

**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, August 26, 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- In person attendance

Commissioner Kathy Altman, Ward 3 Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative- Virtual attendance

Absent:

Commissioner Kathy Dong, Mayor's Representative

There is no representation for the Ward 1 and Ward 4 sector

Staff Present:

Lara Hamwey, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Greg Jackson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Robert Norris, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Andi Padilla, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Dean Hoskin, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Aaron Sanchez, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Orlie Johnson, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sara Turpen, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Adrian Jaramillo, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Sierra Boyer, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Julissa Galindo, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Lyssa Adams, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Leah Lyons, Tucson Parks and Recreation

Grace Logan, 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

Sheila Bowden, Friends of Ft. Lowell Park

Gabriel Holguin, City Council Aide Ward 5 Office

2. Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Altman duly seconded by Commissioner Maurice Roberts

to accept the July 22, 2026, minutes as presented. All commission members were in favor of the motion, 4-0. (Commissioner Kathy Dong was absent. There is no representation for the Ward 1 Ward 4 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".

Nicole Washington addressed the Commission regarding a request to name the Mission Manor Aquatic Center in honor of her son, Ocean Washington.

4. ARC Therapy Pool Temperature and Aquatic Center Update

The Commission received an update on the Adaptive Recreation Center (ARC) therapy pool and aquatic center operations, addressing prior concerns. The therapy pool is maintained at 90 degrees Fahrenheit within recommended guidelines. Class durations increased from 45 to 50 minutes. Current fees reflect a 15% increase from previous 100% cost-recovery model but remain below full cost recovery. The City continues to explore external funding opportunities to improve affordability, while ongoing staff training remains necessary due to the non-permanent aquatic program team.

5. Park Master Plan Partnership Opportunity: Alliance for Ecological Park Management

The Commission discussed a potential partnership with the Alliance for Ecological Park Management (AEPM) to provide natural resource consulting services as part of the Park Master Plan process. Staff discussed updating park classifications, including potential creation of a cultural resource park category. Staff noted that AEPM could provide input to park classifications and related terminology. The kick-off meeting for the master plan program is scheduled to take place on September 3, 2026.

6. Budget and Revenue Strategies

The agenda item was moved following item 7. Therapeutic Recreation Program Overview. Staff provided a budget update. Discussion focused on identifying new revenue opportunities, including facility use, events, and potential healthcare provider partnerships. Commissioner Roberts encouraged proactive efforts to develop sustainable revenue sources and explore new funding opportunities.

7. Therapeutic Recreation Program Overview

Staff provided an overview of the Therapeutic Recreation Program, which provides adaptive and inclusive recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Programs include adaptive sports, aquatic activities, community events, and Senior Olympics opportunities. Staff highlighted efforts to promote inclusion, accessibility, empathy, and expanded recreation opportunities for individuals of all abilities.

8. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioners discussed the Ward 1 park naming meeting and appreciated the community engagement and feedback regarding the renaming process.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Staff provided various program updates.

c. Director

Director Hamwey provided additional program updates.

d. Emailed Information

- Extended Summer Pool Schedule Released for August 2-30, 2026
- Celebrate Improvements at Francisco Elias Esquer Park- August 7, 2026
- Alliance for Ecological Park Management (AEPM):
 - i. Statement of Purpose and Goals- January 14, 2026
 - ii. Newsletter 2- Wide Support, New Opportunities- July 27, 2026
- August Parks and Rec Roundup

9. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items

Items were discussed.

b. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 23, 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

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Manon Getsi duly seconded by Commissioner Kathy Altman to adjourn the meeting. All committee members were in favor of the motion. (Kathy Dong was absent. There is no representation for the Ward 1 and Ward 4 sector)