

TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

3:30 p.m.

**Tucson Parks & Recreation Administration
Mesquite Conference Room
900 S. Randolph Way
Tucson, Arizona**

MINTUES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Willie Blake at 3:37 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Commissioner Norma Coffman, Ward 2 Representative
Commissioner Robin McArdle, Ward 3 Representative
Commissioner Kendall Kroesen, Ward 4 Representative
Vice Chair Willie Blake, Ward 5 Representative
Commissioner Steve Poe, Ward 6 Representative

Absent:

Commissioner Si Schorr, Mayor Representative
Chair Andrea Altamirano, Ward 1 Representative

Staff Present:

Brent Dennis, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Sierra Davenport, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Mike Hayes, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Greg Jackson, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Dawnee Moreno, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Glenna Overstreet, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks & Recreation
Jessica Urrea, Tucson Parks & Recreation

Other:

Peter Packard, Constituent
Sheila Bowden, Friend of Ft. Lowell Park
Frank Flasch, Constituent
Ben Moore, Constituent
Brian Manning, Constituent
Ronald Spark, M.D., Pima County Bond Commission
Sarah Jansen, Constituent
Sharon Snyder, Constituent
Joan Visconti, Constituent
Karla Weeks, Constituent
Melissa Mauzy, Ward 6

2. Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2019 (Action Item)

Motion was made by Commissioner Poe, duly seconded by Commissioner Coffman to approve the April 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried by a voice of 5-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Schorr absent).

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".

Constituents spoke to the committee regarding various matters.

No action was taken.

4. Naming of Parks and Recreational Amenities-Committee
P&R Director, Mr. Brent Dennis asked the TPRC board for their consideration to participate in the P&R Naming of Parks and Recreational Amenities committee. The committee reviews renaming requests, and policies and procedures. Commissioner Poe stated that he will consider serving on the committee. Staff will reach out to Mr. Poe to schedule a meeting.
5. Oury Center Renaming Request (Action Item)
Due to a clerical error, the material for the Oury Center renaming request was not sent to the board for advance review of the information. The item will be carried to next meeting.
6. Viente de Agosto Park - Update
Mr. Brent Dennis mentioned that the goal is to reopen the park. The Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Tucson Downtown Partnership to implement programming, and bring security in the park.
7. Reports / Announcements
 - a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners
Commissioner McArdle honored Betty Liggins. Ms. Liggins passed away on May 8, 2019. She was a civil rights leader and an important member of the community. In addition, Ms. Liggins was involved with the community recreation centers, and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mr. King encouraged Ms. Liggins to be a nurse as well. The funeral will be held on May 23, 2019 at Rising Star Baptist Church.
Commissioner Coffman reported that Palo Verde Park is hosting a movie night on May 24 at 7:30 pm. Jurassic Park will be screened, and there will be five food trucks at the event.
No action taken.
 - b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)
Commissioner Poe asked for clarification regarding projects with past completion dates in the ward projects reports. The reports include projects with 2017 dates. Mr. Dennis explained that the 2017 projects have been completed, and the information has not yet been removed from the reports. Mr. Dennis continued to explain that the ward offices will reference the reports for recollection and reminder of information such as projects that are either in progress or have been completed as well as for information of money spent.
No action taken.
ITEM C.7. WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, AND MOVED BEFORE ITEM 4.
 - c. Director
Parks + Connections Bond Oversight Commission Update/Presentation.
P&R Deputy Director, Greg Jackson provided a PowerPoint presentation which included the fiscal year 2019/20 implementation plan for the Parks + Connections Bond. Mayor and Council voted on January 8, 2019 to approve the acceleration implementation and design plan of specific Phase 1 projects, and reimbursement of Parks + Connections projects with general obligation bonds. There are 133 projects in phase 1. Staff began working on quick implementation projects such as aquatic facility improvements. Currently, renovations are being made to the pools at the Palo Verde Park and El Pueblo Park. Mr. Jackson explained that designs on splash pads for Lincoln Park, Mission Park, Morris K. Udall Park, and Purple Heart Park will begin as well. Other quick implementation projects include improvements to recreation and park facilities. The goal is to complete the projects by June 2020.
P&R Director, Brent Dennis reported that the P&R department in partnership with Tucson Clean & Beautiful had an Arbor Day tree planting project in Sears Park on April 27. Community volunteers participated in the project as well. There were 52 trees planted. Mr. Dennis also shared that the Trust for Public Lands maintains park score ratings for cities. The park score rating for the City of Tucson increased by eight points. The rating is based on the evaluation of park access and quality in the top100 U.S. cities.
No action taken.
8. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date
 - a. Future Agenda Items:
Oury Center Renaming
Dog Park Report
No action taken.
 - b. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019.
 - c. Location:
Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration, 900 S. Randolph Way
No action taken.

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner Poe, duly seconded by Commissioner Kroesen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote of 5-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Schorr absent).