



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2009
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department
3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona



Quorum having been established, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Commissioners present were Richard Barker (Chair), Jan Johnson (Vice-Chair), Gary Davidson, and Victor Rivera. Commissioners Anita Kellman, Stephanie Maben and Dave Ridings were absent.

Staff present were Rafael Payan, Derek Shaw, George Kuck, Joe Barr, Kerry Baldwin, Joy Mehulka, Carlo DiPilato and Steve Anderson.

Guests did not fill out the sign in sheet.

Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, that the May 8, 2009 minutes be approved. Motion passed.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST

There was a discussion regarding the revision to the naming/renaming park, park facility, and open space property, specifically the deletion of the provision for a 30-day public notice, after the naming/renaming park, park facility, and open space subcommittee's had reviewed the request to name/rename park, park facility, and open space property. The subcommittee suggested seeking the opinion to the office of the county attorney to the proposed deletion of the provision.

Commissioner Davidson moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the commission proceed with the recommendation to revise the procedure on naming/renaming park, park facility, and open space property contingent upon receipt of the legal opinion regarding the provisional 30-day notice requirement. The motion passed.

On the table were two requests for naming/renaming park facilities; *i.e.* Kory Laos Memorial Bike Path at Flowing Wells District Park and Mike Jacob-Sportspark at Ted Walker Regional Park.

The parents of Kory Laos made their presentation of the proposal to name an area within the Flowing Wells District Park in memory of their son Kory. Commissioner Davidson commented that the Laos family submitted their proposal to the parks and recreation bond subcommittee and also made their presentation before the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, which was well received.

Commissioner Davidson moved based on the subcommittee's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to endorse the proposal to name an area within the Flowing Wells District Park as the Kory Laos Bike Park. The motion passed.

Joan Lionetti made her presentation about the Tucson Clean & Beautiful Inc.'s proposal to rename Sportspark as Mike Jacob—Sportspark.

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, to move forward and to bypass the 30-day notice at this time with the renaming of Sportspark as Mike Jacob—Sportspark. The motion passed.

Mr. Payan stated that in the current procedure, the Board of Supervisors can bypass the requirements for naming/renaming park, park facility, and open space, and has the final discretion on the requests.

Discussion proceeded to the contribution that the Pima County Horsemen's Association (PCHA) made towards repair and improvement to the Rillito Racetrack facilities. Commissioner Johnson gave an informational recap of those contributions to the commission.

The commission asked Mr. Shaw to provide written informational material regarding the proposed fee structure. Mr. Payan stated that the figures have been subject to several revisions and that's why it was decided not to distribute them as yet. Mr. Shaw gave a short recap of the changes. The agency scheduled a public meeting on June 6, 2009 to present the revised fee structure; however, there was no representation from the community.

Mr. Shaw gave an update on the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) to lease Sportspark. The Sportspark Advisory Committee contributed in developing the RFP.

Mr. Barker asked to be excused from the meeting and left at 10:00 a.m.; hence there was no quorum and the meeting officially ended.