

# TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
3:36 p.m.

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

## MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Blake at 3:36 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:**

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  
Manuel Mendez, Tucson Parks & Recreation  
Glenna Overstreet, Tucson Parks & Recreation  
Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks & Recreation

**Other:**

Richard Alexander, Tucson Badminton Club  
Peter Packard, Constituent  
P. Morris, Constituent  
Ben Moore, Constituent  
B. Manning, Constituent  
Joan Visconti, Constituent  
Vickie Denning, Constituent  
Jennifer Wirth Constituent

2. Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2019 (Action Item)

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Kroesen to approve the June 26, 2019 minutes. Motion carried by a voice of 4-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Coffman absent.) (There is no appointed representative for Ward 1.)**

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 (Action Item)

The Parks and Recreation staff made recommended changes to the city administrative directive, 1.02-19 Commemorative Naming of City-Owned Physical Assets. The directive establishes policies and procedures specifically for commemorative naming of City of Tucson buildings, roads, parks and similar physical assets. The changes were made in efforts to simplify the process and for the directive to be in alignment with other city department policies and procedures. The board reviewed the administrative directive and the proposed changes.

Discussion was held.

The board supports the recommended changes to the administrative directive.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Poe to approve the amended administrative directive, and move the recommendation to Mayor and Council. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Coffman absent.) (There is no appointed representative for Ward 1.)**

5. Oury Recreation Center Renaming Request Status

The process had come to a pause as a neighborhood representative of Oury Center made a case that the residents in the immediate area surrounding the park had not been made clearly aware of the renaming request. The neighborhood was going to discuss the request and take a position on the matter at a neighborhood meeting on September 26, 2019. The parks department will reach out to the neighborhood as staff has not yet received information from the neighborhood. It was consensus of the committee to carry over the item to the next meeting.

**No action was taken.**

6. Sears Park Renaming Request (Action Item)

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department received a request to rename Sears Park to Loma Verde Park. The board reviewed the summary report for the request.

Discussion was held.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Poe, duly second by Commissioner McArdle to approve the renaming and move the recommendation to Mayor and Council. Motion carried by a voice of 4-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Coffman absent.) (There is no appointed representative for Ward 1.)**

7. Lincoln Regional Park Softball Fields Renaming Request (Action Item)

The parks department received a request to name the Lincoln Park softball fields to Julie Reitan Softball Field Complex. The board reviewed the summary report for the request.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McArdle, duly second by Commissioner Kroesen to approve the renaming and move the recommendation to Mayor and Council. Motion carried by a voice of 4-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Coffman absent.) (There is no appointed representative for Ward 1.)**

8. TPRC Appointments

A list of appointive terms for TPRC board was provided to the committee as a reminder of appointment dates. The term for Commissioner Si Schorr expired in July 2019. An appreciation letter will be prepared for Mr. Schorr.

**No action was taken.**

9. Mayor & Council Agenda Items

During the September 17, 2019 Study Session, representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) presented to the City of Tucson a clean patent for Udall Park. Udall Park is free of all the financial restrictions that had been placed on the park. The department will be able to move forward with events that involve financial exchanges.

Mayor and Council provided direction to have the parks department work cooperatively with TDOT, TPD/Park Safety Officers and the City Manager's Office to plan for the changes of vehicular access to Sentinel Peal Park. Staff will introduce new operational hours for the park gates in November. The changes are in efforts to implement road safety improvement recommendations.

There was discussion in an Executive Session regarding the future improvements to Randolph Golf Course involving the potential partnership with University of Arizona. Mayor and Council has directed the City Manager and staff to proceed to develop and negotiate the terms of an agreement.

**No action was taken.**

10. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner Kroesen spoke briefly about volunteer opportunities for the Rio Vista Conservation Project at the Rio Vista Natural Resource Park on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 8 am to 11 am. The project is a

collaborative effort between Tucson Parks and Recreation, Rillito Bend Neighborhood Association, and Watershed Management. Volunteers will lay brush along rogue paths and place signed barricades. Vice Chair Blake announced that a family festival will take place at the Willie Blake Park on September 28, 2019 at 11 am. The event is free and open to the public.

**No action was taken.**

- b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Mr. Dennis complimented the recreation team for efforts with the staff reports.

**No action was taken.**

- c. Director

Brent mentioned that the City Manager is scheduling department organizational reviews with city departments. The intent is to challenge status quo. The various city departments will evaluate its operations and management of their divisions and look for improvement opportunities.

Mr. Dennis introduced and welcomed the new department Project Manager, Frank Hagaman. Mr. Hagaman provided a short biography.

**No action was taken.**

11. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

- a. Future Agenda Items:

Oury Center Renaming

Tucson Parks & Recreation- Vision, Mission and Values

**No action was taken.**

- b. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

- c. Location:

Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration, 900 S. Randolph Way

**No action was taken.**

12. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Poe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. (Chair Altamirano and Commissioner Coffman absent.) (There is no appointed representative for Ward 1.)**