

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of May 13, 2008

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

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Salomon Leija

STAFF PRESENT: R.J. Cardin, Director; Tina Allen, Administrator; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Jennifer Waller, Regional Superintendent; Teresa Retterbush, Regional Superintendent; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Kristen Mohamed, Park Planner; Melanie Brown, Grant Coordinator; Tom Timmons, Contract Administrator; Chris Coover, Maricopa Trail Manager; Penny Hatten, Purchasing Specialist; Debbie Lemon, Administrative Assistant and Recorder; Kevin Costello, 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 May 13, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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

- Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2008 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM*

- Motion to approve the minutes as written by Commissioner Stapley, second by Commissioner Virden. All were in favor with none opposed, motion carries.

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

- Programs and events at all the Parks have shown growth with increased attendance.

- A public meeting will be on May 21st at the McDowell Mountain Regional Park Visitor Center for the McDowell Master Trail Plan updates. Director Cardin requested the Commissioners to R.S.V.P. with Debbie Lemon if they plan on attending.
- The Dino Dig pit at the Desert Outdoor Center was recently dedicated.
- Staff at Cave Creek, in conjunction with staff at the Desert Outdoor Center conducted training on nature inclusion for other Interpretive Rangers and Park Supervisors.
- The department received a \$25,000 grant for Estrella Mountain Regional Park trails. The department will be working with a youth group to update trails.
- Danny Segoviano is retiring at the end of May, after 30 years of service to Maricopa County, he has been working at Estrella.
- Commissioner Arndt asked for further details on the McDowell Trail Meeting and notifications that were sent out. Director Cardin stated that hundreds of invitations were sent out and asked Public Information Officer, Dawna Taylor to confirm. Ms. Taylor stated that close to 500 invitations were sent out and that numerous agencies were included.
 - A copy of the letter and a map were passed out to the Commissioners.

ITEM #5 – SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

- Director Cardin stated that Leon Younger with Pros Consulting was here, and that he has taken over the lead on the department project. He then introduced Mr. Younger to the Commissioners.
- Mr. Younger apologized for the delay in completing the project and noted that the project manager has left employment with the firm.
- Mr. Younger advised the Commissioners that his office would have the final review of the System Master Plan to the department and Commissioners June 2nd.
- Mr. Younger noted that at the July Commission meeting he would be coming back to present the completed plan to the Commission.
- Mr. Younger gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission, covering most aspects of the Master Plan.

ITEM #6 – UPDATE ON THE NORTH REACH OF LAKE PLEASANT – R.J. Cardin, Director, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department – ACTION ITEM

- Director Cardin stated that Arizona Game and Fish has been out at the Agua Fria Conservation area Friday through Sunday and there have been no reports of incidents or vandalism.
- The weekend of May 16th to 18th is the last weekend the area will be open to vehicle traffic. Arizona Game and Fish will provide the department with details of attendance for the past six week trial.

ITEM # 7– CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Kusy asked that the department note that although the System Master Plan was not completed before today, May 13, her last Commission meeting, she would still very much like to be involved and see the final product.
- A copy of resignations letters from Commissioners Virden and Kusy were passed out to the Commissioners. Chair Lynch noted that today’s meeting would be the last meeting for both of them.
 - Director Cardin and Chair Lynch gave a plaque to Commissioner Virden and Kusy thanking them for their work and time for the department.

Item # 8 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None.

Item # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Anne Lynch, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m..

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Anne Lynch, Chair