

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of May 12, 2009

LOCATION: Cave Creek Regional Park Nature Center, 37900 N. Cave Creek Parkway, Cave Creek, AZ

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurel Arndt, Salomon Leija, Anne Lynch, Joseph Marvin, Jack Stapley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Rod Jarvis, Carlton Yoshioka

STAFF PRESENT: R.J. Cardin, Director; Tina Allen, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Patty Sanford, Financial Supervisor; Karen Truesdale, Administrative Supervisor; Don Harris, Park Supervisor – Lake Pleasant; Amy Ford, Park Supervisor – Cave Creek; Carolyn Mayberry, Park Supervisor – Estrella; John Gunn, Park Supervisor – Spur Cross; Jennifer Johnston; Park Supervisor – Usery; David Jordan, Park Supervisor – San Tan; Pete Hanigan, Park Maintenance – Cave Creek; Tony Blanco, Park Maintenance – Estrella; Kyle Randall, Nav Aid Tech – Lake Pleasant; Linda Peters, Contact Station – Lake Pleasant; Lloyd Anderson, Park Maintenance – Estrella; Chris Simpson, Office Assistant – Cave Creek; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Coordinator and Recorder; Adrian Gough, County Attorney – Civil Division

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the May 12, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2009 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM*

- Commissioner Lynch motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commission Arndt seconded the motion, 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 noted that Usery Park does one third of annual pass sales.
- Staff at McDowell along with volunteers have been working to update the visitor center.
- The Director and his daughter attended the Desert C.S.I. (Critter Scene Investigation) program that was recently held here at Cave Creek Park.
- On April 24 the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) along with Arizona Game and Fish and the Arizona Department of Health issued a fish consumption advisory. The advisory recommended that people limit their consumption of largemouth bass caught from Lake Pleasant and Roosevelt Lake.
- The Desert Outdoor Center's curriculum is now aligned with the Arizona Academic Standards.
- Director Cardin advised that Darci Kinsman and Don Harris are switching parks. Darci will now be the supervisor at White Tank and Don will be at Lake Pleasant.
 - The Office Assistant from the Desert Outdoor Center will be going to Cave Creek and 1 Interpretive Ranger from the Desert Outdoor Center will be at McDowell.

ITEM #5 – SERVICE PIN PRESENTATIONS – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – PRESENTATION ITEM

- Pete Hanigan was presented a 20 year service pin.
- Tony Blanco was presented a 10 year service pin.
- Dawna Taylor was presented a 10 year service pin.
- Karen Truesdale was presented a 10 year service pin.
- Linda Peters was presented a 5 year service pin.
- Kyle Randall was presented a 5 year service pin.

ITEM #6 – FEE SUBCOMMITTEE – Tina Allen, Administrator, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION ITEM

- Tina Allen informed the Commissioners that the Fee Subcommittee held the first meeting on April 25th. At the first meeting, a Maricopa Water District employee attended. The second meeting is scheduled for today after the Commission meeting. The subcommittee is looking to present at the July Commission meeting.

ITEM #7 – NAMING THE PISTOL RANGE AT THE GENERAL JOE FOSS SHOOTING COMPLEX – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION ITEM

- Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox presented information on Silvestre Herrera.
- Director Cardin advised the Commission that the Buckeye Hills Shooting Club agreed with the Silvestre Herrera nomination, but wanted to include another local hero from a different war – Jose Jimenez. He then reviewed information on Mr. Jimenez.
 - Director Cardin recommends all the information presented and would like to recommend use of the other war veteran as there is another range being worked on.

- Requested this item be an action item for the July meeting.

ITEM #8 – WHITE TANK LIBRARY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND NATURE CENTER CONSTRUCTION – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- Director Cardin stated that the department had purchased the area of land through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and that BLM has the final say on how the land will be used.
- Part of the 1971 Park Master Plan included a library; BLM has approved the use of the land for a Library and Nature Center.
- The department will not have to supply any capital funds. Parks will continue to maintain the land once the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is executed. An amphitheater has been included pending the Library District has funds for one.
- John Warback from the Library District was introduced.
- Commissioner Arndt asked about how much land the library and nature center would cover.
 - Chris Coover stated six and a half acres, just to the right of the current entry station. The building will be 27' at the highest, and will be integrated with the land.
- Mr. Warback stated that the main focus of the project was the environment at White Tank.
- Commissioner Arndt motioned to proceed and recommends approving the IGA with the Library District. Commission Leija seconded. All in favor none opposed.

ITEM #9 – UPDATE ON SYSTEM STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- Director Cardin stated that on Monday, June 1st the System Strategic Master Plan will go before the Board of Supervisors. Because the Commission has been so involved in the process and work that has been done towards updating the master plan the department asks each of them to attend the June 1st meeting.
- Jack Stapley stated that he plans to attend. Laurel Arndt also will be attending.

ITEM # 10– CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- None

Item # 11 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None.

Item # 12 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Jack Stapley, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Jack Stapley, Chair