

TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
LEGAL ACTION REPORT

**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, April 22, 2026

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beki Quintero at 3:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Chair Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative- In person attendance

Vice Chair Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Kathy Dong, Mayor's Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Kathy Altman, Ward 3 Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative- Virtual attendance

Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative- In person attendance

**Absent:**

Commissioner Antonio Ramirez, Ward 1 Representative

**Staff Present:**

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Greg Jackson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Andi Padilla, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Jasmine Chan, Tucson Parks and Recreation

John Bonillas, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Adrian Jaramillo, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Aaron Sanchez, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Orlie Johnson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sara Turpen, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Emma Dumont, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Joe Barr, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Elliot Welch, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Psillas, Tucson Parks and Recreation

**Other:**

Rebecca Glysson, Tucson Clean and Beautiful

Jennifer Shopland, Friends of Rio Vista Natural Resource Park and Alliance for Ecological Park Management

Kimiko Washington, Constituent

Susan Knight, Constituent

Robin McArdle, Constituent

Kendall Kroesen, Alliance for Ecological Park Management

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Barbara Jones, Friends of Danny Lopez Park  
Taylor Rivera, Tucson Clean and Beautiful  
Mario Marroquin, Constituent  
Martha Cantrell, City Council Ward 4 Office  
Gabriel Holguin, City Council Ward 5 Office

### 2. Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2026

**Motion was made by Commissioner Maurice Roberts duly seconded by Commissioner Kathy Dong to accept the March 25, 2026, minutes as presented. All commission members were in favor of the motion, 6-0. (Commissioner Antonio Ramirez was absent)**

### 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".*

Kimiko Washington spoke to the Commission about her petition to rename the Mission Manor Aquatic Center to Ocean Washington Memorial Aquatic Center in honor of her son. Kimiko Washington urged the community to honor his legacy and create a space for reflection on victims of violence.

Susan Knight thanked staff at Edith Ball Recreation Center and expressed concern over limited summer therapy pool classes, urging increased availability. Susan Knight emphasized the importance of year-round access for individuals with physical challenges and called for more therapy pools in the future.

Robin McArdle addressed the Commission about cuts to senior meal programs and discussed the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) community lunch program, recommending Tucson partner with PCOA to restore nutrition services at senior centers.

### 4. Tucson Clean & Beautiful: Adopt-a-Park Program

Tucson Clean and Beautiful, Volunteer Coordinator Taylor Rivera shared a presentation on the Adopt-a-Park program. The Tucson Clean and Beautiful organization oversees the program, allowing volunteer groups to adopt parks, washes, or streets to reduce litter and improve safety.

### 5. Wagging Tails Sponsorship and Engagement

Anita Menses, along with a local community group of neighbors and parks users, introduced a sponsorship initiative for Wagging Tails Dog Park to address limited maintenance funding. The initiative seeks business partnerships to support irrigation system repairs, grass maintenance and general park maintenance.

### 6. Armory Park Center

#### • Saturday Operation Hours

The discussion involved the subject of reinstating Saturday hours for the Armory Park Center, which were suspended due to budget constraints. There is no current commitment to restore Saturday hours, but the team is exploring innovative solutions to address budget and

programming gaps. Updates will be provided as progress occurs.

- Congregate Meal Program

Discussion focused on changes to the PCOA meal program, which closed several locations. Community support is unsustainable. PCOA is offering a new program with a set meal price, and the city is considering applying. Funding gaps remain. Meal attendance is down across sites, and the team is working to stabilize services and exploring options.

7. Budget Update: Division Allocation

Director Lara Hamwey provided an update on the budget program. The recommended balanced budget was presented at the April 21, 2026, Mayor and Council meeting, with reductions in several areas. The team is working on a strategy to stabilize services with remaining resources.

8. Proposed Fees

Director Lara Hamwey provided an extensive overview on the proposed revised fee structure and discount program.

9. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Brief updates were provided regarding various community initiatives.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

There was no additional information provided.

c. Director

There were no additional updates.

10. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items

Items were discussed.

b. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 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

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Maurice Roberts, duly seconded by Commissioner Kathy Dong to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. (Commissioner Antonio Ramirez was absent)**