



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, February 25, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration
Mesquite Room
Tucson, Arizona

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Chair Caroline Grey-Ganz, Ward 2 Representative
Commissioner Michelle Crow, Ward 3 Representative
Commissioner Kendall Kroesen, Ward 4 Representative
Commissioner Willie Blake, Ward 5 Representative

Absent:

Commissioner Si Schorr, Mayor Representative
Vice Chair Andrea Altamirano, Ward 1 Representative
Commissioner Bob Kovitz, Ward 6 Representative

Staff Present:

Fred Gray, Tucson Parks & Recreation (departed 3:45 p.m.)
Mike Hayes, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Peg Weber, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Glenna Overstreet, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Midge Irwin, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Sierra Davenport, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Debby Keenan, Tucson Parks & Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Kroesen, to approve the January 28, 2015, minutes as written. Motion carried by a voice vote of 4-0 (Vice Chair Altamirano, Commissioners Schorr and Kovitz absent).

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

4. Pima County Bond Planning Process Update

Mr. Fred Gray, Tucson Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the Pima County Bond process. He stated that since the last TPRC meeting a subcommittee of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, which basically consisted of the Chair, Co-chair, and the County Administrator, created a recommended package that resulted in a reduction of City Parks and Recreation projects from \$93M down to approximately \$65M. He continued that the County Administrator had previously indicated that \$640M would likely be the maximum capacity considered for a 2015 Bond Project and that the subcommittee recommendation had not been formally approved.

Director Gray reported that examples of Parks projects affected by the subcommittee recommendation included sports field lighting being reduced, urban greenways were reduced by half, the Adaptive Recreation Center (ARC) funding was reduced by half, and the new Jacobs Recreation Center was eliminated. He stated that since then the City Bond Advisory Committee had been asked to review the subcommittee recommendation, and they suggested restoring approximately \$6.4M funds for City Parks projects: \$1.5M restored for sports field lighting; \$4M restored for the new Jacobs Recreation Center which was the only Ward 3 project being considered; recommended \$900,000 be restored for Ft. Lowell Park improvements, and the total funding for the ARC was still being discussed.

Director Gray departed the TPRC meeting for a City of Tucson Bond Advisory Committee meeting.

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

5. Strategic Master Plan Process Update

Deputy Director Mike Hayes provided an update on the Tucson Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan Process. He said that contract negotiations were ongoing with Norris Designs as a part of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, and that more information would be available by the next TPRC meeting.

6. Commissioner Awards Program

Chair Grey-Ganz provided an update on the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commissioner Awards Program. She referred to the award process information sheet and sample nomination letter provided in the meeting packet. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the commissioners that a subcommittee would not be necessary to administer the program, and the deadline for submission of nominations would be April 18, 2015, for review of the nominations at the April TPRC meeting.

7. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner Kroesen reported that the birding field trip at Rio Vista Natural Resources Park had 30 attendees, and that 10 were from the local neighborhood. He added that there were several 'wildcat/social' trails evident. Deputy Director Hayes reminded the Commissioners that 'wildcat' trails would be a future TPRC agenda item.

Chair Grey-Ganz commended East Park District Staff for the emergency assistance provided to a constituent at Randolph Center that was noted in the TPRC report.

Commissioner Blake requested that Carolyn Spickard, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, contact him for a discussion on upcoming programming events for his community organization. Administrator Peg Weber responded she would request that Ms. Spickard contact Commissioner Blake.

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Ms. Peg Weber, West Park District Administrator, reported that rodeo activities were underway and the rodeo parade was scheduled for February 26.

Ms. Glenna Overstreet, East Park District Superintendent, reported that a sediment study would be contacted this weekend at Lakeside Lake and notices regarding the activity have been posted in the area.

c. Director

Information was provided by Deputy Director Mike Hayes. He reported that the Parks and Recreation FY 2016 budget had been submitted, the department was currently awaiting further direction.

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

9. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date
 - a. Future Agenda Items:
Discussion was held on future agenda topics. Deputy Director Hayes reported that the Golf Course Shared Use Update could be presented at the March meeting. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the Commissioner Awards Program would also be on the March agenda, and the Social/Wildcat Trail discussion would be scheduled for the April-May time frame.
 - b. Next Meeting Date:
The next Tucson Parks Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015.
 - c. Location:
No discussion was held.

10. Adjournment
Motion was made by Commissioner Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Crow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote of 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.