

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of October 17, 2017

LOCATION: Maricopa County Parks Headquarters Building, Parks Admin Conference Room, 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Road, Morristown, AZ 85342. Commission members could attend in-person or via conference call.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Via Teleconference: Anne Lynch, Megha Budruk, and Denise Merdon
In-person: Robert Branch

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Rod Jarvis, Isabel Chavez, and Thomas Rhoades

STAFF PRESENT: RJ Cardin, Director; Donna Southard, Recorder; Jennifer Waller, Operations Manager; Dawna Taylor, PIO; Aimee Upton, Administrator; and Betsy Pregulman, Deputy Maricopa County Attorney.

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the October 17, 2017, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- The regular meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

ITEM #3 – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN GUIDELINE MANUAL COMMENTS – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION ITEM

- Director Cardin reminded the commissioners that the Resource Management Plan Guideline Manual link had been sent to each member for review and comments. Comments are due by November 1, 2017.

ITEM #4 – PROPOSED PARKS FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- Director Cardin presented the 2017 Fee Study Survey results. The Commission's discussion included:
Entry Fees: the proposed fees were discussed. After review and impact discussions, the Commission requested the \$8 day-use entry fee for Lake Pleasant be adjusted to stay the same as the mountain parks at \$7. The increase to the Hike/Bike/Equestrian, commercial bus, and commercial van should be removed.

Camping Fees: the proposed fees were discussed. The Commission agreed the fee increase was acceptable. Higher camping fees for out-of-state/non-residents were discussed but not recommended due to the increased enforcement burden.

Annual Passes: Commissioner Merdon asked if the revenue impact for a 6-month seasonal pass had been considered; staff is proposing a one year trial period to analyze the data. The 6-month seasonal passes were removed pending further information from the future visitor survey. It was agreed the proposed fees for Additional cards, replacement cards, and a new Hike/Bike/Equestrian annual pass should move forward.

Other Fees: discussion on Special Use Permit Application fee was held. The increase fee is an administrative fee to cover the cost of setting up the special use permits. The increased fee was recommended.

- Commissioner Budruk motioned to set a hearing for November 14, 2017, to receive public input regarding the proposed fee revisions. Seconded by Commissioner Merdon. Ayes: Budruk, Merdon, Lynch. Nays: Branch.

ITEM #5 – CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- None

ITEM #6 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

ITEM #7 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Commissioner Branch motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Merdon. With all in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am

RJ Cardin, Director

Megha Budruk, Vice-Chair