

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of November 10, 2009

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurel Arndt, Rod Jarvis (9:22am), Salomon Leija, Anne Lynch, Joseph Marvin, Jack Stapley, Carlton Yoshioka

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: R.J. Cardin, Director; Aimee Upton, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Regional Superintendent; Karen Truesdale, Administrative Supervisor; Kristen Mohamed, Park Planner;

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the November 10, 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 OCTOBER 13, 2009 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM*

- Motion to approve the minutes as written by Laurel Arndt. Second by Commissioner Leija. 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*

- Director Cardin advised the Commission that all budget items are on target.
- Director Cardin attended the Sonoran Trail dedication at McDowell Mountain Regional Park.
- San Tan had over 500 people attend their annual 'Howl'oween event.
- Estrella held a 'Hike with the Mayor' program, the mayor of Goodyear attended.
 - Director Cardin applauded all the Parks on working with their local communities.

- Contracts are working on a new possible concessionaire for Adobe.
- At Lake Pleasant, an agreement with the City of Peoria was set up in which all commercial operations will be permitted by the City.
- Commissioner Arndt asked if the department had any partnerships with Phoenix International Raceway and if any special programs were set up during that time.
 - Superintendent Retterbush stated there are no partnerships, but Estrella has numerous programs going on.
- Commissioner Leija commented on the Hike with the Mayor program at Estrella, noting that the City of Goodyear is thankful for what the County has been doing.

ITEM #5 – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – PRESENTATION ITEM

- Director Cardin first recognized three other employees that were nominated for recognition this past month.
 - David Jordan, Park Supervisor at San Tan
 - Jennifer Johnston, Park Supervisor at Usery
 - Kyle Randall and Rick Poel, Nav Aid Techs at Lake Pleasant
- The winner for the month of October is Terry Gerber, Interpretive Ranger at Lake Pleasant.

ITEM #6 – UPDATE ON FEES – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department –DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- Director Cardin thanked the Commission and staff for all the work on this project. The Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, November 4 passed unanimously all fees with exception of wedding fees at the Desert Outdoor Center (DOC). Supervisor Brock requested more information and the DOC wedding fees will be the Board of Supervisors agenda on December 2.
 - At the November 4 meeting, the Board of Supervisors also thanked staff for doing all the research and providing recommendations.
- Chair Stapley thanked Director Cardin for the presentation at the Board meeting.

ITEM #7 – UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR VULTURE PEAK – Kristen Mohamed, Parks Planner, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department –INFORMATION ITEM

- On October 30 the Parks Department and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held a stakeholder summit meeting. Board of Supervisor Chairman Wilson, along with BLM Assistant State Director – Mike Taylor hosted the summit with representatives from 15 agencies in attendance. Part of the summit took the attendees through a issues identification session and mapping project.
- An overview of the project was presented by Director Cardin and Steve Cohn of BLM.

- During the summit very good information and very positive responses were received which will be helpful in the next stage of planning for the area. Parks will hire a consultant to facilitate the Vulture Mountain Master Plan.
- Kristen Mohamed concluded that she was drafting a Request for Proposal and a Scope of Work that will go out in December for solicitation. The department hopes to have a consultant by March.

ITEM #8 – SET JANUARY 2010 COMMISSION MEETING DATE – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

- Chair Stapley stated that the January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12.
- Commissioner Lynch motioned to set the January 2010 meeting for Tuesday, January 12. Commissioner Leija seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

ITEM #9 – NOMINATING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT and NOMINATION OF 2010 OFFICERS – Anne Lynch, Nominating Sub-Committee Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM

- Commissioner Lynch stated the Sub-committee had two meetings before the Commission meeting today.
 - In the first meeting it was determined – following past guidelines that Laurel Arndt would be Chair and Salomon Leija would be Vice-Chair. Then the Sub-Committee was advised that Laurel may not be with the Commission for the entire year in 2010.
 - The second meeting determined that Salomon Leija would be Chair and Joseph Marvin would be Vice-chair, then nominating both for the 2010 offices.

ITEM #10 – ELECTION OF 2010 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICERS – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM

- The recommendations from the Nominating Sub-committee – Salomon Leija as Chair and Joseph Marvin as Vice-Chair were motioned for approval. All were in favor none opposed, the motion carries.
- Commissioner Leija noted that he has looked up to each of the Commissioners for their leadership and looks forward to next year.

ITEM # 11– CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Lynch advised that the Audubon Society has invited the Parks Commission to hold a Commission meeting at their new facility. Asked that Debbie Lemon contact them to set up the specifics.
- Commissioner Lynch also presented to Director Cardin and the department original copies of the 1965 System Master Plan along with some maps.

Item # 12 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Brandon Brokaw, 1446 N. McAllister Avenue, Tempe Arizona 85281 – subject: Park camping squatters – comment on form: campers are allowed to stay longer than 14 days. Mr. Brokaw advised that at some of the parks the non-resident camping tend to overtake the campgrounds. Leaving

residents of Maricopa County without a location or a campsite to use. On occasion Mr. Brokaw stated that he has spoken to some of the campers and some have openly told him about staying in the park for longer than the 14 day limit. Mr. Brokaw also informed the Commission that he had witnessed someone painting their RV at one of the McDowell campground sites.

- Jeffery Kanis, 6539 N. 48th Street, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253 – camping duration policy. Mr. Kanis presented the Commission with a short document on the Maricopa County Parks Campgrounds. Mr. Kanis stated that he agrees with Mr. Brokaw and changes were needed on duration of campground stays. Noting that some camper ‘residents’ have created fenced in dog kennels, flower pots, lighting and raised decks. Also providing photos within the document Mr. Kanis explained that at one premium pull through campsite the camper used the site as a storage facility for two or more years (not verified). Mr. Kanis informed that he has addressed the campground issues with the Park Supervisors and Park Hosts.

Mr. Kanis advised the Commission that he supports the recent fee increases, encourages more and asked of the Commission if they could address this on the next agenda.

- Chair Stapley recommends this go on the January meeting agenda and requested staff to further research information.

Item # 13 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Jack Stapley, Chair