

# TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
3:30 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:**

Chair Andrea Altamirano, Ward 1 Representative  
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:**

There were no board members absent.

**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  
Diana Schroeder, Tucson Parks & Recreation

**Other:**

Jennifer Shopland, Rio Vista Conservation Project  
Joanne Victory, Constituent  
Anne Andrews, Constituent  
Lois Longobardi, Constituent  
Ben Moore, Constituent  
Peter Packard, Constituent  
B. Manning, Constituent  
Michael Clarken, Constituent  
Audrey Moeller, Constituent  
Seanna Howard, Constituent

2. Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2019 (Action Item)

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kroesen, duly seconded by Commissioner Poe to approve the September 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried by a voice of 6-0. (There is no appointed representative for the office of the Mayor.)**

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. Oury Recreation Center Renaming Request Status

P&R Director, Brent Dennis provided an update. The neighborhood is in discussion with the renaming request. The request will be brought back to the commission for their review and consideration when the parks department hears from the neighborhood as to which position it will take.

**No action was taken.**

5. Tucson Parks & Recreation- Vision, Mission, and Values (Action Item)

The P&R Department refined its vision and mission statements, and established a list of values. Changes were made to keep in alignment with the City of Tucson Culture Map and its mission and value statements.

Commissioner McArdle suggested to include the word inclusive in the mission statement.

Commissioner Kroesen suggested to change the order of adjectives in the mission statement.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair, Blake duly seconded by Commissioner Coffman to accept the updated vision, mission and values statements with the suggested amendments. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. (There is no appointed representative for the office of the Mayor.)**

6. Reports / Announcements

a. Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Commissioner Poe inquired about a TUSD Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and shared a concern with weeds near Catalina High School. Mr. Dennis explained that the parks department is looking to defining new and improved joint-use agreements. Mr. Dennis also talked about volunteer opportunities and involvement to assist with various clean-up projects.

Commissioner Poe asked about the issues with KIDCO staffing levels as the subject matter was mentioned in the staff reports. Mr. Dennis explained that the hourly rates that are presented to non-permanent and seasonal positions are not as competitive to retain people. The staffing issues involve KIDCO and lifeguard positions. The City Manager's office is looking at minimum wage and pay compression, but this focus- mainly involves permanent staff. Mr. Dennis added that the department is very challenged on how to deal with the seasonal and non-permanent staffing issues.

Vice Chair, Blake reported that a family festival event took place in the Willie Blake Park on September 28, 2019. There were 1,000 people in attendance. Mr. Blake also mentioned that the Tucson Parks and Recreation Award ceremony was held in the month as well.

Chair Andrea Altamirano reported that this will be her last meeting. Ms. Altamirano has served for eight years. Her term will expire on November 3, 2019. Ms. Altamirano thanked P&R Director, Brent Dennis and the board for their time and service. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to chair as well.

**No action was taken.**

b. Staff (distributed in meeting packet)

Commissioner Poe complimented the photos in the staff reports.

**No action was taken.**

c. Director

Mr. Dennis reported information on various upcoming events including: The Boo at the Zoo on October 25-27, 2019; Cyclovia on October 27, 2019; Family Festival in Reid Park on November 16, 2019, and the Chili Cook-off in Reid Park on November 16, 2019.

Mr. Dennis provided information regarding the Tucson Parks Foundation. The Don Pooley Pro- Am Tournament was held on September 6, 2019. The foundation dedicated a major portion of the proceeds to help support the KIDCO program. The Parks Foundation will present a super-size check in the amount of \$5,000 during an active KIDCO program at the Randolph Center. The program participants will give the foundation a super-size thank you card in return. Mr. Dennis added that the foundation made available an additional \$20,000 to help support department project recommendations. He also mentioned that the department requested a \$10,000 grant to help support the funding for an outdoor fitness court for Anza Park, and in efforts to reactivate the park. An investment of \$5,000 for marquis upgrades at El Rio Center and the Quincie Douglas Center will be made as well.

Mr. Dennis provided a brief update on the Parks and Connection Bond Oversight Commission (PCBOC). The committee moved to approved the advancement of funding for a new playground shade structure in Udall Park. In addition, a neighborhood group has raised \$7,000 to help fund the shade structure.

**No action was taken.**

7. Commission Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

a. Future Agenda Items:

Fitness Courts Update

**No action was taken.**

- b. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

**No action was taken.**

- c. Location:

Therapeutic Recreation Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way

**No action was taken.**

- 8. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Blake, duly seconded by Commissioner Poe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. (There is no appointed representative for the office of the Mayor.)**