

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
Meeting of January 8, 2013

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Lynch, Carl Yoshioka

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rod Jarvis

**STAFF PRESENT:** R.J. Cardin, Director; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Specialist and Recorder; Kim Richard, Volunteer Coordinator and Betsy Pregulman, Deputy County Attorney

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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 January 8, 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – R.J. Cardin, Director – Secretary to the Commission, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department**

➤ Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. Director Cardin stated that with the new bylaws in place and only three Commissioners appointed at this time that we do have a quorum. He then recommends that Anne Lynch being the ranking member of the Commission act as the pro-tem chair until the new chair is appointed.

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

**ITEM #3 – Nominating Subcommittee Report and Nomination of 2013 Commission Officers – Anne Lynch, Commissioner, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *PRESENTATION ITEM***

➤ Commissioner Lynch as Chair of the Nominating Subcommittee reported that Carl Yoshioka was nominated for Chair and Rod Jarvis was nominated for Vice-Chair, both have agreed to serve.

**ITEM #4 - Election of 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission Officers – Anne Lynch, Commissioner, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *ACTION ITEM***

➤ Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the nominated officers, all in favor none opposed.

Meeting was turned over to 2013 Commissioner Chair Carl Yoshioka.

**ITEM # 5 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – Carl Yoshioka, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM***

➤ Anne Lynch motioned to approve the minutes of the November 13 meeting as written. Second by Commissioner Yoshioka, all in favor none opposed.

**ITEM #6 - DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

- Director Cardin advised the Commission of a recent change for the Vulture Mountain area, the department had met with The Nature Conservancy in regards to the donating/gifting of property at the Hassayampa Preserve. At the meeting that took place in December it was decided that they will be gifting the entire property to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Nature Conservancy can then focus on protecting the larger water shed of the Hassayampa River Valley. Staff will be meeting to start to develop a management plan for the property this spring and transition the property to county ownership over the next couple of years.
  - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) needed to finish their Travel Management Plan, for the greater Vulture Mountains area, which designates and maps out the recreational trails and roads. The Department started the Vulture Mountains Recreation Area/Park Master Plan process at the same time BLM started the Travel Management Plan with the goal of finishing both planning processes at the same time. BLM did not finish when the Master Plan was completed and the Department has since been told by BLM that they will not finish until at least September or October of this year – 2013.
  - The Department cannot complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the park facility properties (campground, trailhead and OHV staging area) that are to be leased via a Recreation and Public Purposes Patent (R&PP) until the Travel Management Plan is done and approved. The EA is the first step in applying for the R&PP.
- In Human Resources, the Department has new hire Kim Richard as the new Volunteer Coordinator, also Alix Larson in accounting, as well as Cheryl Kidd as a Contact Station Attendant went from a part time position to a full time position.

**ITEM #7 – SET 2013 COMMISSION MEETING DATES – Carl Yoshioka, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM**

- Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the schedule for the 2013 meeting dates, second by Commissioner Yoshioka. All in favor none opposed.

**ITEM #8 – REQUEST FROM WILD AT HEART – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

- Director Cardin reminded that he discussed Wild at Heart at a previous meeting; they are a 501C3, raptor rehabilitation and recovery. They have a small facility that they have been at for 20 years, they have out grown of their current facility and came to us to develop a new facility at Spur Cross Conservation Area. The department has met with the Town of Cave Creek, as a large portion of the project is on the old Phoenix mine site, which is owned by the Town of Cave Creek, and a small portion of it would be on land that the County owns. The facility will be a multipurpose facility will serve as a Nature Center, Education and Raptor Rehabilitation Center, the project would be a great thing for conservation.
- Director Cardin advised that he is fully in support of this project. They would need an endorsement by the Commission to move forward with the project. We will bring this item back at the February Commission meeting.

**ITEM #9– CALL TO THE COMMISSION**

- None.

**Item # 10 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- None.

**Item # 11 – ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, Carl Yoshioka, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 9:21a.m.

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R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

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Carl Yoshioka, Chair