

## 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 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 Altman, Ward 3 Representative- In person attendance

Commissioner Maurice Roberts, Ward 6 Representative- Virtual attendance

#### **Absent:**

There is no representation for the Ward 1 sector

Commissioner Darin Gregg, Ward 4 Representative

Commissioner Kathy Dong, Mayor's Representative

#### **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

Diana Schroeder, 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

Ruth Peeler, Constituent

Nancy Graham, Constituent

Susan Knight, Constituent

Kimiko Washington, Constituent

Judy Olsen, Constituent

### 2. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2026

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Manon Getsi duly seconded by Commissioner Kathy Altman to accept the June 24, 2026, minutes as presented. All commission members were in favor of the**

**motion, 4-0. (Commissioners Darin Gregg and Kathy Dong were 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".*

Several users of the Edith Ball Aquatic Center spoke during public comment, expressing concerns about increasing fees, accessibility, program quality, and the importance of aquatic therapy programs for seniors and individuals with health and mobility challenges.

Nicole Washington addressed the Commission regarding a request to name the Mission Manor Aquatic Center in honor of her son, Ocean Washington, who lost his life to gun violence.

4. Safe and Vibrant Parks

Director Hamwey provided a presentation on the Safe and Vibrant Parks initiative, highlighting recent community engagement efforts and partnerships with Parks and Recreation, Tucson Police Department, City Manager's Office, and outreach organizations to address park concerns and identify improvement opportunities.

5. Budget and Revenue Strategies

The agenda item was brought forward at the request of Commissioner Roberts. The Commission discussed potential revenue strategies, fundraising opportunities, partnerships, and promotion of Parks and Recreation programs and facilities. Staff provided updates on current efforts, including grants, community partnerships, sponsorships, volunteer-supported projects, and promotion of reservable areas. The discussion focused on identifying sustainable funding opportunities to support parks and recreation services.

6. Reports / Announcements

- a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners  
Comments were provided on various topics.
- b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)  
Staff provided details on programs.
- c. Director  
Director Hamwey provided additional program updates.
- d. Emailed Information
  - KIDCO After School Registration, Begins July 25
  - Grand Re-opening of Armory Park, July 2
  - City of Tucson to Break Ground on Cushing Street Skate Park, June 30
  - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Completion of Historic Fort Lowell Rehabilitation and Preservation Project, June 12

7. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

- a. Future Agenda Items  
Items were discussed.
- b. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 26, 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

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 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. (Commissioners Darin Gregg and Kathy Dong were absent. There is no representation for the Ward 1 sector)**