

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of September 11, 2007

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurel Arndt, Jill Kusy, Anne Lynch, Jack Stapley, Randy Virden

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Salomon Leija

STAFF PRESENT: William C. Scalzo, Assistant County Manager; R.J. Cardin, Director; Tina Allen, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Superintendent; Jennifer Johnston, Utery Mountain Regional Park Supervisor; Melanie Brown, Grant Coordinator; Amelia Sowers, HR Liaison; Penny Hatten, Procurement Specialist; Fareed Abou-Haidar, GIS Technician; Frank Wodiuk, Intern; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Assistant and Recorder; and Stephen Wolf, County Counsel

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the September 11, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Jill Kusy, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2007 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – Jill Kusy, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - ACTION ITEM

- Motion to approve by Commissioner Anne Lynch with a second by Commissioner Randy Virden.

ITEM #4 - DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

- Special thanks to all the parks for helping out at San Tan with Interpretive Programs.
- September 20th is the El Rio Dedication, all Commissioners are invited to attend the ceremony.
- Ground excavation has begun at Lake Pleasant for the new marina.
- An introduction and welcome was made to recent new hires; Penny Hatten, Procurement Specialist and Frank Wodiuk, Intern from ASU working with Parks on the Agua Fria project.

- A special welcome to the newest park user; Kinsey Waller, she was born on Labor Day, September 3rd to Jennifer and her husband Brian.
- Commissioner Arndt wanted to note that Parks needs to advocate the re-vegetation/hydro seeding for the entire area at McDowell along the SRP line. SRP needs to do more. It was stressed that it would be a difficult process and SRP needs to be reminded and their word needs to be backed up. Parks should document the before and after to back up visually what the concerns are when someone wants to put a road through our parks.
 - Chair Kusy thanked Commissioner Arndt for commenting on the hydro seeding, it had been awhile since it was started and agrees that Parks and the Commission needs to be proactive.

ITEM #5 – SPUR CROSS UPDATE – John Gunn, Park Supervisor – Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – *PRESENTATION ITEM*

- This item is tabled until the October 9, 2007 Commission meeting.

ITEM #6 – APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE – Jill Kusy, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *ACTION ITEM*

- Chair Kusy appointed herself as chair, Commissioners Randy Virden and Laurel Arndt to be the nominating subcommittee. To meet before the October 9th meeting to nominate next years' Chair and Vice-Chair.

ITEM #7 – UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE NORTH REACH OF LAKE PLEASANT – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM*

- The first public meeting was held on Thursday, September 6th, the second will be Wednesday, September 12th, at the Desert Outdoor Center. The third and final meeting will be on Monday, September 17th in Black Canyon City at the Albins Civic Center.
- Director Cardin stated that he wanted to thank Dawna Taylor for all the great press that is in the media for Parks. Roughly 30 participants attended the first public meeting and the majority stated that they heard about the meeting through the newspaper.
- The questionnaire that is being handed out at the public meetings is also on the internet. The data gathered from the public will be forwarded to the Arizona State University Global Institute of Sustainability who will sort through the data.
- The groups in attendance expressed concern with the area. The vast majority have used the area for over 10 years and have seen it change considerably.
- Commissioner Virden asked if the other agencies were involved in the public meetings. Director Cardin stated that all agencies are making their presence known at the public meetings.

ITEM # 8– CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- Chair Kusy stated that the annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) conference took place the last week of August.

Item # 9 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None.

Item # 10 – ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Kusy stated that the October 9, 2007 meeting time would be at 10:00 a.m.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Jill Kusy, Chair