

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, November 20, 2025

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beki Quintero at 3:36 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Chair Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative

Vice Chair Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative

Commissioner Antonio Ramirez, Ward 1 Representative (joined at 3:50 p.m.)

Commissioner Robin McArdle, Ward 3 Representative

Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative

Absent:

Commissioner Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Dawnee Moreno, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Andi Padilla, Tucson Parks and Recreation

John Bonillas, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Aaron Sanchez, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Orlie Johnson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sara Turpen, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sierra Boyer, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks and Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2025 (action item)

Motion was made by Vice Chair Manon Getsi duly seconded by Commissioner Maurice Roberts to accept the October 22, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was approved by a voice vote, 4-0. (Commissioner Darin Gregg 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".

Jennifer Shopland, Friends of Rio Vista Natural Resource Park acknowledged and conveyed appreciation for Commissioner Robin McArdle's service to the commission and community.

Raul S. Ramirez addressed the committee with comments regarding the proposal for the Joaquin Murrieta Park to Salomon R. Baldenegro Park and naming policy.

Enrique Vega spoke to the commission to express interest in renaming Rodeo Wash Park.

4. Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission Award Presentations

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission hosts an annual awards program that honors individuals and organizations, both within the department and across the community who creatively support and enhance Tucson's parks, facilities, and programs. The commission awards were formally presented to recipients during the meeting.

5. Naming Process Update

Director Lara Hamwey updated the commission on the current facility naming proposals which includes a recommendation to rename Mission Manor Park to Raul M. Grijalva Park, and proposal to rename the Mission Manor Aquatic Complex to Ramona F. Grijalva Aquatic Center. The proposals are in the 45-day comment period. The public comment period for Raul M. Grijalva Park ends on December 1, 2025. The aquatic complex comment period remains open until December 18, 2025. A third proposal has been submitted, requesting to rename Joaquin Murrieta Park to Salomon R. Baldenegro Park. This proposal completed the 45-day comment period and is currently under review. Additionally, the department recently received a recommendation to rename for Kennedy Park softball complex in honor of Stacy Redondo.

6. Amphi Neighborhood Park- discussion

The agenda item was added at Commissioner Robin McArdles' request to provide an update on the Amphi Neighborhood Park and the potential sale of the property. Director Hamwey reported that the Diocese is in the application process with Planning and Development Department for the property's parcel separation. The department is awaiting further information.

7. Budget/Fundraising Subcommittee Report

A brief scheduling update was discussed for the next subcommittee meeting. Executive Assistant Diana Schroeder is currently coordinating the next meeting.

8. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner Maurice Roberts thanked Administrator Jasmine Chan for her presentation at the Armory Park Neighborhood Association meeting on November 12, 2025. Jasmine Chan presented updates regarding the projects at Santa Rita Park and Armory Park.

Vice Chair Manon Getsi gave a brief update on the next Arroyo Chico Neighborhood Association board meeting, during which members will discuss and vote on a proposed Reid Park Coalition with individuals from Julia Keen, Arroyo Chico and Colonia Solanas.

Chair Beki Quintero announced an event scheduled for December 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. with local author, Adam Rex reading his book 13 days of Christmas.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

In November, Clements Center concluded the Open House series with an event attended by 250 participants.

Cherry Ave introduced a new quarterly "Family Night Out" program

Reid Park hosted the annual Fall Festival on November 15, 2025, drawing an estimated 7,500 attendees.

Reid Park will host the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair with approximately 150 vendors on Saturday, November 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 30, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The department will hold the Santa's Calling program for youth ages 4-8 years old on December 9-11, 2025, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Aquatics Division has completed its final recertification training for current lifeguards, and an SSI class for new safety instructors is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

The winter pool schedule has been released with Archer, Catalina, Clements and Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center continuing operations throughout the season.

The City-wide Clean-up 2025 program is currently taking place.

c. Director

The department will be updating the parks' master plan and is currently coordinating with procurement on a solicitation to initiate the program.

Zoolights begins December 4, 2025, through January 4, 2026.

Deputy Director Dawnee Moreno announced her retirement from the City effective December 1, 2025, concluding a 29-year career with the department.

Director Lara Hamwey honored Commissioner Robin McArdle with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her dedicated service to the commission and the community.

Commissioner McArdle's term will conclude on December 1, 2025, making the completion of her full eight-year tenure.

9. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items

Discipline Plan- Process, Policy and Education

Budget/Fundraising-Subcommittee

Park Renaming Process- Potential Policy Recommendations

Renaming Proposal- Rodeo Wash Park Henry Vega Memorial Park

b. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m. There was discussion to move the December 24, 2025, meeting due to the Christmas holiday. Executive Assistant, Diana Schroeder will coordinate dates for availability to schedule a meeting in December.

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 4:43 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Manon Getsi duly seconded by Commissioner Maurice Roberts to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. (Commissioner Darin Gregg was absent. There is no representation for Mayor sector)