



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION and to the general public that the TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Tucson Parks and Recreation
Reid Park Zoo Conservation Learning Center
2nd Floor Classroom
Tucson, Arizona

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Commissioner Si Schorr, Mayor Representative
Vice Chair Andrea Altamirano, Ward 1 Representative (Arrived 3:53 p.m.)
Chair Caroline Grey-Ganz, Ward 2 Representative
Commissioner Michelle Crow, Ward 3 Representative (Arrived 3:50 p.m.)
Commissioner Kendall Kroesen, Ward 4 Representative
Commissioner Willie Blake, Ward 5 Representative
Commissioner Bob Kovitz, Ward 6 Representative

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Fred Gray, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Mike Hayes, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Jane Duarte, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Peg Weber, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Glenna Overstreet, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Midge Irwin, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Jason Jacobs, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Sierra Davenport, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Debby Keenan, Tucson Parks & Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Schorr, to approve the December 3, 2014, minutes as written. Motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0 (Commissioners Altamirano and Crow absent).

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

4. Pima County Bond Planning Process Update

Mr. Fred Gray, Tucson Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the Pima County Bond process. Director Gray said the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee completed the 2nd/3rd project reviews and that all of the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department projects, which included 22 projects totaling \$93M, have been moved forward for continued consideration. He continued that County Administrator Huckelberry has indicated that instead of a \$650M package, he anticipates a final bond capacity total of \$500-550M. The next phase would include 3 or 4 additional meetings that would occur by the end of March to try to narrow down what the Bond Advisory Committee would recommend to the Board of Supervisors. It is unknown at this time whether that would include additional presentations or questions regarding the projects might be asked that the department can respond to. It is anticipated that Mr. Huckelberry would be providing direction soon on what to expect regarding the size of the package. Director Gray added that the *Green Valley News* reported that three of the five Board of Supervisors were reluctant to consider a bond package this year based on several factors. The next meeting of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee was scheduled for Friday, February 6.

Question and answer period followed. Commissioner Kovitz asked what percentage of the projects that have moved forward were City projects. Ms. Jane Duarte, Tucson Parks and Recreation Capital Planning Manager, responded that approximately 22% of the total projects moved forward were City-wide projects. Discussion followed about the importance of the monitoring the percentage as the process moves forward to ensure a proportionate share of an approved package. Director Gray added that the City Deputy Directors were also evaluating the City-wide unmet needs list for review by the City Bond Advisory Committee. Commissioner Blake encouraged all to attend the upcoming Bond Advisory Committee meetings and complimented Director Gray and staff on the presentations being given during those meetings.

5. Impact Fee Projects

Director Gray provided information related to Tucson Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Projects per the request of Commissioner Crow. He referred to the "Appendix A Parks and Recreational Facilities Project List" which was included in the meeting packet and listed projects that are included in the Infrastructure Improvement Plan. Director Gray reported that 2011 SB 1525 legislation required changes to the City of Tucson Impact Fee Program. As a result, the City employed a consultant which updated and developed the existing program to comply with SB 1525. He continued that the study included growth projections over the 10-year period based on various land use assumptions; development of an Infrastructure Improvement Plan to identify infrastructure required to accommodate the growth, and the key point of utilization of the impact fees for development of a facility or enhancements to a facility to increase capacity based on future growth. There are five (5) benefit areas identified through the City and the funds have to be spent within the area in which they are collected, and the purpose was to increase the level of service or add facilities as a result of new development. Director Gray reported that impact fees cannot be used for repairs, O&M; upgrades to meet codes and certain facilities are exempt, such as zoos, stadiums, aquatic facilities, and certain sized community centers. He said that the new impact fee ordinance was intended for facilities up to 30 acres; however, the consultant based on interpretation of the language of the ordinance and state law determined that they can be spent on facilities great than 30 acres if it can be proved that the improvements provided direct impact to the development as a result of the development. Director Gray said that during the development of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Impact Fee Project List, the consultant reviewed the unmet needs list and selected projects that met the intent of the impact fee criteria. He added that impact fees once collected have to be spent 10 years from the collection date so it was important to track spending the fees.

Commissioner Kroesen asked if more project detail was available and Ms. Duarte responded that the Capital Budget would contain additional details.

6. Sign Enhancement Update

Director Gray provided an update on the park sign enhancements. He reported that the sign improvements were visible at many locations throughout the City and referred to the Parks Sign Update List contained in the meeting packet. Phase I included Reid Park and Veinte de Agosto; Phase II listed parks in the final stages of completion and identified by ward location; and Phase III included identified parks where the work has not yet been scheduled.
Discussion followed.

7. FY 2015 Quarterly Budget Update

Director Gray provided the quarterly update on the FY 2015 budget. He reported that 50% of the fiscal year occurred December 30, and 51% expenditure was on track. He added that the Tucson City Golf report was included and indicated 52% had been expended.

8. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Chair Grey-Ganz commented on the calendar year attendance record set by the Reid Park Zoo. Commissioner Kroesen added that feeding the giraffes was a great feature. Commissioner Kovitz stated that he was pleased by the fact that the KIDCO Program was operational in spite of the ongoing department budget issues, and the department float in the Holiday Parade was outstanding. West District Administrator Peg Weber added that it won the "Grand Marshal Award". Commissioner Kroesen asked about budget expenditures in West Administration; Director Gray responded that the department budget was based on three districts: East, West, and Specialized Services. East and West districts absorbed Specialized Services at the beginning of the fiscal year. Commissioner Blake inquired who was in charge of the Quincie Douglas Recreation Center; West District Administrator Peg Weber responded that Carolyn Spickard was Supervisor and Joe Cedillo was the Recreation Coordinator.

Director Gray added that Mabu, baby elephant Nandi's daddy, would be picking the winner of the "Big Football Game" on January 29.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

No additional information was requested.

c. Director

Director Gray reported that the FY 2016 budget process has begun. The Capital Budget and Revenue Projections have been submitted and the Expenditure budget was due February 2. He added that a City Budget Retreat would be held February 11 and 12 during which City Directors will present their department budgets to other department heads.

Director Gray provided information in response to a question asked in the December meeting regarding utilization restrictions for Reid Park/Golf properties. He stated that the City Attorney confirmed that the resolutions passed in 1925/26 accepting and dedicating the property forever as a public park/golf course could change again because they are not ordinances. The anticipation is that the property would continue to be utilized for golf, but there were no legal restrictions with regard to use.

Director Gray provided an update regarding the Randolph South Del Urich Golf Course that was constructed as a retention base for the Arroyo Chico; the Pima Co Flood Control Director indicated there were no specific restrictions for types of usage, but the contours and elevation of the land must remain the same.

Discussion was held regarding possible methods to maintain the golf course and expand/enhance the walking path. Director Gray stated this could be part of the department Strategic Master Plan Update Process discussion. Commissioner Schorr suggested a feasibility study be done. Commissioner Kovitz requested that staff provide examples of communities with shared use golf courses for the March meeting agenda.

9. Mayor and Council Agenda Items
 - a. Future, Pending, and Adopted Agenda Items (distributed in meeting packet)
No additional information was provided.

10. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date
 - a. Future Agenda Items:
Discussion was held on future agenda topics.
The Commissioner Awards Program will be on the February meeting agenda.
Examples of communities with shared use golf courses will be provided for the March agenda.
Director Gray stated that discussion with the consultant for the Strategic Master Plan Update would be on future agendas once the contract was signed.
Commissioner Kroesen requested that discussion on issues with social trails be included on a future agenda.
 - b. Next Meeting Date:
The next Tucson Parks Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2015.
 - c. Location:
No discussion was held.

11. Adjournment
Motion was made by Commissioner Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Schorr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote of 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.