

**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, June 24, 2026

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beki Quintero at 3:32 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Chair Beki Quintero, Ward 5 Representative- In person attendance

Vice Chair Manon Getsi, Ward 2 Representative- Virtual attendance

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

Commissioner Kathy Altman, Ward 3 Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative- Virtual attendance

Absent:

Commissioner Antonio Ramirez, Ward 1 Representative

Commissioner Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Robert Norris, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Andi Padilla, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Jasmine Chan, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Dean Hoskin, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Aaron Sanchez, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Orlie Johnson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Adrian Jaramillo, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Danielle Alkola, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sierra Boyer, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Other:

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

Barbara Jones, Friends of Danny Lopez Park

Enrique Vega, Constituent

Gabriel Holguin, City Council Ward 5 Office

2. Approval of Minutes: May 27, 2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Altman duly seconded by Commissioner Maurice Roberts to accept the May 27, 2026, minutes as presented. All commission members were in favor of the motion, 5-0. (Commissioners Darin Gregg was absent. There is no representation for the Ward 1 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".

Enrique Vega spoke to the commission regarding his interest in renaming Rodeo Wash II Park to Henry M. Vega Park.

4. Splash Pads Status Update

Staff provided a follow-up to concerns raised by a community member during the previous meeting's Call to the Audience regarding the Jesse Owens Park splash pad gate and child safety. The gate remains open due to the height of the access mechanism, which is not accessible by wheelchairs. The facility is compliant and accessible. Staff noted the need to identify a modification that would allow the gate to be secured without obstructing independent access and are exploring ADA-compliant solutions.

5. Pools- Temperature Mitigation Efforts

An update was requested on pool temperature mitigation efforts was requested from the previous meeting. The Aquatics report previously distributed to the Commission was referenced. Optimal pool temperatures vary by use type and user ratios. Aerators were discussed; however, concerns were raised regarding cost, operations, security, and water and chemical loss. Staff will continue evaluating site-specific solutions.

6. PACE Program Developments

Director Hamwey introduced the new Park Assistance and Community Engagement (PACE) Unit and the new supervisor, Danielle Alkola. Staff provided an update on the program to address encampments in parks through community reports, site visits, cleanup, coordination with other departments, and neighborhood engagement. Initial workflows and protocols are being established.

7. Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission Award Program (action item)

Staff presented the annual TPRC award program. The Commission discussed the nomination process and supported the application format.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Dong duly seconded by Commissioner Maurice Roberts to proceed with the award program nomination period on September 2, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0. (Commissioners Darin Gregg was absent. There is no representation for the Ward 1 sector)

8. Meeting Schedule

The Commission discussed the current meeting schedule in response to a request to revisit meeting timing due to attendance constraints. Discussion included accessibility, quorum, and participation, as well as the importance of maintaining a consistent schedule to support staff and public access. Hybrid participation and in-person engagement were also noted. No action was taken

9. Reports / Announcements

- a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners
Various program updates were provided
- b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)
Staff provided details on department initiatives.
- c. Director
Director Hamwey provided additional program updates.

10. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

- a. Future Agenda Items
Commissioner Roberts raised an agenda item to discuss recreation center utilization, revenue generation, and service expansion opportunities.
- b. Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, July 22, 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 4:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Dong, 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 the Ward 1 sector)