

**MARICOPA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
Meeting of February 8, 2011

LOCATION: Maricopa County Parks and Recreation
234 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Marvin, Jack Stapley, Heidi Fischer, Anne Lynch, Carl Yoshioka, Rod Jarvis

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jimmie Munoz

STAFF PRESENT: R.J. Cardin, Director; Ken Mouw, Chief Engineer; Dawna Taylor, Public Information Officer; Jennifer Waller, Westside Regional Superintendent; Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Superintendent; Debbie Lemon, IT Administration; Barbara Lehner, Recorder;

The official correspondence and staff recommendations contained in this Commission folder are hereby entered as supportive material to the official minutes of the February 8, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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ITEM # 1 – CALL TO ORDER – Joseph Marvin, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission

- The meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

ITEM # 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2011 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS – Joseph Marvin, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission - *ACTION ITEM*

- Commissioner Stapley motioned and Commissioner Yoshioka seconded to approve the January 11, 2011 minutes as presented. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

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

- Director Cardin provided an update on the current Parks budget. On the expenditure side, The General Fund is currently reporting expenditures 29% or \$102,813 under the year to date (YTD) budget. There are no revenues collected within the General Fund.
- The Enhancement Fund is currently reporting revenue at 25% or \$286,287 over the YTD budget. Enhancement Fund is currently 6.4% or \$111,601 under the YTD operating budget for expenditures.
- The Lake Fund is currently reporting revenues at 23% or \$159,203 over the YTD budget. Lake Fund is reporting operating expenditures under budget at 5.4% or \$48,008
- Spur Cross is currently reporting revenues at 10% or \$7,956 over the YTD budget. Spur Cross is reporting operating expenditures under budget at 15% or \$23,225.

ITEM #5 – CENTENNIAL TRAILS PRESENTATION – Ed Buonvecchio and Teresa Retterbush, Eastside Superintendent, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – *INFORMATION ITEM*

- Ed Buonvecchio provided a presentation on the proposed development of the Centennial Trail to be located behind the Nature Center at Estrella. Both the Park and the Three Rivers Historical Society were looking for a project to celebrate Arizona's centennial. The loop trail will be approximately a half-mile, ADA accessible and have kiosks along the trail with depictions of indigenous animals, nature and history from the Hohokam era through the 1912 statehood.
- The development plan has an estimated cost of \$100,000 and donation/sponsorships are being sought.
- Suggestions for development and partnerships were offered by Commissioners including Maricopa Trails Foundation; Southwest Chamber of Commerce; Eagle Scouts and school district project work; and the Audubon Society.
- The timeline showed a portion of the trail being complete by February 2012. The commission expressed concern that this might be overly optimistic.

ITEM #6 – NAMING OF THE FACILITIES/CONCESSIONS AT ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK – Tom Timmons, Contract Administrator - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

- Northside Outfitters, an equestrian concessionaire at Estrella requests permission to name three equestrian facilities at the Park for marketing purposes. The Facilities Review Committee has already approved of the names – Corral West Horse Trail Rides, Corral West Arena and Corral West Event Center.
- Commissioner Lynch motioned and Commissioner Jarvis seconded to approve the name designations as presented. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #7 – LAND ACQUISITION POLICY – Ken Mouw, Engineering Manager - Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – ACTION ITEM

- Mr. Mouw presented the Park Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy and point matrix criteria. A total point value is established and reflects the priority for future acquisition if funds were available.
- Commissioner Jarvis suggested identifying private land owners by a Park as well as land located somewhere else in the County. He suggested working with county planning on open space designations.
- Kevin Costello County Attorney reminded the Commission to confer with the planning department to avoid any conflict.
- Commissioner Fischer questioned if connecting corridors would effect the wildlife were they considered. Director Cardin replied that it's always a consideration.
- Commissioner Jarvis motioned and Commissioner Stapley seconded the motion to approve the Parks Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy. All members were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM # 8 – EASEMENT REQUEST BY NEWPATH & SRP FOR THEIR CLIENT AT&T FOR AN UNDERGROUND POWER DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT AT MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK – Jack Stapley, Public Meeting Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation – INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM

- Commissioner Stapley reported on the meeting between Director Cardin, Jason Sears of NewPath and himself. NewPath offered \$10,000 payment for the easement, but the McDowell Park Association (MPA) and the Commissioner refused the offer. Commissioner Stapley countered with a land lease agreement of \$2,000 for 25 years plus the cost of inflation. Mr. Sears felt he could offer \$1,000 for 25 years without any adjustment for inflation.

- Director Cardin stated generators have been in place so NewPath was aware of a power supply problem, but didn't address it before installation.
- Commissioner Fischer questioned if there would be any noise or disruption to park visitors. Director Cardin stated no park visitors would be disrupted and since the nearest homeowner was several miles away, they also would not be disturbed.
- Commissioner Stapley stated he would be happy to meet with NewPath if they decided on a more appropriate offer.
- Commissioner Stapley motioned to deny the request for the easement and Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the request was denied.

ITEM # 9 - CALL TO THE COMMISSION – Joseph Marvin, Chair, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission – *INFORMATION ITEM*

- None

ITEM # 10 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- None

Item # 11 – ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Chair Marvin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

R.J. Cardin, Director/Secretary

Joseph Marvin, Chair