

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Public Meeting of November 12, 2013

LOCATION: 234 N. Central Avenue, 3rd Floor, Arizona Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85004

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Yoshioka, Dr. Robert Branch, and Jack Stapley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Rod Jarvis and Anne Lynch

STAFF PRESENT: RJ Cardin, Director; Aimee Upton, Administrator; Donna Southard, Recorder; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Jennifer Waller, Operations 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 November 12, 2013, Parks and Recreation Commission public meeting.

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ITEM #1 – Call To Order – Carlton Yoshioka, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM #2 – Proposed Fee Schedule – Aimee Upton, Administrator - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM*

- Ms. Upton presented to the commission the history of park fees, funding sources, the reason for fee increases and the proposed fee increases. The last major fee revisions were approved in December 2009. If the fees are approved by the Board of Supervisors, implementation would begin in April 2014. Operating funds are derived from User fees (69%), Concessions (18%), and General Fund (13%). General funds have steadily decreased since FY10 while central service costs increase. Operating costs continue to increase faster than revenues are received. Aging vehicles along with increased system repairs, central service costs and Risk Management charges contribute to Parks budget deficit. Fee changes are proposed for some park vehicle entry fees, annual passes, camping fees, facility rentals, Desert Outdoor Center fees and other miscellaneous fees. The proposed increases were based on a cost of service study and benchmarking data pulled from surrounding entities offering similar services.
- Commissioner Stapley commented that a periodic review of fees is needed. Many of the fees have not changed in almost 5 years and are not proposed to be changed at this time; additionally, most of the proposed changes are small. Chair Yoshioka commented that Parks is offering cost effective charges to the public while offering enough resources.
- Chair Yoshioka opened up the meeting to public comment. None were received.

Item # 3 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further discussion, Commissioner Stapley motioned and Commissioner Branch seconded the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:46 am. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Aimee Upton, Administrator

, Chair