



**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COCONINO COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02
February 6, 2020
4:00pm
Mess Hall**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Chair Steve Mongrain. Vice Chair Michelle Wesson and Commissioners Pam Foti, Mary Hendricks, and Joshua Stackhouse were present. Commissioners Diane Lenz, Brian Blue, and Beth Tucker were excused. Staff in attendance was Cynthia Nemeth (Parks and Recreation Director) and taking minutes Mark Yarnall (Administrative Specialist III).

2. Parks and Recreation Commission Purpose

The purpose in establishing the Coconino County Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) is to provide a citizen body responsive to the communities and people of Coconino County and to recommend a policy regarding the development and operations of a well-balanced system of parks, programs, trails, and events.

3. Approval of the minutes from January 16, 2020

Vice Chair Michelle Wesson amends January 16, 2020 minutes. Under the Parks and Recreation Commission Purpose statement “body” was spelt “boy”. The correction was made by Mark Yarnall, Parks and Recreation staff member and secretary to the Commission.

Commissioner Mary Hendricks made a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes as amended. Vice Chair Michelle Wesson seconds the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Public Appearances/Introductions/Call to the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting. However, Commissioner Joshua Stackhouse’s daughter, Olive was present.

New Business

1. Commission Retreat Discussion/Follow-up (55 Minutes)

Chair Steve Mongrain put together an Excel spreadsheet of January's retreat information/outcome in order to start following and tracking the directives, goals, and objectives. Chair Steve Mongrain gave the Commission an explanation and breakdown of the spreadsheet.

- 1a. Commissioner Joshua Stackhouse gave the Commission an update on the last Friends of Coconino County Parks (FCCP) meeting and both groups collaborating more moving forward.
- 1b. Parks and Recreation staff member Mark Yarnall will be sharing agendas and minutes with both the Commission and FCCP and inviting all parties to attend meetings.
- 1c. There was discussion regarding the Commission and FCCP working together on event/fundraising ideas.
- 1d. There was discussion regarding assisting the FCCP with bringing more visibility, attention, members, volunteerism, social media presence, a possible hand from a marketing company and an event planner.
- 1e. The Commission discussed engaging outlying communities throughout the County and possibly creating coalitions.

2. Turf Paradise Proposal Overview (50 Minutes)

Parks and Recreation Director, Cynthia Nemeth, gave the Commission an overview of the proposal Turf Paradise presented to Coconino County Parks and Recreation Department to bring live horse racing back to Fort Tuthill County Park

- 2a. Turf Paradise's responsibilities and Coconino County's responsibilities were presented.
- 2b. Cynthia provided an overview of expenses/revenue for parties involved.
- 2c. An update on Board of Supervisors presentation/discussion was given.
- 2d. Anticipated site renovations, improvements, and construction noted in the proposal was discussed.

3. Upcoming Board of Supervisor Agenda Items*

February 25, 2020 at 2:15pm – Thoroughbred Racing
February 25, 2020 at 3:15pm – 10 Year Financial Plan
March 10, 2020 at 10:30am – Parks and Recreation Fees
March 10, 2020 at 11:15am – Harness Racing
March 24, 2020 at 2:45pm – Master Plan

**Confirm agenda item dates and times before attending. Board agenda is subject to last minute changes.*

Reports (15 Minutes)

1. Director's Report

- Call for artists to submit sculptures to be displayed at Sawmill Park. There is room for one Commissioner to be on the selection committee.

2. Commissioner's Report

- \$18,000 was donated to the Coconino Humane Association.
- Commissioners are continuing to encourage the public to attend PRC meetings.
- Vice Chair Michelle Wesson volunteering to teach swim lesson in Tuba City. Michelle will be attending the Women's Leadership Summit in May.
- Chair Steve Mongrain is still active in the Regional Trails Alliance and moving forward with more GIS trails applications throughout the northern part of the state.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm.

Notice:

Next Friends of Coconino County Parks Meeting: February 20, 2020, 2446 Fort Tuthill Loop

Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting: March 5, 2020, 2446 Fort Tuthill Loop

**Coconino County
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Steve Mongrain

Steve Mongrain, Chair

Mark Yarnall

Mark Yarnall
Secretary to the Commission