

**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, September 25, 2024- 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 Vice Chair, Beki Quintero at 3:33 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Chair, Steve Poe, Ward 6 Representative

Vice Chair, Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative

Commissioner, Robin McArdle, Ward 3 Representative

Commissioner, Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative

Commissioner, Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Director

Greg Jackson, Deputy Director

Mike Hayes, Deputy Director

Dawnee Moreno, Deputy Director

John Bonillas, Parks Administrator

Dean Hoskin, Recreation Superintendent

Aaron Sanchez, Recreation Superintendent

Sierra Boyer, Public Information Officer

Diana Schroeder, Executive Assistant

Daniel Partida, City of Tucson, Safety Specialist

Vince Tracey, City of Tucson, Safety & Health/Loss Control Manager

Jennifer Shopland, Friends of Rio Vista

2. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2024 (Action Item)

Motion was made by Chair, Poe, duly seconded by commissioner Getsi to accept the September 4, 2024, minutes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for the Mayor and Ward 1 sector)

3. Call to the Audience

Constituent, Jonathan Salvatierra addressed the commission regarding thoughts concerning the South Hermosa mining initiative and concerns with public health and operations.

No action was taken.

4. Rio Vista- Sign Update

Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided a presentation on the Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Master Plan. The presentation included an expanded review of the park master plan as well as an overview of safety and risk management items. Updates on signage were provided during the presentation as well.

There was a discussion.

Chair, Steve Poe expressed safety concerns with the areas that are less than 8 feet wide.

Commissioner, Getsi asked staff if there's been any reported accidents on the trails prior the new master plan. Information will be sent to Commissioner Getsi.

Commissioner, McArdle, seconded by Commissioner, Getsi moved that Parks and Recreation coordinate a meeting next month with Ward 3 and add Rio Vista to the next TPRC agenda. All committee members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for the Mayor and Ward 1 sector)

5. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner, Getsi inquired about ballpark lights that were in operation during the Tucson Pops concert on Sunday, September 22. Ms. Getsi said, during the concert, it was announced there was a safety issue.

No action was taken.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Recreation Superintendent, Aaron Sanchez reported the following information: Udall wrapped up the open house series. A huge open house was held in mid-September at the Udall Recreation Center. The event brought in \$34,000 in membership sales. The event was a huge success. Staff plan to have open house opportunities again in 2025.

The El Pueblo Center hosted a Mexican Independence Day Fiesta. Seniors from the different recreation facilities attended the event.

The Ready, Set, Rec program had its fall kick-off event at Reid Park on September 21st. There were approximately 500 people in attendance.

The department will host the Boo Bash event at Lincoln Park on October 19.

Parks Administrator, John Bonillas reported that staff are finalizing storm cleanup efforts with contractors and parks teams. In addition, parks staff assist with prepping facilities for the different department events and winter events.

Aquatics Program Manager, Orlie Johnson reported there are ten pools open, currently. The splash pads will close at the end of the month. The Jesse Owens Park splash pad will open in approximately three weeks. There were nine lifeguards certified through the Instructor Development Candidate School.

Recreation Superintendent, Dean Hoskin reported that the fastpitch program ended in August and the slow pitch softball program began. The department is hosting its first school's out camp, currently.

Administrator Jasmine Chan reported that the department hired a new Project Manager, Stephanie Copland. It was also reported that the Mayor and Council approved additional funding for the Cushing Street Skate Park initiative.

Ms. Chan serves on the Steering Committee for the Pima County, Connecting Children to Nature Network. The initiative promotes nature-based play. Staff are bringing nature-based play as well as

nature-based education programs into the park system.

Deputy Director, Dawnee Moreno mentioned that the Housing and Community Development Department received another grant from HUD. The Housing and Community Development Department are continuing engagement and activation of the Thrive in the 05 and 29th Street Thrive programs.

No action was taken.

c. Director

Director, Hamwey reported that the department has launched a 45-day public comment process for the proposal to rename Mansfield Park Doris J. Thompson Park. The subject will be placed on the next TPRC agenda. The Kha Dang Park name request is on October 8, Mayor and Council meeting agenda.

No action was taken.

10. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items

Dogs off leashes

Rio Vista Update

Santa Cruz River Park

No action was taken.

b. Next Meeting Date:

October 23, 2024

No action was taken.

c. Location:

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No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Motion was made Chair, Steve Poe, duly seconded by Commissioner, Manon Getsi to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by 5-0. (There is no representation for Mayor and Ward 1 sector)