

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
Meeting of January 10, 2012

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**LOCATION:** Maricopa County Parks and Recreation  
234 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jack Stapley, Carl Yoshioka, Heidi Fischer, Anne Lynch

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rod Jarvis, Joseph Marvin, Jimmie Munoz

**STAFF PRESENT:** R.J. Cardin, Director; Kevin Costello, Maricopa County Attorney Office; Barbara Lehner, Recorder

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The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the January 10, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Carl Yoshioka, Vice-Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

**ITEM # 2 – ROLL CALL – Roll Call taken - a quorum was present.**

**ITEM # 3 – NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND NOMINATION OF 2012 OFFICERS – Heidi Fischer, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM***

- Ms. Fischer reported the nominating subcommittee's recommendation to appoint Jack Stapley Chair and Carlton Yoshioka as Vice-Chair of the 2012 Parks Commission.

**ITEM # 4 – ELECTION OF PARK COMMISSION 2012 OFFICERS – Carl Yoshioka, Vice Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM***

- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion to nominate Jack Stapley as Chair and Carlton Yoshioka as Vice-Chair of the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission for 2012. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

**ITEM #5 – SET THE 2012 COMMISSION MEETING DATES – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *ACTION ITEM***

- Chair Stapley proposed the 2012 commission meeting dates occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m., excluding the months of June and December. Vice-Chair Carlton Yoshioka motioned and Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion to approve the 2012 meeting dates as presented. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

**ITEM #6 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *ACTION ITEM***

- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Vice Chair Yoshioka seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

**ITEM #7 – DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS– R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- Director Cardin provided an overview on the Director's Summary. One item noted was the increase in the enhancement fund compared to the prior year which is due partly to the increase of future reservations through the POS system.

**ITEM #8 – AWARD UPDATE – R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- Director Cardin also noted the many awards presented to the MCPRD including the Valley Forward Award; National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the McDowell Pump Track and the White Tank Nature Center; and Arizona Park and Recreation Facility Award.

**ITEM #9 – WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK UPDATE – Raymond Schell, White Tank Mountain Regional - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- Park Supervisor Raymond Schell updated the Commission on the projects and events at the White Tank Mountain Regional Park through a PowerPoint presentation and discussion. Also presented are ideas in the planning stages for future programs including a butterfly garden.
- Chair Stapley asked how many annual visitors come to the Park. Supervisor Schell stated that the 40 campsites were often full during the season and the extension of electric to the campsites would increase the length of the camping season. There are approximately 200,000 day use park visitors a year.
- The Nature Center and the Library have been developing partnerships for events.

**ITEM #10 – MCDOWELL TRAIL PLAN – R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *ACTION ITEM***

- Eastside Park Superintendent Retterbush reviewed the tasks that had been completed in order to update the McDowell Mountain Regional Trail Plan. During the October Commission meeting, a presentation was provided that showed mapping of the 5 additional trails being added to the Parks Master trail plan. Public meetings were held and 22 comments were gathered all in support of the change.
- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Vice Chair Yoshioka seconded the motion to approve the McDowell Trail Plan update. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

**ITEM #11 – FOUNTAIN HILLS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM***

- Director Cardin reviewed the Fountain Hills Intergovernmental Agreement which will allow for the connection of trails from the Town's Preserve to the County Regional Park and provide a mechanism for future partnership programs.
- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion to approve the Fountain Hills IGA as presented. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

**ITEM #12 – VULTURE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK UPDATE – Mike Park, Project Manager, EPG Consultants – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM***

- Mike Park presented the Vulture Mountain Regional Park Draft Master Plan to the Commission. Mr. Park was the Project Manager of the Spur Cross Conservation Area. After hosting Stakeholder and Public meetings, comments were collected from the public on the recreation alternatives. The public chose a combination of passive and active alternatives and there will be four phases of development over the next 30 years.
- Chair Stapley asked if there were any active mining claims in the Park. Mr. Parks responded there is a small mining operation in the south area of the park. There have been two types of mining in the park placer, or sandbar mining, and the use of mine shafts.
- The peak of Vulture is a raptor nesting area and we are required to maintain a half mile radius around BLM water sources.
- A trail management plan is currently being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management.
- OHV riding will be allowed on land west of Vulture Mine Road, while non-motorized recreation will be east of the road.

- Revenues from the Parks will be collected from entry fees, amenity fees, enhanced amenities (developed campgrounds) and concessionaires.
- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Vice-Chair Yoshioka seconded the motion to approval the Vulture Mountain Master Plan. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

**ITEM #13 – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE/100 MILES OF HIKING** – Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – ***INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- The Parks celebration for the Arizona Centennial has been received extremely well by our visitors. On January 31, 2012 the grand prize winner will be randomly drawn from those hikers who completed the 100 miles. Each participant who hiked 100 miles will also be given a commemorative tee shirt.

**ITEM #14 – CALL TO THE COMMISSION** – R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – ***INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- None

**ITEM #15 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – R.J. Cardin, Director - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – ***INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM***

- None

**ITEM # 15 – ADJOURNMENT**

- Commissioner Fischer motioned and Commissioner Yoshioka seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

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R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

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Jack Stapley, Chairman