



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
PIMA COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**



Notice is hereby given to the Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and to the general public that the **Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission** will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Friday, March 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 in the **Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation first floor conference room, 3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona (877-6000).**

NOTE: As of the posting date of March 9, 2011, no executive session item has been placed on the regular agenda. However, this is subject to an addendum.

Public comment will be taken. Members of the Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. The Commission will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items.

AGENDA

(The order of the agenda may be changed to accommodate public comment.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. CONSENT AGENDA: For consideration and approval
 - 1. Action: Approval of February 4, 2011 Minutes
- D. COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST
 - 1. Reading of Ben Tuchi's letter regarding the CDO Christina-Taylor Green dedication ceremony (Chair Jan Johnson)
 - 2. Update Report on *Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte* – request to the director of Flood Control District for an update at the next commission meeting has been forwarded. (Rafael Payan)
 - 3. Naming/Renaming Protocols: Joe Barr and Peter Chesson are still in the process of reviewing the procedure for possible revision.

4. **DeAnza Trail Update:** The trail is under the management of the Office of Sustainability and Conservation (formerly Office of Science and Conservation and the Cultural Resources Division). The trail's project manager will update the commission at its next meeting.

E. DIVISION UPDATE REPORTS: Division Managers will report on their recent activities related to the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

1. **Development (Carlo DiPilato)**

- a. **Bond Report Summary:** On behalf of NRPR, Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator, presented the School Districts Partnerships project summary, which was well received by the Bond Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 4, 2011.

2. **GeoMedia (Joy Mehulka)**

- a. **Presentation of recent graphics projects**
- b. **Summary: Cañada del Oro Christina-Taylor Green trailhead dedication**

3. **Natural Resources (Kerry Baldwin)**

- a. **Open Space Acquisition:** An extension to the current Sweetwater Preserve was acquired for \$1.6 million dollars; a significant reduction in price from what it was offered to the county for just several years back. The new parcel adds over 180 acres to the Sweetwater complex of parcels to a block of over 880 acres. The 2004 open space bond funds were unavailable for the purchase so this acquisition will be funded from Starr Pass Environmental Enhancement Fund as a way to expand the administrative units expanding Tucson Mountain Park and biological corridors along the east slope of the Tucson Mountains.

- b. **Ranch Property Management:** Final completion of the A7 White House and Rancho Seco, Caviglia well year-round wildlife water projects are set for completion by the end of April. Both are functional and wildlife use being recorded utilizing remote cameras.

- c. **Invasive Species/Bufelgrass:** The 2011 Beat Back Bufelgrass Day was February 5. The major project point was at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park for staging to clean up the Rillito River in that area. Over 150 volunteers collected over 320 bags of bufelgrass. Overall the event had more participants than last year and more sites were cleaned.

- d. **Environmental Education:** Over the past two months the environmental education staff and volunteers have interacted with over 5,300 people; they worked the Ted Walker Youth Day at Old Tucson Studios and interacted with over 3,000 elementary school students.

4. Operations (George Kuck)

a. Arthur Pack and Winston Reynolds-Manzanita parks ball field lighting 100 % design drawings have been completed. NRPR is working closely with the youth leagues impacted by these construction projects because the fields will be closed for approximately three months during construction.

b. NRPR has taken over the maintenance of the newly dedicated CDO Christina-Taylor Green Memorial River Park.

c. The National Charity League– Tucson Chapter has adopted the George Mehl-Foothills Park and the Rillito River Park from Alvernon to Swan. The Chrysalis Men's Group has adopted the Rillito River Park from Swan to Craycroft through the Tucson Clean & Beautiful Adopt-A-Park program.

d. The Arthur Pack playground replacement project should be complete by March 15, and the McDonald Park playground project will start March 7. The contractor for the Lawrence Park playground project has to repour the top layer of rubberized surfacing to cover up some footprints.

5. Planning (Steve Anderson - report)

6. Recreation (Joe Barr – no report)

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

G. ADJOURNMENT

Posted this 9th day of March, 2011.

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