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Tucson Parks and Recreation Department Recognized for Excellence

Tucson, AZ. — On October 26, 2010, the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department was recognized for excellence in the field of parks and recreation management by becoming one of only ninety-seven agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This distinguished accomplishment was announced in Minneapolis, Minnesota during the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2010 Congress and Exposition.

National accreditation is an extensive multi-year process and requires significant commitment from department staff. National accreditation requires park and recreation agencies to respond to 144 standards representing elements of effective and efficient park and recreation operations. To become accredited, agencies must fully meet 36 standards deemed fundamental to a quality agency and at least 92 of the remaining standards.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for parks and recreation agencies and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. The Commission is comprised of representatives from NRPA, the American Academy for Parks and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Management Association, the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, the Armed Forces Recreation Society and the Council for State Executive Directors.

"I want to congratulate the entire staff for their commitment and dedication in achieving this much deserved recognition," said Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Fred Gray. "Attaining national accreditation is confirmation of their efforts to provide quality facilities, programs and services throughout the community."

Tucson Parks and Recreation continues to demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and its ability to address the leisure needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

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