



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK STUDY SESSION  
GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER  
1700 N. GRANITE REEF ROAD  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85257  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

- PRESENT:** Robert Frost, Chair  
Jeanne Alspaugh, Vice Chair  
John Faramelli, Commissioner  
Ron King, Commissioner  
Stan Koczka, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** George Adams, Commissioner  
James Duchene, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Tim Barnard, CIP/Planning Coordinator  
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director  
Lorelei Oien, Admin Secretary  
Todd Taylor, Pima Road Study Team Member
- GUESTS:** Debra Duerr, Godec, Randall & Associates  
John Godec, Godec, Randall & Associates  
Harry Schlegelmilch, Parks & Recreation Commission Candidate

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above, noting the presence of a quorum.

### **3. PIMA ROAD STUDY**

**The City of Scottsdale, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), and Arizona Department of Transportation are working to improve Pima Road. Pima Road Study Team members, Todd Taylor, City of Scottsdale and John Godec, Godec, Randall & Associates, will present three alternatives currently under consideration.**

Mr. Godec said two years ago, the City of Scottsdale and the SRPMIC signed an agreement to conduct a design concept and environmental assessment for Pima Road improvements to be funded by Proposition 400 money. Previous improvement efforts have been inconsistent, and the road transitions from two lanes to four and back again repeatedly. The objectives are to look at future traffic flow, determine what it will be like through the next 25 years, and determine how to best address those needs.

Based on future population increases projected through 2030, traffic is expected to continue to increase dramatically on Pima Road. The projections were made before the spring training facility for the Arizona Diamondbacks was announced for the area, so the numbers will likely be even higher than projected. Three alternatives are being considered:

- Plan A - Four 12' travel lanes, two 6' bike lanes, and a 16' median.
- Plan B - Four 11' travel lanes, two 5' bike lanes, and a 14' median.
- Plan C - No build.

Most of the necessary right-of-way for Plan A has already been acquired. Plan B would not require any more right-of-way to be purchased and could be done within the existing corridor. Plan C would be to not make any improvements. Mr. Godec showed slides of the proposed design aesthetic. The plans are being presented at a number of public hearings and for any group that is interested in providing input. The goal is to select one of the alternatives by the end of October 2009. Final design would likely happen in 2010, with construction to start in late 2010.

Vice Chair Alspaugh inquired about the McCormick Ranch HOA. Mr. Godec responded that all of the impacted HOAs have been invited to view the presentation. Commissioner Faramelli inquired about the residents south of Indian Bend where there are no HOAs. Mr. Godec responded that the public meetings in May were widely advertised and open to everyone. Any group that desires could request a presentation. In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Koczka, Mr. Godec said the purpose of this project is not to turn Pima Road into an alternative to the Loop 101. One of the critical aspects is to make the road safer. Ms. Cameron inquired which entity would take responsibility for maintaining the landscaping. Mr. Godec responded that those types of details are still being worked out between the City and the SRPMIC.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

**5. WORK STUDY**

**Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) Conference Schedule will be presented. Chairman Frost will lead a discussion to identify those commissioners interested in attending.**

Chair Frost called the work-study session to order at 3:26 p.m. Ms. Cameron noted that the budget allows up to three Commissioners to attend the APRA Conference. Mr. Barnard noted that the content offerings for boards and commissions were expanded from one day to two this year. Vice Chair Alspaugh and Commissioner Koczka expressed interest in attending. Commissioner King said he would like to know more about the sessions offered before he commits. Chair Frost said he has a speaker's pass.

**Discuss joint meeting with Preserve. Chairman Frost will lead the discussion.**

Chair Frost noted that the Commission's joint meeting with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission would follow the study session. It is a public hearing on whether the City should enter into a Special Land Use Permit with the State Land Department in the Granite Mountain Recreation Area (GMRA), in light of new air quality regulations. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use has been permitted there in the past, but the memorandum of understanding (MOU) had to be cancelled because it was no longer adequate.

Staff will present several proposed alternatives. The Commissioners and members of the public will be given an opportunity to express their thoughts on which direction the City should pursue. Neither Commission would be taking action at this time. One possibility could be that Parks and Recreation would take over responsibility for managing and maintaining this large piece of property. The GMRA is within the planned McDowell Sonoran Preserve boundary, but the City has not yet acquired the State land portions.

**There will be further discussion on the goals and expectations of the Parks & Recreation Commission for 2009-10 fiscal year.**

Chair Frost requested input on future agenda items. Commissioner Faramelli requested a discussion on the park improvements that were supposed to have been built along with the Water Campus. Ms. Cameron noted that Vice Chair Alspaugh submitted agenda item requests on Youth Corps, on trend information on McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, and on Fit City Scottsdale. Chair Frost requested a discussion on the operation and maintenance plan for Grayhawk Park

In response to Chair Frost's request, Mr. Barnard provided an update on Troon Park. The park is in the turf-growing phase. All construction is completed. The Fire Department is set to sign off on the occupancy permit for the maintenance compound and restroom/concession building. Staff should be able to move in next week. The crew that previously had to travel from Horizon Park would be based at Troon instead, and would service Grayhawk, Sonoran Hills, La Mirada, and Desert Canyon. Park activities would be monitored closely to ensure that the critical first 18 months of turf growth is not impaired.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Cameron said Staff is prepared to report on the budget recommendations at the September 2 meeting. The report will cover the changes that were implemented, how they were decided upon, and the impact they are expected to have.

Chair Frost felt that the Commission should play a role in strengthening the morale of the Parks and Recreation staff in light of all the changes that have occurred recently. The Commission represents the community to them, and they need to understand how much their efforts are appreciated. Commissioner Koczka says some of the community negativity has been unwarranted, and the Commission could help by defending Staff publicly. Vice Chair Alspaugh felt that Commissioner participation in events sends a strong message. She also proposed that Commission meetings be cut to once a month to reduce the burden on Staff. She discussed an idea to create PSAs about the City's programs and volunteering opportunities. Ms. Cameron said Staff is working with Channel 11 to get some airtime and develop some ideas.

Commissioner Faramelli proposed a Commission submission to the weekly employee newsletter expressing appreciation for their hard work. Chair Frost proposed an annual award for the best Staff presentation to the Commission. It might create a friendly sense of competition. Commissioner King suggested it be awarded quarterly instead.

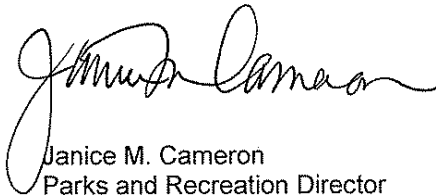
Commissioner Koczka suggested the Commission could assist in easing the burden that has been placed on Staff. Compliments also make a big impression. Most employees go beyond what is expected of them, and if that continues, the City will make it through this crisis. Vice Chair Alspaugh said she sends notes to employees and their supervisors when they perform a great service to the community. A letter to the Mayor and City Council in recognition of Staff efforts would also go a very long way.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

Meets established criteria.



Janice M. Cameron  
Parks and Recreation Director