

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, July 23, 2025

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Manon Getsi at 3:35 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Vice Chair Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative
Commissioner Antonio Ramirez, Ward 1 Representative
Commissioner Robin McArdle, Ward 3 Representative
Commissioner Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative
Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative

Absent:

Chair Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Greg Jackson, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Dawnee Moreno, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Andi Padilla, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Jasmine Chan, Tucson Parks and Recreation
John Bonillas, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Dean Hoskin, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Aaron Sanchez, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Orlie Johnson, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Sierra Boyer, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Other:

Cecile Roullet, Amphi Neighborhood Association
Ellen Parrish, Amphi Neighborhood Association
Jennifer Shopland, Friends of Rio Vista
Collin Clark, Constituent

2. Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2025 (action item)

There was no discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Maurice Roberts duly seconded by Commissioner Robin McArdle to accept June 25, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was approved by a voice vote, 5-0. (Chair Beki Quintero was absent. There is no representation for Mayor sector)

3. Call to the Audience

At this time, any member of the public is allowed to address the Committee. Speakers are limited to three (3) minute presentations. Pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, individual Committee members may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda, or respond to criticism made by speakers. However, the Committee may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during "call to the audience".

Colin Clark addressed the commission with comments regarding Joaquin Murrieta Park.

4. Tucson Parks and Recreation Commissioner Awards- action item

Staff outlined the program processes. Additionally, a sample of the nomination form was provided previously in the meeting packet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Maurice Roberts duly seconded by Commissioner Robin McArdle to approve September 2, 2025, as the start date for the awards program, and ending September 16, 2025. The motion was approved by a voice vote, 5-0. (Chair Beki Quintero was absent. There is no representation for Mayor sector)

5. PCOA/Congregate Meal Program- discussion

Director Lara Hamwey provided a brief update mentioning that services continue at the Quincie Douglas Center, Armory Center, Freedom Center and Clements Center.

6. Budget/Fundraising Subcommittee- discussion

The committee briefly discussed the invitation for the City Clerk's Office to attend the next meeting to discuss Open Meeting Law and subcommittee procedures. The committee also requested staff support to coordinate subcommittee meetings.

Director Lara Hamwey outlined the limitations on fundraising and monetary collection. It was noted that accepting donations could be possible through partnerships with nonprofit organizations.

7. Mayor and Council Items- No camping in parks and play areas

Director Lara Hamwey provided a briefing on the Mayor and Council agenda item, *Designating Play Areas in Parks*. The item is a request to amend City Code Chapter 21 "Parks and Recreation" to create Section 21-19 "Designated Children Play Areas", which will define children play areas as spaces meant for children and only adults accompanying a child. The agenda items will be placed on August 16, 2025, Mayor and Council meeting for approval.

8. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner Maurice Roberts commented on the homelessness in Armory Park.
No action was taken.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Staff provided updates on the following department programs:

The Aquatics division had 26,000 pool visits. Additionally, aquatics hosted a synchronized swimming activity at the Udall pool. Swim championships were held this month as well.

The summer pools close July 31, 2025.

The department is offering a survey for public feedback regarding pools and splash pad services. The survey ends July 31, 2025.

The Park Maintenance team replenished woodchips in playgrounds throughout the city. To add, staff are completing aerification projects at various fields.

Summer camps are wrapping up as back-to-school backpack events are underway. Back-to-school backpack events took place at Quincie Douglas and El Pueblo Activity Center.

Additional events to take place at Marty Birdman Center and Donna Liggins Center during the upcoming weekend.

The recreation centers will be closed on a staggered schedule for annual maintenance.

The end of summer program, Summer Explosion took place at the Kenndy Park on July 11, 2025. Summer KIDCO participants performed and showed their talents during the celebration.

The department will host an open house regarding the 100-Acre Wood Bike Park. The open house to take place at the Therapeutic Recreation Center on July 24, 5-6:30 p.m. The open house will provide information about facility outreach, encampment, operations and maintenance.

The improvement projects at Barrio Nopal Park continue and the park grand opening is scheduled for August 16, 2025, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The department is rolling its new program called Staff Roundtables. The initiative is designed to give staff a platform to share ideas, highlight challenges, and propose solutions directly to leadership. It also allows for collaboration and encourages staff engagement through open conversations.

c. Director

Director Lara Hamwey shared information on the 100-Acre Wood Bike Park. The City of Tucson and multiple community agencies are collaborating to end homelessness and increase outreach at the 100-Acre Wood Bike Park. In addition, the City of Tucson and community partners began preparations for the upcoming construction improvements at the park. The Parks Department will host a public meeting on the program on July 24, 2025. Director Hamwey also briefly spoke about the budget. The City of Tucson has implemented a hiring freeze in efforts to manage budgetary constraints and align staffing levels with financial priorities. The department will review its fee structure as well.

No action was taken.

9. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items

Tucson Clean and Beautiful for Trees

PCOA Congregate Meal Program

History on Parks- Mechanism to collect/receive information

Budget Subcommittee/Fundraising Update

City Clerk presentation on Open Meeting Law and subcommittees

No action was taken.

b. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

c. 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 4:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Maurice Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Robin McArdle seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor of the motion. (Chair Beki Quintero was absent. There is no representation for Mayor sector)