Getsi during the August TPRC meeting.
Parks Superintendent, John Bonillas prepared a report for tracking damaged and lost trees affected by a storm in July. Mr. Bonillas reported that currently there are 30 parks that suffered a significant amount of damage, and there were 47 tree removals. Staff are still working through to identify anything else because of another storm that came through and took place after. Staff will have a final count in approximately 2-3 weeks.
 - TPRC Awards
The nominations for the TPRC awards were provided previously in the meeting materials.
Ms. Hamwey explained that there were two individuals (Pastor Sean Bailey and Maria Vianey Cardenas) with no mention of direct park nexus in the nominations. Executive Assistant, Diana Schroeder reached out to the two people to ask about the connections to parks. Ms. Schroeder will then share the information with the board when it is available, and responses are received.
It was decided to move the item to the next meeting.
A motion was made by Vice Chair, Beki Quintero duly seconded by Commissioner, Manon Getsi to move the topic to the next meeting on October 25. All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4).
 - Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
Ms. Lara Hamwey mentioned that there are staff attending the National Recreation Parks Association (NRPA) conference on October 9 through 12. Ms. Hamwey and staff including Ms. Dawnee Moreno and Ms. Sierra Boyer will be presenting for two different education sessions. One presentation is on giving yourself grace in leadership role and the second presentation is

- o on aquatics and how the department revamped its aquatic division as well as recruitment and marketing processes.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - o Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission Awards
 - o Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Master Plan- Project Manager
 - o Mission Manor- Splash Pad and Pool Update
 - o Glass Recycle Bins
 - o Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, October 25, 2023
- Adjournment
 - o The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.
Motion was made by Vice Chair, Beki Quintero, duly seconded by Commissioner, Robin McArdle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 4)

October 25, 2023

- The minutes for the September 27, 2023, meeting were approved.
- Call to the Audience:
 - o There were constituents who addressed the commission regarding concerns with the city dog parks.
 - o 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.
 - o A constituent spoke about concerns with the ducks near the pond in Reid Park.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o Mission Manor Park- Splash Pad
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.
 - o 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. After the first of the year, Environmental Services will be removing the recycling bins that are located throughout the city and converting them back to the curbside service.
 - o Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director

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.

- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Reid Park Duck Pond
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.
 - 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.
- 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.

November 29, 2023

- The meeting minutes for September 27, 2023 were approved.
- Call to the Audience: No one wished to address the commission.
- There were various constituents that spoke to the commission regarding the proposed Randolph Park and Golf Complex Opportunity Plan. There were ten constituents that expressed opposition to the project. A document "Opposition to the Randolph Pathway Project" was provided as well. There were six constituents that were in support of the Randolph Park pathway project.
- Katie Brown, member of the Vista del Monte Neighborhood Association addressed the commission regarding concerns with the McCormick Park improvement project.
- Discussion was held on the following topics:
 - Reid Park Duck Pond

This item was brought forward due to an inquiry during the previous TPRC meeting. There are health concerns for the ducks and public feeding. There were mentions about signage in the parks as well.

Director, Hamwey explained that she reached out to the animal welfare specialist at the Reid Park Zoo to ask what ducks eat. Some of the food includes grains, corn, lettuce, and aquatic plants. Ms. Hamwey mentioned that there is signage that is posted, and the signs encourage people not to feed the ducks. The signage in Ft. Lowell Park talks about what is appropriate to feed ducks, which is consistent with the information from the Reid Park Zoo. These same signs have been ordered for the pond in Reid Park. Ms. Hamwey also asked the specialist about the possibility of feeders. The feeders break often and are laborious in terms of refilling and keeping up with them. In addition, it may increase the number of animals when beginning a supply of a reliable food source. Ms. Hamwey spoke about a news release involving the Reid Park Zoo and a bird that contracted Avian Influenza. There is a concern that feeders would attract more ducks to the area because Waterfowl is a primary carrier of influenza. Ms. Hamwey said, for the moment, the signage that is planned to post would be the best solution.

Ms. Hamwey mentioned that staff will be figuring out the proper placement of the signs, and part of the reason for the high signage is due vandalism. It was the intent to provide educational opportunity on-site, knowing that people will continue to do nice things for the ducks. Ms. Hamwey added that she can ask the zoo to periodically hold education opportunities within the park. It was also mentioned that as part of the Reid Park master plan process, it was talked about for opportunity to do more educational engagement within the park itself.

- Park Fees
Director Hamwey spoke on the item and shared a copy of the proposed fee changes with the committee. Ms. Hamwey explained the fee changes in detail. The proposed fee changes are scheduled for review during the Study Session, Mayor and Council meeting on December 12, 2023. The Mayor and Council will then advise if the department is good to proceed with golf and zoo fee changes. A public hearing will be held for the initial fees related to ramadas and tennis. To follow, these fee changes will go to a Notice of Intent, and the department will coordinate town halls with one per ward and one virtual meeting. There will be seven public meetings in total for the public to opine on the proposed fees. After the public meetings, the proposed fees will go to another public hearing for approval during the April 9, Mayor and Council meeting.
- Randolph Opportunity Study
This item is regarding the Randolph Park and Golf Complex Opportunity. Deputy Director, Greg Jackson introduced the agenda item and reported that the department met with groups of stakeholders in March or April. Mr. Jackson explained the various stakeholders. There were five different meetings, and a kick-off meeting as well. Based on feedback, there were six guiding principles established. A copy of the "Guiding Principles" was shared on-screen with the committee. Director Hamwey explained in detail the six guiding principles reflecting the input of stakeholder groups.
- Reports & Announcements: Commissioners, Staff, and Director
 - John Bonillas mentioned that staff continue to address issues that were brought up at the last meeting regarding the different city dog parks. Ms. Hamwey added that the department received a nice letter for Mr. Bonillas and staff giving kudos for listening and responding to their inquiries.
- Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date:
 - Unauthorized Motorized Vehicles- Signage
 - Rodeo Parade Route- Rudy Garcia
 - Microsoft Teams Virtual on Wednesday, January 24, 2024
There was discussion about the December 27, 2023, meeting. It was consensus of the board to hold the next meeting on January 24, 2024.

December 28, 2022

There was no meeting in December.

Committee Members:

Mayor- Vacant

Ward 1- Azul Navarrate-Valeras (07/0822-12/04/23)

Ward 2- Manon Getsi (09/16/21-12/03/23)

Ward 3- Robin McArdle (02/02/22-12/01/25)

Ward 4- Vacant

Ward 5- Beki Quintero (09/26/22-12/02/25)

Ward 6- Steve Poe (12/10/21-11/30/24)

Respectfully,



Steve Poe, Chair

Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission