

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of January 13, 2009

LOCATION: 234 N. Central Avenue, Suite 6400, Parks Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85004

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurel Arndt, Rod Jarvis, Anne Lynch, Jack Stapley, Carlton Yoshioka

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Salomon Leija, Joseph Marvin

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent; Tina Allen, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Regional Superintendent; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Tom Timmons, Contract Administrator; Karen Truesdale, Administrative Supervisor; Kristen Mohamed, Park Planner; Patty Sanford, Financial Supervisor; Fareed Abou-Haidar, GIS Technician; Melanie Brown, Grant Coordinator; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Coordinator and recorder; and Adrian Gough, County Attorney – Civil Division

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the January 13, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - ACTION ITEM

- Motion by Commissioner Jarvis to approve the minutes as written, second by Commissioner Yoshioka.

ITEM #4 - DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

- Director Cardin is out of the office for the next few days, he was asked to participate in a University of Arizona/National 4-H Think Tank this week on Reconnecting Youth with Nature.
- Tina Allen verified that the department has submitted the proposed budget reductions of 20% throughout all funds for the department, including the revenue funds – Enhancement, the Lake and

Spur Cross. Parks now more than ever needs the support and encouragement of the Commissioners to the Board of Supervisors to continue to support parks with the general fund.

- Commissioner Lynch asked for verification that the department is 25% general fund and 75% revenue funds, Mrs. Allen agreed.
- Commissioner Yoshioka asked if all county departments were asked to submit budget cuts. Mrs. Allen stated that all county departments were requested to submit.
- Interpretive Ranger programs continue to see attendance numbers grow with a variety of new programs being offered.
- January 14 is the next stakeholders meeting for the Agua Fria Conservation Area with the Bureau of Land Management, they are currently working on their Travel Management Plan.
- The Eagle Closure has commenced, effective December 15, and will remain effective through June 15, 2009.

ITEM #5 – EASEMENT REQUESTS FOR CAVE CREEK BY ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE (APS) AND USERY BY SALT RIVER PROJECT (SRP) – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM*

- Chair Stapley stated that there was there was no one from the public in attendance for the two public hearings held in each of these matters.
- Chair Stapley called for a motion to approve the easement requests by Arizona Public Service (APS) for land at Cave Creek Regional Park and Salt River Project (SRP) for land at Usery Mountain Regional Park. It will be used for roadway, public utility easement and including, but not limited to, construction, operations, maintenance and repair of roadway and all incidentals thereto, upon, over, across, in, through and under that certain parcel of land. He also recommended that the item be forwarded by staff to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors as submitted and recommended by the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Commissioner Lynch made that motion to approve and recommend the easements as stated, Commissioner Arndt second – All in favor, none opposed.

ITEM #6 – UPDATE ON BUCKEYE HILLS SHOOTING RANGE – Tom Timmons, Contract Administrator, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION ITEM*

- Tom Timmons advised the Commissioners that the facility has been officially renamed. A Special Use Permit was effective October of last year with the Buckeye Sportsman’s Club to manage the facility and the facility is currently open on the weekends to the public.
- The department will be seeking a long term vendor to manage the facility, and has been working closely with Arizona Game and Fish on partnerships and grant opportunities.

ITEM #7 – SYSTEM MASTER PLAN – Kristen Mohamed, Park Planner, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION ITEM*

- Kristen Mohamed noted that public meetings have been established and some locations are still being finalized. Meetings will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the scheduled dates. Both she and Dawna Taylor have been working on the advertising and mailings for all the meetings.

- District 1 meeting – Tuesday, February 24 at the Southeast Regional Library; District 2 meeting – Wednesday, February 18; District 3 meeting – Thursday, February 19; District 4 meeting – Tuesday, February 17; District 5 meeting – Wednesday, February 25 at the Estrella Mountain Regional Park Nature Center.
 - Districts 2, 3 and 4 meeting locations are currently being confirmed. Once information is finalized, it will be sent out and emailed to Commissioners.
- The department will then have the System Master Plan go before the Board of Supervisors sometime in March.

ITEM #8 – UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE NORTH REACH OF LAKE PLEASANT – Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

- Mrs. Waller advised the Commission that from the update at the November meeting the January public meeting schedule is now postponed. The new date is February 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Desert Outdoor Center.
 - Timeline for feedback from that meeting will be the 30 days from February 4 to March 30.
- No action is necessary by the Commission at this time.
- Commissioner Arndt requests that the information on the upcoming public meeting be forwarded to her.

ITEM #9 – SET THE 2009 COMMISSION MEETING DATES – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM

- Commissioner Lynch - move for the adoption of the 2009 dates as published; second by Commissioner Jarvis. All in favor; none opposed.

ITEM # 10– CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- Chair Stapley thanked Anne Lynch for her service last year with the Commission.
- A challenging year for the parks department means a challenging year for the Commission.
- Commissioner Arndt requested an update at the next meeting regarding the Aqua Fria area, what impact is there and is it affecting off highway vehicle traffic.

Item # 11 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None.

Item # 12 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Jack Stapley, Chair