

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
Meeting of August 12, 2008

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurel Arndt, Rod Jarvis, Salomon Leija, Anne Lynch, Joseph Marvin, Jack Stapley, Carlton Yoshioka

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** R.J. Cardin, Director; Tina Allen, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Regional Superintendent; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Chris Coover, Maricopa Trail Manager; Kristen Mohamed, Park Planner; Fareed Abou-Haidar, GIS Technician; Carolyn Mayberry, Estrella-Park Supervisor; Raymond Schell, White Tank-Park Maintenance; Amelia Sowers, HR Liaison; Melanie Brown, Grant Coordinator; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Assistant and Recorder; and Adrian Gough, County Attorney's Office, Civil Division

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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 August 12, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

- Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

**ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - ACTION ITEM**

- Motion to approve the minutes as written, all in favor, none opposed.

**ITEM #4 - DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

- Spur Cross recently worked with The Animal Planet for five days for a future program, the department will advise the Commissioners when it will be shown.

- The Desert Outdoor Center is having their tenth anniversary on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, invitations were handed out to the Commissioners at the meeting.
- Scorpion Bay Marina is still in the permitting process for the docks.
- FY 07-08 attendance was higher than it's been in five years for all of the parks. Lake Pleasant is the only park that experienced a small decline.
- Commissioner Leija asked about a fire in the Buckeye area and about the salt cedars in the El Rio/Estrella Park area and how can we get rid of them.
  - Director Cardin advised that the department does not believe the fire was near the park. The department is continuing to work with Maricopa County Flood Control on the El Rio project and the salt cedar eradication.

Commissioner Jarvis arrived at approximately 9:18 a.m.

**ITEM #5 – REQUEST FOR NAMING OF BUCKEYE HILLS SHOOTING RANGE – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Chair Lynch received a request from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors recommending that the new Buckeye Hills Public Shooting Range be named after General Joe Foss. The request letter was provided to the Commission at the meeting; Commissioner Leija was not previously aware of this request and would like more information. He is recommending that this item go before a public meeting for further public comment.
- This item is to be delayed until further in the meeting to set up the public meetings.

**ITEM #6 – SYSTEM MASTER PLAN – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**

- Director Cardin introduced Leon Younger with Pros Consulting. Mr. Younger gave a presentation, to the Commission on the draft findings of the Master Plan and outlined the framework for the final plan.
- Director Cardin noted the management team had discussed values with the mission and vision statements tying them together.
- Mr. Younger stated that the department has a unique problem with funding limitations and wants to review what the department can do with the funding and with the limitations. If the department becomes a Park District that would help out tremendously.
- Commissioner Arndt stated that the cities and neighborhoods are getting closer to the county parks. The county parks will become and are becoming community parks versus regional parks.
- Director Cardin had started that there are about 15 technical documents to the System Master Plan and that the department had emailed out three so far to the Commissioners and would like to send a few more each week.

**ITEM #7 – REQUEST FROM ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE (APS) FOR EASEMENT AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK – Tom Timmons, Contract Administrator, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Commissioner Jarvis noted that APS is a client of his and that he would recuse himself from this item.

- Ken Mouw presented on behalf on Tom Timmons.
- The department currently has a Special Use Permit with Sprint for a cell tower which was recently constructed on park property. This is the easement request to provide electrical access. The area is approximately 355 feet (showed the area on a map). APS has a current easement that runs electric to the golf course and they would be connecting to that easement.
- Mr. Mouw stated that 2 hearings will be required according to the Parks Land Disposal Policy.

**ITEM #8 – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR EASEMENT REQUEST BY APS AT ESTRELLA PURSUANT TO PARKS LAND DISPOSAL POLICY – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM**

- Chair Lynch stated that the public hearing for the APS easement request will be combined with the public meeting for the renaming of Buckeye Hills. She asked Commissioner Leija if he was available; Commissioner Leija stated he is available. Commissioner Leija is to preside over the public hearing and meeting and report back to the Commission at the October meeting.
  - Director Cardin suggest to tentatively set the first meeting location for the Town of Buckeye Town Hall and that he would make the arrangements.
- Chair Lynch would entertain a motion to set the first public hearing meeting for Friday, September 26, 2008 in Buckeye. The second hearing and meeting is to be set for prior to the October Commission meeting at 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Leija motions and Commissioner Stapley seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.
- Entertain a motion to amend the motion on the floor setting the proposed second hearing and meeting to Tuesday, October 21 at 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. Motioned by Commissioner Jarvis, second by Commissioner Stapley.
- Vote on the proposed amendment to the motion, all were in favor, none opposed. The motion is carried.
- Commissioner Arndt motions to move the October 14 Commission meeting to October 21, Commissioner Jarvis seconds. All in favor to change the meeting to October 21, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carries.

**ITEM #9 – MARICOPA TRAIL CONNECTING SPUR CROSS RANCH TO CAVE CREEK PARK UPDATE – Chris Coover, Maricopa Trail Manager, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Chris Coover presented an update on the Maricopa Trail with maps in the presentation.

**ITEM # 10– CALL TO THE COMMISSION**

- Commissioner Arndt asked about the renaming of Buckeye Hills, if there was a department policy on renaming.
  - Director Cardin stated there is not a department policy, but a county policy and that he would bring the information to the September Commission meeting.
- Chair Lynch welcomed the new Commissioners and asked that each give a brief introduction of themselves.

**Item # 11 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- None.

**Item # 12 – ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

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Anne Lynch, Chair