

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018

LOCATION: Maricopa County Parks Headquarters, Parks Admin Conference Room, Lake Pleasant Regional Park, 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Road, Morristown, AZ 85342

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Branch, Eric Mears and via phone: Thomas Rhoades, Denise Merdon, Isabel Chavez, Rod Jarvis and Megha Budruk

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: RJ Cardin, Director; Donna Southard, Recorder; Jennifer Waller, Operations Manager; Ken Vonderscher, Planning and Development Manager, 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 16, 2018, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER – Megha Budruk, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- The regular meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND to MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APS UTILITY EASEMENT REQUEST AT BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL PARK – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM*

- Director Cardin reported public meetings were held on October 8, 2018 and October 16, 2018 to receive comments regarding the proposed APS utility easement at Buckeye Hills Regional Park. No visitors attended the public meetings and Parks has not received any public comments.
- Commissioner Branch motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rhoades, to recommend the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing and approve the APS Utility Easement Request at Buckeye Hills Regional Park. With all in favor, none opposed, the motion was approved.

ITEM #4 – 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – Megha Budruk, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Chair Budruk queried the Commission regarding the meeting schedule and locations for 2019. Commissioner responses included the benefits of visiting and holding meetings at the parks, difficulties of meetings starting at 9:00 am, especially if held in one of the parks, travel time to meetings held in the parks, and challenges of calling into a meeting when unable to attend in person.
- Chair Budruk asked if there is an impact on staff to hold the meetings in the parks. Jennifer Waller assured the Commission that staff loves to show off their parks. Director Cardin acknowledged that internet connections and phone connections can be difficult due to a variety of issues for these remote locations.
- Commissioners requested meetings held in the parks correspond to agenda items.
- Director Cardin will have staff develop a similar schedule as last year with all meetings starting at 10:00 am for review and approval at the Commissioner's November meeting and research if there is any better options to improve phone connections for members calling in.

ITEM #5 – CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- None

Item #6 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

Item #7 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Chair Budruk motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rhoades. With all in favor, none opposed, the hearing was adjourned at 9:16 am.

RJ Cardin, Director

Megha Budruk, Chair

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