

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
Meeting of May 16, 2017

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**LOCATION:** Hassayampa River Preserve, Nature Center, 49614 N. U.S. Hwy 60, Wickenburg, AZ 85390

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Lynch, Megha Budruk, Thomas Rhoades, Isabel Chavez and Robert Branch

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Denise Merdon and Rod Jarvis

**STAFF PRESENT:** RJ Cardin, Director; Donna Southard, Recorder; Jennifer Waller, Operations Manager; Ken Vonderscher, Planning and Development Manager; Dawna Taylor, PIO; Aimee Upton, Administrator; Betsy Pregulman, Deputy Maricopa County Attorney; Steve Chucri, Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, District 2; and Clint Hickman, Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, District 4.

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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 May 16, 2017, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission**

- The regular meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

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

**ITEM #3 – STAPLEY RECOGNITION – Steve Chucri, District 2 Supervisor, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors – PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Director Cardin introduced District 2 Board of Supervisor Steve Chucri and thanked him for attending. Supervisor Chucri gave tribute to former Parks Commissioner Jack Stapley for his 24 years of service. A member of the Stapley family has served on the Parks Commission since its inception in 1953, providing decades of public service to the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department and to all of the County's citizens.
- Mr. Stapley thanked Supervisor Chucri. He reminded the Commission that it is their responsibility to look 50-100 years in the future to see what our great grandchildren will need and what are we doing now to prepare for the future.
- Director Cardin thanked Jack for his service and his forward thinking vision for Parks.

**ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2017, REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – ACTION ITEM**

- Commissioner Branch motioned and Commissioner Chavez seconded to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017, meeting. With all in favor, none opposed, the motion was approved.

**ITEM #5 – DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

- Director Cardin informed the Commission that the second annual Prickly Pedal mountain bike race was held in April with huge success. The race started in the Town of Cave Creek with Supervisor Hickman and Supervisor Gates kicking off the race. Ridership increased by 20% over last year. Former Supervisor Andy Kunasek played a huge role in raising funds for the race. The profits will be used for maintenance of the Maricopa Trail. Other highlights include the Parks Department receiving the 2017 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the 2016 Prickly Pedal Mountain Bike Race and the National

Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) 2017 award for best Park and Recreation Facility for the Lake Pleasant Discovery Center construction.

**ITEM #6 – EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Director Cardin recognized Raymond Schell for his 15 years of service and Darci Kinsman for her 30 years of service for Maricopa County.
- Director Cardin also thanked Supervisor Clint Hickman, District 4, for attending today's meeting.

**ITEM #7 – SAN TAN UPDATES – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Director Cardin informed the Commission that staff continues to have discussions with Pinal County for the future transfer of the San Tan Mountain Regional Park to Pinal County. San Tan Park is located in Pinal County and currently managed by Maricopa County. Pinal County has established a Parks Department. The transfer will most likely be a long-term transition.

**ITEM #8 – SCORPION BAY CONTRACT AMENDMENT – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

- Director Cardin provide a one-page summary of the requested amendments to the Scorpion Bay Use Management Agreement. The requested changes include addition of on-shore and off-shore lodging with support facilities and the operations of a tour boat.
- Commissioner Branch motioned to direct the Parks Director to proceed with Amendment #2 of the Scorpion Bay Holdings LLC Use Management Agreement (UMA) that will allow the authorization for the concessionaire to provide additional services under the UMA at Scorpion Bay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rhoades; with all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

**ITEM #9 – “A KEY MOMENT” AT HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE – RJ Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION ITEM**

- Director Cardin invited the Commissioners and guests to *A Key Moment* ceremony immediately following the Parks Commission meeting where the Nature Conservancy State Director will hand over the keys of the Hassayampa Nature Conservancy to the County Supervisors. This project has been in process for seven years and today is about a celebration of all the people that helped make this transfer happen. There will be a Grand Reopening Dedication for the public this fall.

**ITEM #10 – CALL TO THE COMMISSION**

- Commissioner Branch shared that it had been an honor and privilege to have served on the Commission with Jack Stapley and thanked Jack for his service and guidance.

**Item #11 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- None

**Item #12 – ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, Commissioner Budruk motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Branch. With all in favor, none opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

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RJ Cardin, Director

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Anne Lynch, Chair