

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**, and to the general public, that the **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

OPTIONS TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

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Register to speak and/or submit a comment on an agenda item.

- Contact: **Tannia Ruiz**
- At: **602-495-5215** or tannia.ruiz@phoenix.gov
- By: April 27, 2022
- Indicate: agenda item number, first and last name, email address
- If registered to speak, click on the link above at the time of the meeting to join the event and speak when called upon.

Per the most recent social distancing guidelines from the federal government, no residents will be allowed to attend the meeting in-person.

A complete packet of meeting materials will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting at <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks>.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1.	Call to Order –	Dorina Bustamante, Chair
2.	INFORMATION ITEM(S): Information items will be provided to the Board in writing and are not intended for formal presentation unless otherwise requested by a Board member or required for future policy consideration.	
a.	Margaret T. Hance Park Update	Alonso Avitia
b.	Code of Conduct	Jarod Rogers
c.	Land Recognition Signage	Jarod Rogers
3.	INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM(S): Information and discussion items will be presented verbally to the Parks Board and are for discussion only. No action will take place on these items at this meeting.	
a.	Papago Golf Course Improvements	Scott Coughlin/ Greg Leicht

4.	CONSENT ITEM(S): Consent items will be provided to the Board in writing and are not intended for formal presentation . Consent items may be voted on collectively, unless a Board member requests that any item be voted on separately. The chairperson may direct staff to formally present any consent item. These items are for possible action.	
a.	Parks and Recreation Board Summary Minutes- March 24, 2022	Kelly Patterson
b.	Circle K Mural	Joe Diaz
c.	New Year's Eve Event Request at Margaret T. Hance Park	Alonso Avitia
d.	Requests to Vend at Barrios Unidos and Hermoso Parks	Joe Diaz
e.	Mural Request at Perry Park	Danielle Poveromo
f.	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee Reappointments	Jarod Rogers
5.	POLICY ITEM(S): Policy items are for information, discussion, and possible action.	
a.	Homestead Park Activation Update and Request to Modify Park Hours	Jan Sherwood/ Stacia Holmes
6.	CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Citizens are provided time to make statements to the Board. (<i>Those desiring to make a statement should have informed staff in advance of the meeting by following the instructions on this notice.</i>) We welcome citizen input; however, items brought to the Board's attention cannot be discussed unless they are listed as an agenda item. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to requesting staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and/or decision at a later date.	Dorina Bustamante, Chair
7.	BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson will verbally present comments or requests to the Board without Board discussion .	Dorina Bustamante, Chair
8.	BOARD COMMENTS/REQUESTS – The Chairperson will entertain Board member comments or requests without Board discussion .	Dorina Bustamante, Chair
9.	DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING – Briefing items will be verbally presented to the Board by the Director or designee without Board discussion .	Cynthia Aguilar, Director
10.	Adjournment	Dorina Bustamante, Chair

For further information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Tannia Ruiz, Management Assistant I, Parks and Recreation Department at 602-495-5215 or TTY: 7-1-1.

April 22, 2022



To: Parks and Recreation Board Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: MARGARET T. HANCE PARK UPDATE

This report provides an update to the Parks and Recreation Board (Parks Board) on the status of Margaret T. Hance Park (Hance Park) Master Plan implementation.

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2016, the Parks Board approved the refined Hance Park Master Site Plan and in Oct. 2017, HargreavesJones (HJLA) began the design for the redevelopment of Hance Park, estimated to cost a total of \$100 million. A public open house was held in May 2018; and on April 3, 2019, the City Council approved a contract with Haydon Building Corp. (Haydon) to perform preconstruction services using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method.

The Hance Park Partner Coalition, comprised of the Parks and Recreation Department, Hance Park Conservancy and Phoenix Community Alliance, hired a professional fundraiser to assist in the development of a capital campaign to raise \$30-45 million in private funding, which will complete Phase 1 of the plan.

On Aug. 15, 2019, the Parks Board approved the first sponsorship agreement for Hance Park: a \$2 million donation from the Fiesta Bowl towards construction of the Fiesta Bowl PLAY at Hance Park. On July 13, 2021, the Parks Board approved the second sponsorship agreement for Hance Park: a \$2 million donation from Republic Services Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of Republic Services, towards construction of the Garden at Hance Park.

An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was created to repair the bridge joints beneath the park as construction of the park takes place.

DISCUSSION

Following the \$2 million sponsorship from the Republic Services Charitable Foundation secured by the Phoenix Community Alliance, the Parks and Recreation Department is proceeding with construction of the garden, as planned in Phase 1B. The garden will be located immediately west of Central Avenue and north of the Irish Cultural Center. The garden will include trees, benches, shade canopy, flowing shrubs and succulents, natural surface walking paths and LED security lighting.

Coordination is ongoing with ADOT, Haydon and the City regarding maintenance and repair of tunnel bridge joints underneath the park. Haydon completed two joint repairs on the west side of the park in Nov. 2021; and to coincide with Phase 1B, the garden construction, joint repairs will be completed in this area starting March 18, 2022. Joint repairs on the east side of the park will resume in late April 2022.

Staff continues to communicate with key stakeholders around the park regarding the upcoming garden construction and joint repair activity.

Update

Due to the joint repairs and garden construction activity, fencing has gone up around the project boundary and alternate walking paths have been identified and advertised to ensure accessibility and continued public access around the construction area. The garden will be another amenity that will help further activate the park and is another exciting component of the Revitalization Project. The garden will be completed in January 2023 just in time for Super Bowl LVII.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

Prepared by: Alonso Avitia, Deputy Director

Approved by: Martin Whitfield, Assistant Director



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Board (Board) with a standing monthly update regarding implementation of the Code of Conduct and ongoing education.

BACKGROUND

In Oct. 2019, following a series of 13 community meetings to gather public input about problematic behaviors in parks and proposed solutions, and discussions at five Board meetings, the Board approved staff to move forward with the implementation of a Code of Conduct for parks and park facilities.

The goal of the Code of Conduct is to promote behavior that allows everyone to enjoy clean, safe, accessible and inviting parks, facilities and programs, by providing clear expectations of acceptable behavior in flatland parks, desert and mountain parks and preserves and other park facilities. The Code of Conduct was written in partnership with the community and City departments, including the Law Department, Prosecutor's Office and Police Department.

In Oct. 2020, City staff provided the Board with an update regarding Code of Conduct implementation, which had been on hold. At that meeting, the Board requested monthly updates regarding implementation and numbers of educational contacts/trespass notices.

In January 2021, staff implemented the Code of Conduct, which kicked off a 90-day education period regarding the new behavioral expectations for parks and park facilities. In April 2021, the trespass policy contained within the Code of Conduct took effect.

DISCUSSION

Educational Contacts and Trespass Notices

Staff continues to educate the community and park guests regarding the Code of Conduct. At the Board's request, the number of educational contacts made by staff in the field, and the number of trespass notices issued, are tracked and reported to the Board monthly.

Parks is also installing Code of Conduct signage throughout the park system to assist with public education. Sign installation has been completed in sixteen parks, installations continue with a goal of installing all signs by the end of 2022.

For the period of February 27 through March 20, approximately 1,995 educational contacts were made by staff. During the same period, (5) trespass notices were issued by Park Rangers. The (5) trespass notices issued during this period were for offenses related to: loitering in park after hours (5).

At the time of this report, (0) notices have been issued to juveniles with no citations and no appeals have been received.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to provide standing monthly updates as requested by the Board. The following is a summary of the number of educational contacts made in 2022.

Date	Number of Educational Contacts	Number of Trespass Notices Issued Involving Illegal Activity/PD
Week of March 20	305	1
Week of March 13	540	1
Week of March 6	560	2
Week of February 27	590	1
Week of February 20	601	2
Week of February 13	584	0
Week of February 6	483	1
Week of January 30	568	0
Week of January 23	409	0
Week of January 16	711	5
Week of January 9	301	2
Week of January 2	430	2

Staff will continue to lead with education about the Code of Conduct and report back to the Board about the number of educational contacts made and the number of trespass notices issued on a monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

Prepared by: Jarod Rogers, Deputy Director

Approved by: Tracee Hall, Assistant Director



To: Parks and Recreation Board Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: LAND RECOGNITION SIGNAGE

This report provides an update to the Parks and Recreation Board on the status of the installation of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement signage at three locations throughout the Parks and Recreation Department.

BACKGROUND

In November 2020, the Parks and Recreation Department began a process to develop an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement which recognizes the City of Phoenix sits within the traditional O’Odham Homeland. Over the course of the preceding year, the department worked with the Four Southern Tribes (4ST) Cultural Resource Working Group, comprised of the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O’odham Nation to obtain guidance on the development of a statement, which was approved by working group in May 2021 (**Attachment A**).

On June 24, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Board approved the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement for placement on signage at:

- Phoenix Mountains Preserve/Piestewa Peak
- Pueblo Grande Museum Archaeological Park
- South Mountain Park/Preserve.

DISCUSSION

The approved signage for Phoenix Mountains Preserve/Piestewa Peak, Pueblo Grande Museum Archaeological Park and South Mountain Park/Preserve includes two signs: (1) the land acknowledgement statement sign; and (2) an overall area map sign with site specific information.

As of April 18, 2022, the land acknowledgement statement signs have been installed at all three sites (**Attachment B**); and an area map has been installed at Pueblo Grande Museum (PGM), along with an explanation sign panel connecting the homeland and canal maps. The homeland map, land acknowledgment statement and explanation panel together are titled ‘Phoenix Is Their Homeland’.

In the coming months, Phoenix Mountains Preserve/ Piestewa Peak and South Mountain Park/Preserve will also have area map signs to accompany the newly installed land acknowledgement signs.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

Prepared by: Jarod Rogers, Deputy Director

Approved by: Tracee Hall, Assistant Director

ATTACHMENT A



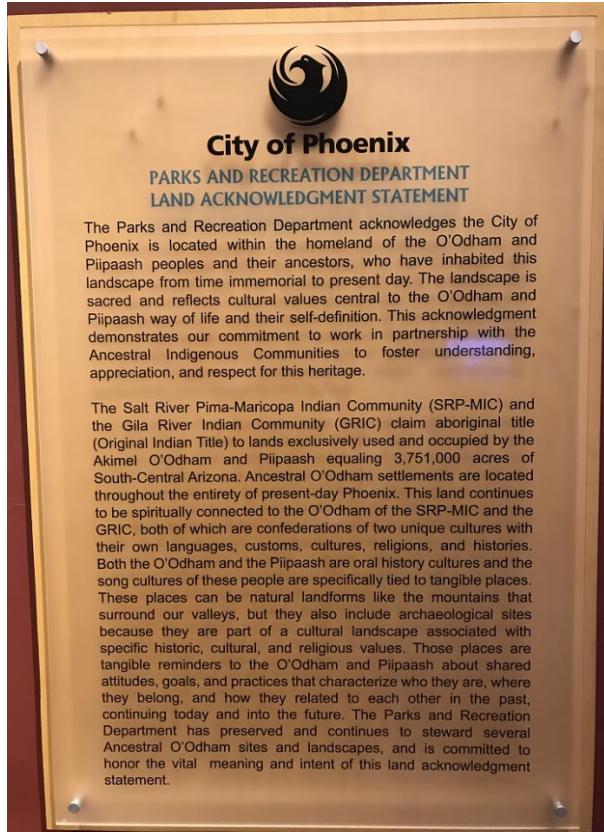
City of Phoenix

Parks and Recreation Department Land Acknowledgment Statement

The Parks and Recreation Department acknowledges the City of Phoenix is located within the homeland of the O'Odham and Piipaash peoples and their ancestors, who have inhabited this landscape from time immemorial to present day. The landscape is sacred and reflects cultural values central to the O'Odham and Piipaash way of life and their self-definition. This acknowledgment demonstrates our commitment to work in partnership with the Ancestral Indigenous Communities to foster understanding, appreciation, and respect for this heritage.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) claim aboriginal title (Original Indian Title) to lands exclusively used and occupied by the Akimel O'Odham and Piipaash equaling 3,751,000 acres of South-Central Arizona. Ancestral O'Odham settlements are located throughout the entirety of present-day Phoenix. This land continues to be spiritually connected to the O'Odham of the SRP-MIC and the GRIC, both of which are confederations of two unique cultures with their own languages, customs, cultures, religions, and histories. Both the O'Odham and the Piipaash are oral history cultures and the song cultures of these people are specifically tied to tangible places. These places can be natural landforms like the mountains that surround our valleys, but they also include archaeological sites because they are part of a cultural landscape associated with specific historic, cultural, and religious values. Those places are tangible reminders to the O'Odham and Piipaash about shared attitudes, goals, and practices that characterize who they are, where they belong, and how they related to each other in the past, continuing today and into the future. The Parks and Recreation Department has preserved and continues to steward several Ancestral O'Odham sites and landscapes, and is committed to honor the vital meaning and intent of this land acknowledgment statement.

Attachment B

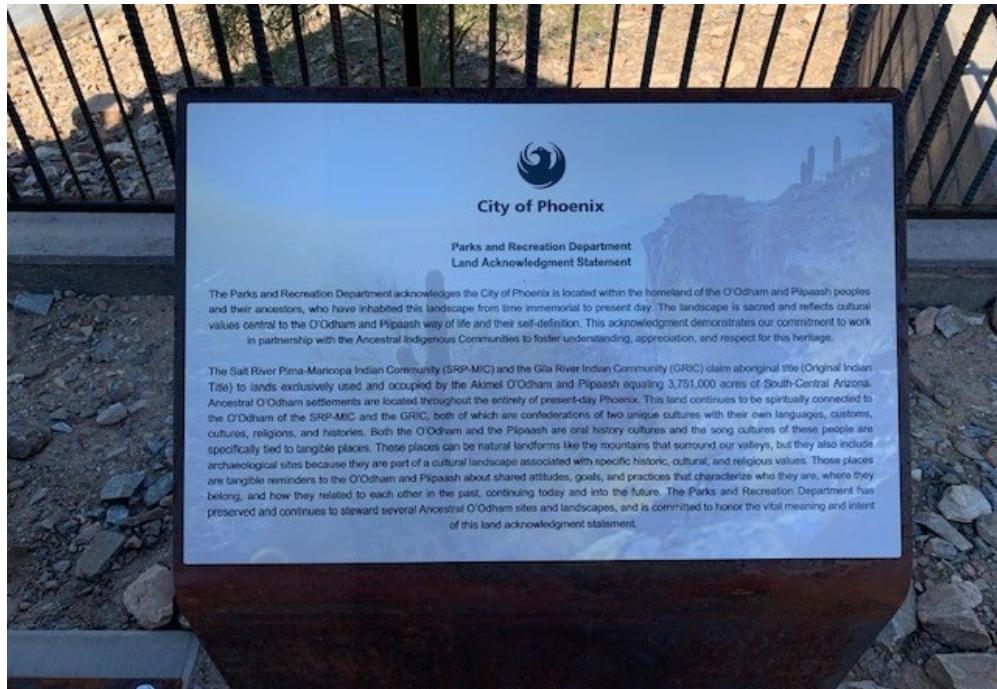


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Pueblo Grande Museum



Dobbins Lookout – South Mountain



Ocotillo Trailhead - Piestewa Peak



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: PAPAGO GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Board with an update on proposed improvements for the Papago Golf Course.

BACKGROUND

The City of Phoenix owns Papago Golf Course, which includes 18-holes of golf, practice areas, a restaurant, an event pavilion, all buildings and improvements. The golf course is located on 56th Street and Van Buren at the south end of Papago Park. Papago Golf Course opened in 1963 and quickly became popular with Phoenix residents and known as the crown jewel in the City's municipal golf portfolio. In 2021, Papago Golf Course was ranked number 5 of the best municipal golf courses in America. Papago Golf Course plays more than 60,000 rounds of golf per year and has enjoyed a recent surge of 7 percent in rounds played since 2019.

In July 2014, the City entered into a 30-year Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona State University (ASU) for the operation and management of the Papago Golf Course. A separate legal non-profit entity, the Arizona Golf Community Foundation was formed to operate and manage the golf course. The agreement stipulates the non-profit, at its own cost and no cost to the City or ASU, will be responsible for building a new clubhouse, new entryway and any improvements to the golf course. The agreement also stipulated the golf course would become the new home for the ASU Men's and Women's Golf teams. In September 2018, the new clubhouse, new entryway and ASU Golf Team facility opened. The next step in the process are the proposed improvements to the golf course. Golf course improvements exceeding \$120,000 require approval by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, denied, conditioned or delayed.

DISCUSSION

ASU, through its contractor Troon Golf, is proposing a list of significant improvements to the Papago Golf Course. The improvements will play a critical role to keep the Papago Golf Course ranked and relevant among the best municipal golf courses in the country. Enhancing playabilities for all players, from the average golfer to top college players in

the country, using the most advanced golf equipment available. The improvements being proposed include adding cart paths, tee areas, bunkers, trees and mounds; and realignment of existing tees, relocating three fairways and moving three green complexes. It is important to note, all the proposed improvements do not add turf to the golf course and take place within the current context of the golf course.

Community Engagement

To ensure key parties and the community are kept informed of proposed improvements, the Papago men's and women's golf club leadership has been consulted, as well as the ASU men's and women's golf coaches. In May 2022, the public will be invited to an open house at Papago Golf Course in which the plan will be shared to gather feedback from the community. Also, in May, storyboards providing a visual reference and education will be displayed in the clubhouse to provide an opportunity for the public to view the proposed improvements.

Timeline and Impact

The project timeline and is as follows:

- June/July 2022 Construction
- August/September 2022 Turf grow-in areas impacted
- October 2022 Open golf course

The golf course will remain open using three temporary greens during the construction and turf grow-in progress.

Funding

The project will be fully funded through the non-profit Arizona Golf Community Foundation (AGCF). The AGCF is contracted by ASU to provide operations and management for Papago Golf Course. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$4 million.

Phases/Next Steps

The vision provided by the AGCF for current (Phase I) and future improvements (Phases 2 and 3) to the Papago golf course are listed below.

- Phase 1 - The current proposed improvements
- Phase 2 - The future construction of a completely new golf maintenance facility
- Phase 3 - The future addition of a golf community building to serve as the home for all the growth of the game entities such as PGA Junior League, First Tee, Junior Golf Association, Youth on Course, and LPGA Girls Golf. The location of this building and parking lot would be where the 18th green is located currently.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information and discussion.

Prepared by: Greg Leicht, Head Golf Professional*Lead

Approved by: Scott Coughlin, Deputy Special Operations Director

**CITY OF PHOENIX
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
March 24, 2022**

Virtual meeting hosted on WebEx.

Board Members Present

Dorina Bustamante
Aubrey Barnwell
Kelly Dalton
Michael Lieb
Tony Moya
Masavi Perea
Sarah Porter

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Cynthia Aguilar
Tracee Hall
Martin Whitfield
Patricia Boland
Alonso Avitia
Scott Coughlin
Jarod Rogers
Jan Sherwood
Jeanne Delaney
Tannia Ruiz

Community Members

Susan Rothwell
Craig Weaver

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bustamante called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Information Items

2a. Margaret T. Hance Park Update

Items not discussed.

2b. Aquatics Hiring Update

Item not discussed.

3. Information and Discussion Item(s)

3a. Code of Conduct Update

Deputy Director Jarod Rogers presented an update on the code of conduct. He reviewed the purpose of the policy and the public process that occurred to develop the code of conduct. He explained that parks play a vital role in Phoenix residents' quality of life and while most park visitors follow the rules and visit City parks to enjoy public open space and park amenities, there are some visitors who do not use parks in positive ways. He reviewed the most common violations and illegal activities observed.

He highlighted that Phoenix has 185 parks and 40 trailheads with over 200 miles of trails; and that more than 8 million annual visitors enjoy community and recreation

centers, the Pueblo Grande Museum, FitPHX walking paths, golf and teen programs, along with additional amenities.

Deputy Director Rogers explained that Park Ranger coverage was seven days a week during the hours of 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. He provided a breakdown of the coverage and stated that 77 percent of the week was covered by four rangers, riding two in a vehicle. He explained that Park Rangers first lead with education before enforcement and he provided a chart showing the weekly contacts made during the first 12 months of the policy rollout, which showed that 14 out of every 1,000 educational contacts have resulted in a trespass, which equates to 1.4 percent.

Deputy Director Rogers stated that new code of conduct signage in both English and Spanish was currently being installed at City parks and all parks should have the new signs by the end of 2022. He also discussed rules that are difficult to enforce such as "no smoking" and to help with this effort, the department is working with Maricopa County Health Services to produce "tobacco free park" signs to help raise awareness.

Deputy Director Rogers explained that while the code of conduct was one of many tools to address negative behavior in parks, community driven activation helps create a more inviting place for neighbors to congregate. He shared recent efforts at Homestead Park. He stated that since the rollout of the code of conduct in 2021, staff has been evaluating its impact and identifying adjustments that will lead to efficiencies and increased effectiveness. One such adjustment is revising the policy to allow Park Ranger Supervisory staff to authorize trespasses versus requiring a Deputy Director's approval, as often times the violations occur prior to a park's opening at 5:30 a.m. or late at night.

Board Member Porter stated that having only 1.4 percent of contacts resulting in a trespass notice shows that the policy is being implemented with appropriate deliberation and care.

Board Member Perea asked what the strategy was for handling trespasses.

Deputy Director Rogers responded that the Park Rangers, while completing the ranger academy, go through de-escalation training and have ongoing dialogue to lead with education.

Board Member Perea stated he has received a lot of comments regarding smoking in the parks and believes there should be a designated area to smoke in the parks and inquired if it would be possible to have that conversation in the future. He also inquired about the smoking policy at golf courses.

Director Cynthia Aguilar reminded that the Board approved smoke free parks in 2021; she also confirmed that golf courses were excluded because they are adult oriented.

Board Member Perea inquired about knowing if we can tell which parks are having more issues than others.

Director Aguilar explained there is a list of parks that receive regular attention, but the list is very fluid and changes often; however, the situations are similar all over the City and not unique to one part of town.

Chairperson Bustamante stated she is very impressed with the percentage of educational contacts that are present in the report. She, too, would be interested in tracking the priority parks.

Board Member Dalton added that seeing the trend may also help the Board to understand how effective the educational contacts are.

3b. Sonoran Preserve Master Plan Update

Deputy Director Rogers presented an update on the Sonoran Preserve Master Plan (SPMP). He explained that the 1998 SPMP was completed approved by the Sonoran Preserve Committee, Parks and Recreation Board and City Council. The plan identified 21,000 acres of land for preservation. He provided an update that 10,372 total acres have been acquired and acquisition costs to date were \$325,786,657, with Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative funds being used to leverage growing smarter fund. He explained that in the 23 years since the SPMP was created, there have been significant changes to the northern part of Phoenix, including a substantial amount of residential and commercial growth and the department has continued utilizing the 1998 SPMP to guide its preserve acquisition efforts, with the intent of acquiring land which holds geological, natural, cultural and environmental significance and preserving the native Sonoran desert.

Deputy Director Rogers explained that in discussions with partners, including the City's Planning and Development Department and the Arizona State Land Department, there is agreement that it is appropriate to conduct an update to the original master planning effort. He stated that a phased approach will be utilized, and efforts are currently focused on areas experiencing the most development pressure. The first priority area is known as South Biscuit Flats, located West of I-17, south of the 303 and north of the CAP canal. The City's preservation efforts will benefit from an update to this area of the master plan as a first priority to ensure lands are identified for inclusion in the preserve. City staff and Aztec are conducting onsite visits to South Biscuit Flats and meeting weekly as part of the effort to evaluate this area for preservation value. Initial findings are expected in late March or early April for review, with public meetings tentatively planned for early April to solicit feedback from user groups and the public on the updated South Biscuit Flats preserve areas.

Chairperson Bustamante asked if all Board Members can be notified of the April public meetings and inquired about there being a quorum if enough Board Members attend.

Director Aguilar stated staff can make the information available for any of the public meetings that are part of this process; and that if Board Members coordinated so that one or two members attended there would not be a quorum.

Chairperson Bustamante encouraged Board Members to prioritize engaging in at least one meeting, as it is such an important process.

Board Member Dalton asked if it will be possible to receive what the findings are prior to initiating public discussions.

Director Aguilar responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Perea stated that there is a lot of material to learn, and he would love to participate in one or two of the meetings.

Board Member Moya inquired if staff will come back to the Board for approval of the plan and if the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve Committee has been updated.

Deputy Director Rogers replied in the affirmative and stated they received the same update on Monday and are very much involved.

Board Member Moya asked if there are certain types of elements that can be built near the preserve and how far.

Deputy Director Rogers replied that for those types of questions, the department works with the Planning and Development Department and consultants to ensure the preserves interface well with the community.

Board Member Moya commented on having the proper planning to alleviate some of those issues.

Board Member Porter stated she was looking at the attachments in the packet and it was unclear whether there will be a wildlife corridor established.

Deputy Director Rogers responded that he is encouraged by the potential and explained how the area connects to Peoria's parks and that there was another wash which will provide a great corridor.

Board Member Porter inquired if the Parks and Recreation Department worked with Arizona Game and Fish or other agencies.

Deputy Director Rogers responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Porter stated that with so much public infrastructure development, there are fees to help pay for new infrastructures and she inquired if that was also offered here, or whether funding was totally from Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative funds.

Deputy Director Rogers stated that the State Land Department approached the City with the idea that if a developer purchased a section of land that ended up being preserve, it could be purchased at a reduced cost and stipulated that the land then be dedicated to the City at no cost, so that is an area being explored.

3c. Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-27

Assistant Director Martin Whitfield provided information on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-27. He explained the CIP program focuses on redevelopment of existing park facilities, new park development and aging infrastructure. He reviewed the parks inventory of 185 parks, 10 preserves, 29 pools and other amenities.

Assistant Director Whitfield stated the CIP for FY 2023-27 totals \$224,256,000, which is comprised of \$202,030,000 in voter-approved Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative (PPPI) funds, \$13,426,000 Impact Fees and \$2 million of Sports Facilities funds. In addition, other funding sources such as Community Development Block Grants are projected to be used, as appropriate. He highlighted the types of projects that would be areas of emphasis for flatland parks, preserves and major maintenance.

Assistant Director Whitfield reviewed completed projects such as Margaret T. Hance Park Phase 1A, the Yunya Park renovation, the new Phoenix Zoo parking lot and renovations to Piestewa Peak. He also shared projects in progress which included splash pads at El Oso and Mariposa parks, the Cesar Chavez Community Center, Little Canyon Park improvements and the recent lake dredging at Roadrunner Park. Assistant Director Whitfield closed by highlighting upcoming projects including renovations to Paradise Valley, Cielito, Perry and Circle K parks, and the development of the new Harvest Park.

Board Member Perea inquired what renovations were happening at Perry Park, as he did not believe the tennis courts were used.

Assistant Director Whitfield stated staff was working with the community on the amenities they would like to have which included improving the lighting, installing sports courts and a new skate plaza.

Director Aguilar added that the tennis courts are the location where the community has asked have them converted to a skate plaza.

4. Consent Items

Chairperson Bustamante stated the consent items would be taken individually, as Board Member Perea had a conflict of interest on item 4b.

4a. Parks and Recreation Board Summary Minutes- February 24, 2022

Board Member Perea made a motion to approve items 4a, second by Board Member Barnwell. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0

4b. New 2022 Request to Vend at El Oso Park

Board Member Perea refrained from voting on this item and went off camera.

Board Member Lieb made a motion to approve item 4b second by Board Member Porter. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0

Board Member Perea re-joined the meeting.

5. Call to the Public

City Attorney Patricia Boland clarified the role of the Board during the public comment section.

Speaker Susan Rothwell spoke her concern about the proposed Taylor Morison 480-acre project which will be built at the Cave Creek wash just south of the Sonoran Drive.

Speaker Craig Weaver spoke his concern about drones flying over Mountain View Park, students at the nearby school and the North Mountain Preserve and asked that this flight zone be closed.

Chairperson Bustamante acknowledged the following letters sent to each Board Member: letters from the Saddle Ranch neighbors with information regarding the fly zone at Mountain View Park; an email from Mr. Ontiveros regarding including money from the budget to purchase outdoor adult exercise equipment for Grant Park; and a thank you letter to the Board and Park Rangers from Donna Hampshire and Cordova Neighborhood regarding the code of conduct process.

6. BOARD CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Bustamante provided information on the American Festival that will take place at Steele Indian School Park on March 26 and 27; a Movie in the Park at Deer Valley Park on April 1; Egg-cellent Adventure at Dee Valley Park on April 10; an egg hunt at Paseo Highlands Park; and an Earth Day event at Homestead park on April 22.

7. BOARD COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Chairperson Bustamante inquired what year the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative tax will expire.

Director Aguilar responded in 2038.

Board Member Lieb commented on the condition of the golf holes at the ASU practice facility at the Papago Golf Course and inquired whose responsibility was it to maintain them and how to address it.

Director Aguilar stated his comments were very timely and that staff plans to come to the Board in April with an update on planned improvements, which include a proposed redesign, which is allowed per the agreement with them.

Board Member Moya commented that he recently drove by the Phoenix Zoo and pleased to see that an item the Board approved, the new parking lot, was being completely utilized.

8. DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

Director Cynthia Aguilar introduced the Assistant Directors to provide updates on their areas.

Assistant Director Tracee Hall provided an update on community engagement efforts regarding the 55th Avenue and Samantha Way (Harvest Park); 87th Avenue and Lower Buckeye (Farmland Park); and Grant Park and Mountain Vista playgrounds. She stated staff was in the process of engaging the community for Eastlake Pool and Perry Park renovations.

Assistant Director Martin Whitfield provided updates on Hance Park Phase 1B Garden Project and Cowtown's Annual PHXAM- Desert West Skateboard Plaza.

Director Aguilar provided updates on the following: registration for summer camps at 12 locations just opened; an incentive pay was announced on March 3 for lifeguards and since that date there were 180 individuals that signed up for certification classes; and a hiker safety reminder as temperatures were starting to increase.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairperson Bustamante adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April ,28 2022,

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: CIRCLE K MURAL

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) retroactively approve the completed community proposed mural at Circle K Park, located at 1346 E. South Mountain Ave.

BACKGROUND

In an effort to activate the park and engage community members in sharing the vision for the future of Circle K Park, Forever Rising, along with The Sagrado Galleria and Council District 8, held their 5th Annual Young Artist Showcase at Circle K Park on March 5, 2022.

The Parks and Recreation Board approved vending at the local art event, which was intended to promote young local artists from the South Phoenix area and showcase their variety of art in forms of jewelry, canvas painting and other different mediums. The event included refreshments, music, performances and merchant booths provided by local entrepreneurs, the Parks and Recreation Department and Council District 8.

The event was well attended with approximately 200 local community members who were able to witness the collaboration of over 20 artists actively showcasing their work. The event was a great success and inspired the community to propose a mural to be painted on the restroom facility located in Circle K Park (**Attachment A**).

DISCUSSION

At the event, a mural was painted by one of the artists. The mural is approximately 12 feet wide and five feet tall and is painted on the south side of the restroom facility.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board's retroactive approval of the mural at Circle K Park.

Prepared by: Joe Diaz, Deputy Director

Approved by Tracee Hall, Assistant Director

Attachment A





To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT REQUEST AT MARGARET T. HANCE PARK

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) approval to hold a New Year's Eve special outdoor event on the east side of Margaret T. Hance Park (Hance Park) on Dec. 31, 2022. This report also requests to allow vending during the event that would include food trucks, liquor sales and live music; and to extend park hours of operation from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

BACKGROUND

This event, produced by Walter Productions and Crescent Concerts, previously received Board approval on Sep. 16, 2021, to take place on Dec. 31, 2021; however, the 2021 event was canceled due to inclement weather.

First held in 2015, the New Year's Eve event has surpassed the capacity available in the original location with an anticipated attendance of 15,000 to 20,000 participants for 2022. Due to the pandemic and inclement weather, the event was last held in 2019 and sold approximately 9,300 tickets.

In its sixth year of celebration, event producers hope it becomes the staple New Year's Eve celebration in Phoenix for those 21 and over, while highlighting Hance Park, METRO light rail services, walkable neighborhoods and exceptional entertainment with live music, fireworks, interactive art exhibits and décor.

Crescent Concerts, an affiliate of Crescent Ballroom, has been a staple live event venue in Downtown Phoenix for over a decade. Management of Crescent Concerts has been involved in creating and opening successful venues such as the Valley Bar and the Van Buren, both located in Downtown Phoenix. In addition to the New Year's Eve Block Party, Crescent Concerts has produced other large events such as the Viva Phoenix Music Festival.

DISCUSSION

Hance Park has developed a recognized downtown presence for local residents and all visitors. The proposed ticketed event is intended to enhance park usership and provide an accessible, safe and inclusive opportunity for a New Year's Eve celebration in

Downtown Phoenix. All attendees will be encouraged to ride METRO light rail, bike or rideshare to and from the event, which is also walkable for local residents. Downtown Phoenix NYE will showcase several DJs and bands, immersive art experiences and art cars, diverse food options with local food trucks and a unifying moment at midnight with low waste and minimal environmental impact (**Attachment A**).

Event producers are responsible for the surrounding neighborhood and business event outreach and education within a half mile radius of Margaret T. Hance Park to include, but not limited to, respective:

- Neighborhood Associations
- Neighborhood HOAs
- Multifamily Residential Units
- Businesses
- Schools
- Cultural Organizations

Note: A half mile radius is represented by the following roadway boundaries:

- North: Palm Lane
- South: Fillmore Street
- West: Seventh Avenue
- East: Seventh Street

The community notification plan for the event would begin no later than September 2022, pending Board approval, with a letter mailer containing general event information and community meeting details followed by a community meeting in October 2022 where residents and community members can express any comments or concerns. In early December 2022, a door hanger will be distributed with a general event overview and the street closure plan. Street closures are expected and will be arranged with City Major Events staff.

All fees for staging, security and related production fees are the responsibility of Crescent Concerts and Walter Productions. Parks and Recreation Department staff, in collaboration with City Major Events staff, will conduct related venue logistical meetings as needed to produce an event on park property. Walter Productions will provide the necessary \$2 million liquor and general liability insurance for the event and will pay all park rental fees, deposits, staff supervision and maintenance fees and any other fees or services necessary. An Arizona special event liquor permit will be obtained, as well as any other necessary permits related to the event, including street closures.

The event and performance sites will be secured by fencing and security will be in place as required by the City of Phoenix and Arizona liquor laws. Walter Productions has requested to utilize the following areas of Hance Park: Eastside/Cultural Park, Central Avenue Bridge, Urban Plaza/Fountains area, Tree Bosque area and the 3rd Street and Burton Barr Central Library employee parking lots (**Attachment B**).

The site plan for this event incorporates use of the Central Avenue Bridge for entrance, security and line cueing, the Urban Plaza for added ingress and egress flow, the library

employee parking lot for restrooms and production parking, the eastside as a main event space, and the 3rd Street parking lot as a fireworks safety area (**Attachment C**).

Downtown Phoenix NYE recognizes the public health guidance on festival and large gatherings is subject to change. Parks and Recreation staff along with City Major Events will continue to work cooperatively with Downtown Phoenix NYE to adjust their event entry requirements related to COVID-19, if new public health guidance or restrictions on large gatherings are issued.

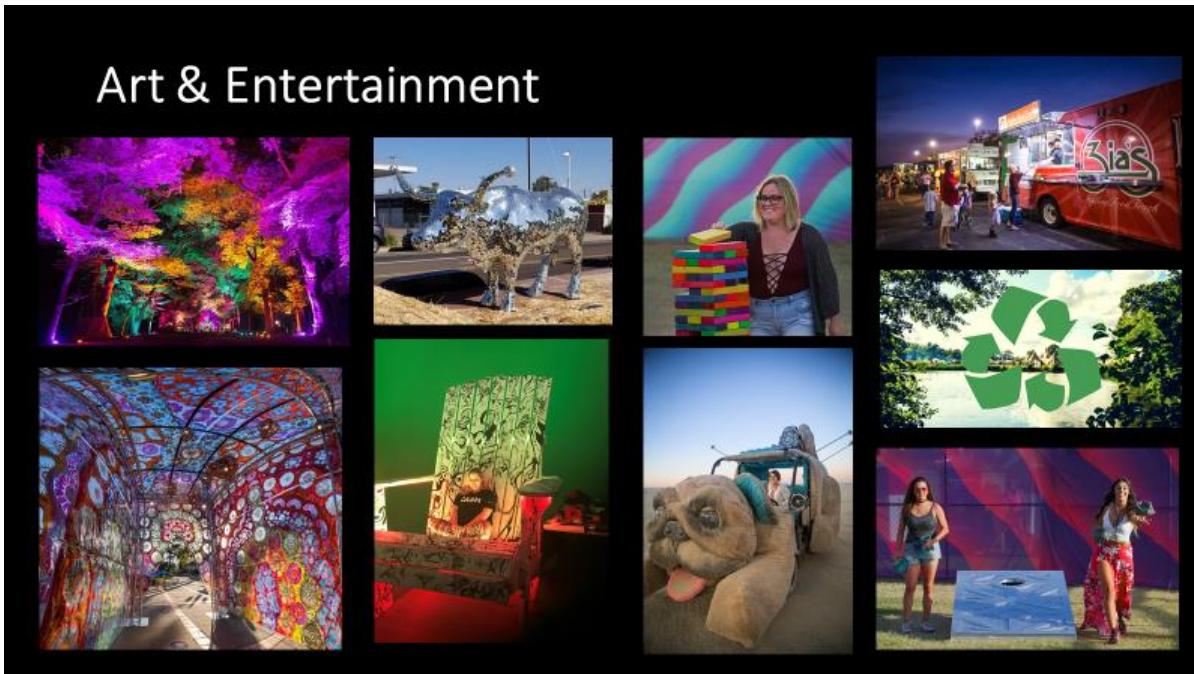
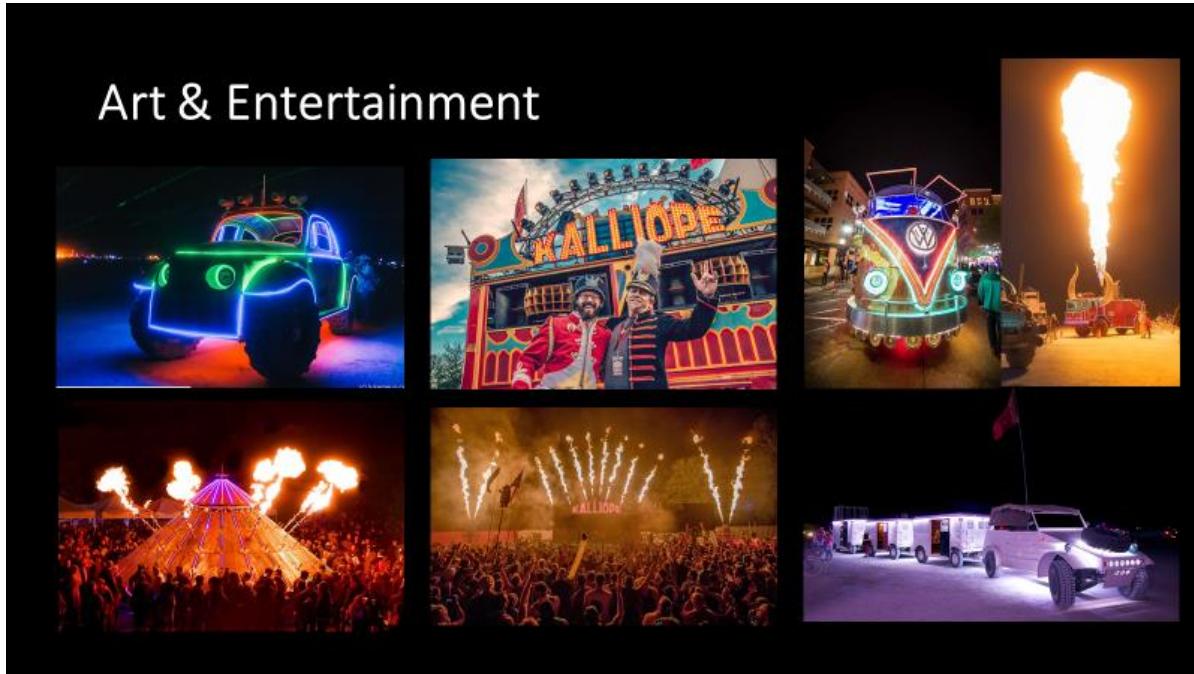
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval to hold the outdoor 2022 New Year's Eve event, allow vending, and approve extending park hours of operation to 1 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2023.

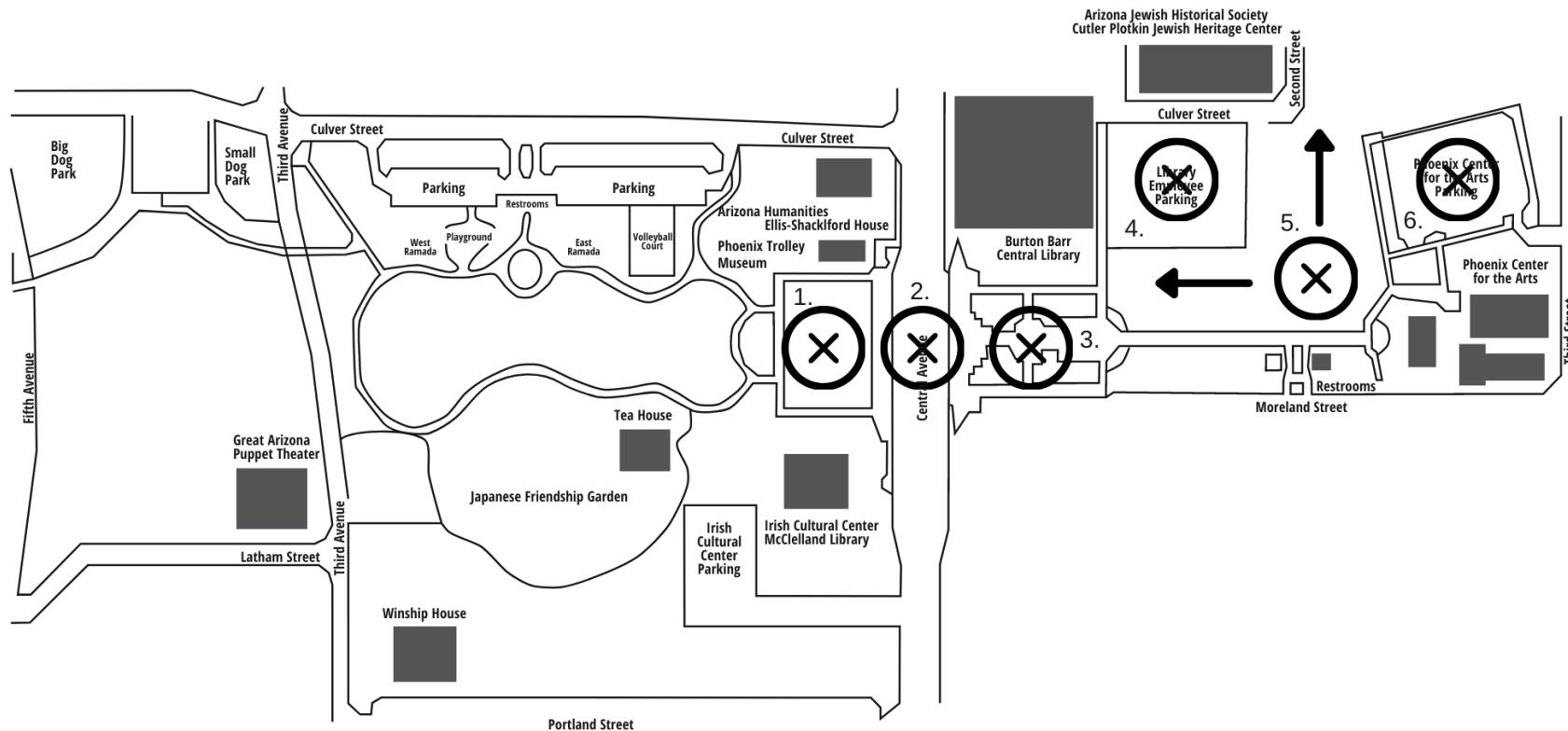
Prepared by: Alonso Avitia, Deputy Director

Approved by: Martin Whitfield, Assistant Director

Attachment A

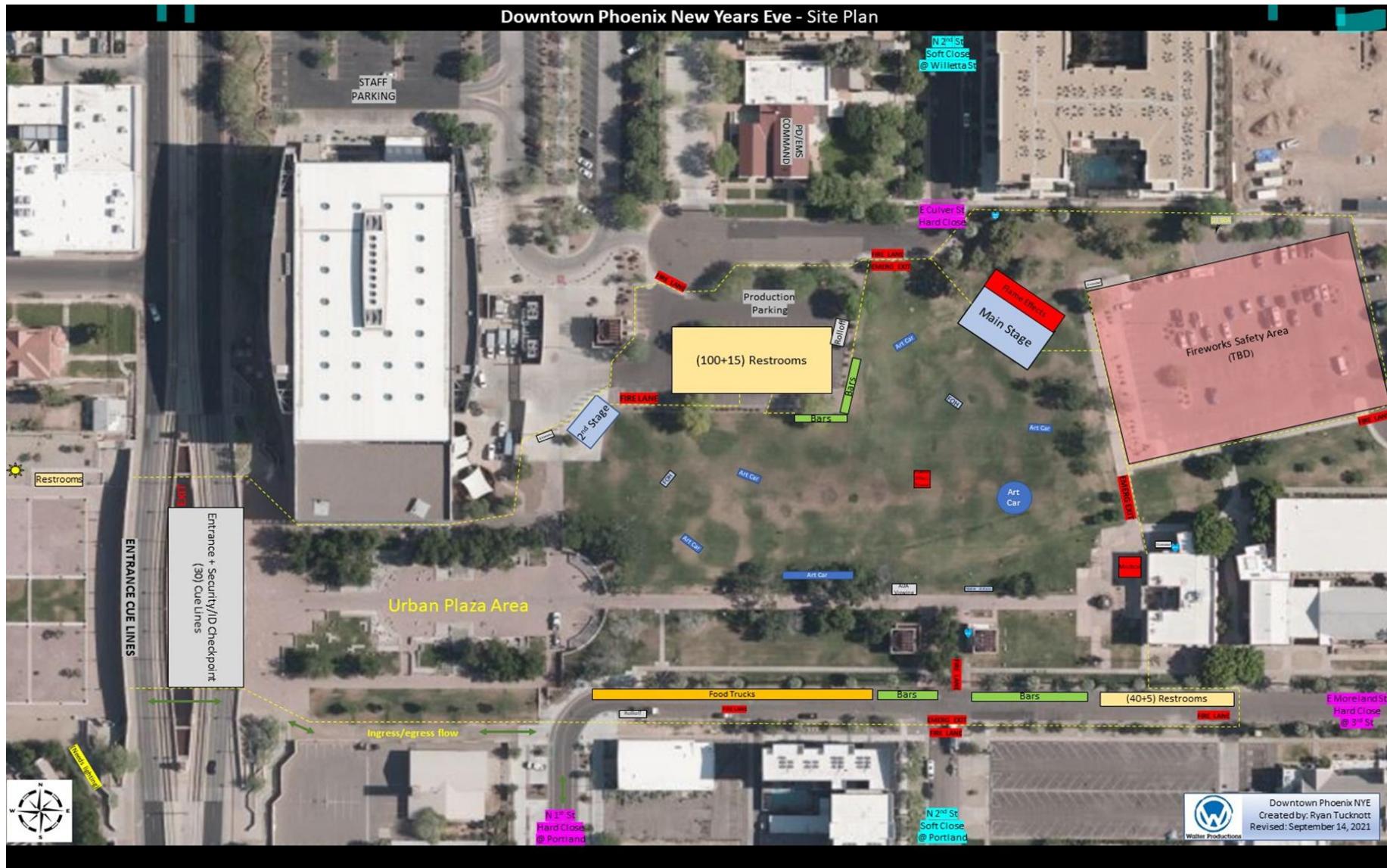


Attachment B



1. Bosque Tree Area
2. Central Avenue Bridge
3. Urban Plaza/Fountains Area
4. Library Employee Parking Lot
5. Eastside/Cultural Park
6. 3rd Street/Phoenix Center for the Arts Parking Lot

Attachment C





To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: REQUESTS TO VEND AT BARRIOS UNIDOS AND HERMOSO PARKS

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) approval of requests for vending at upcoming events being held at Barrios Unidos Park, located at 1501 E. Mohave St.; and Hermoso Park, located at 2030 E. Southern Ave.

BACKGROUND

Phoenix parks are reserved throughout the year for various events. Many events are produced by an event coordinator or community partners; and some are public events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Some events are free to the public, while others require a registration fee. Some of the events charge booth entry fees to vendors who sell food and/or products to attendees. Producers who rent City parks and facilities are required to follow all City guidelines, including obtaining all applicable permits and licenses.

Vending, which is a typical component of events in parks, can also consist of selling admission, food and beverages, t-shirts, or other concessions for fundraising purposes. Per Phoenix City Charter and Phoenix City Code 24-40, the Board must approve commercial sales/vending in public parks. Each year, the Parks and Recreation Department brings the Board an annual report requesting approval of all known requests for vending in parks; however, staff also receives requests for vending throughout the year, such as the two requests below, and brings them to the Board for approval.

DISCUSSION

Cinco de Mayo – Barrio Cuatro Milpas Celebration (May 7, 2022)

Tonatierra along with Barrio Cuatro Milpas has requested to host a community Cinco de Mayo celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barrios Unidos Park. The event is to support the culture and heritage associated with Cindo de Mayo and will feature community food booths, vendors, and music. The estimated attendance is 200 to 400 people.

Juneteenth Celebration (June 19, 2022)

Council District 8, in collaboration with community organizations has requested to hold a Juneteenth event at Hermoso Park from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Juneteenth is the oldest celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. In past years, the event was held at Eastlake Park and this year it has moved to Hermoso Park. The event will be attended by thousands of and feature vendors.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the above requests for vending at Barrios Unidos Park and Hermoso Park.

Prepared by: Joe Diaz, Deputy Director

Approved by: Tracee Hall, Assistant Director



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: MURAL REQUEST AT PERRY PARK

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) approval for the installation of a mural at Perry Park, located at 2700 N. 32nd St.

BACKGROUND

Perry Park is an approximate 8-acre neighborhood park located on 32nd Street, south of Thomas Road. Park amenities include lighted sports fields, basketball, tennis, volleyball, playground and a pool. This park has a strong community presence, and the surrounding neighborhood is very active in supporting positive programming at the park.

DISCUSSION

The City's Office of Arts and Culture worked with the Sagrado, a community arts organization and art gallery in South Phoenix to support the Perry Park Neighborhood Association to realize their vision of a mural created by the community at the Perry Park public restrooms (**Attachment A**).

The Sagrado conducted a community survey to gather input from residents on what they would like to see in the mural, including the color scheme. On April 30, 2022, City Council District 8 and the Perry Park Neighborhood Association will host Día de los Niños event. As part of the planned event, the Sagrado will host a "Pintura y Paletas" - Community Paint Day to facilitate intergenerational community mural painting.

A draft of the proposed mural can be found on **Attachment B**.

If approved, staff will enter into an agreement that outlines the mural installation/removal date, roles and responsibilities of the Sagrado.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the installation of a mural at Perry Park.

Prepared by: Danielle Poveromo, Deputy Director

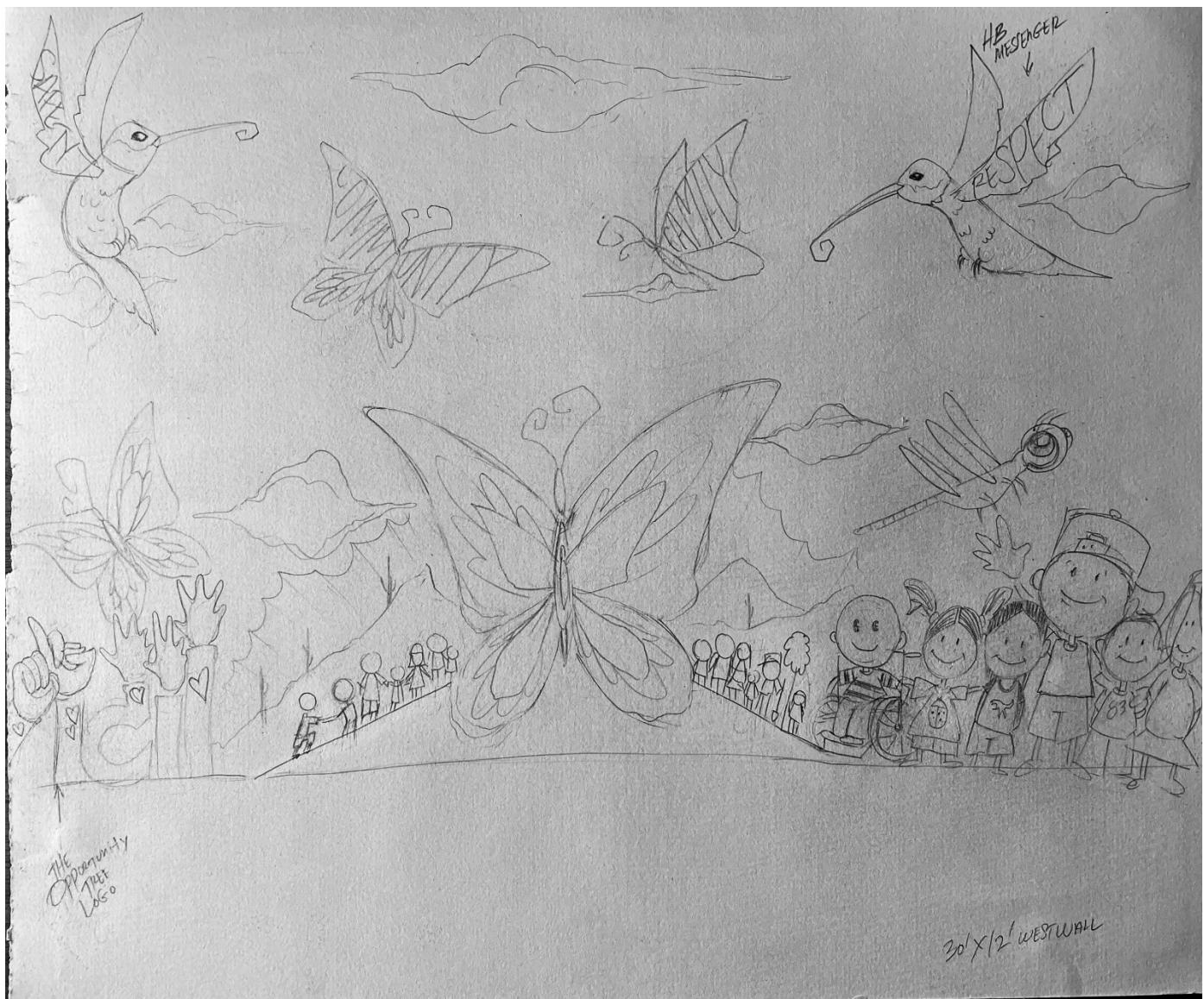
Approved by Tracee Hall, Assistant Director

ATTACHMENT A

Location of the mural (restroom building, closest to 31st Street)



Attachment B





To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: PHOENIX SONORAN PRESERVE COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board approval to reappoint John Furniss and Vashti 'Tice' Supplee, to the Phoenix Sonoran Preserves and Mountain Parks/Preserves Committee. The new term appointments would be in effect until January 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix Sonoran Preserve and Mountain Parks/Preserves Committee (PSPMPPC) provides a forum for citizen participation in the Phoenix mountains and desert preserves system and is a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board. The PSPMPPC shall, in concert with Parks and Recreation staff, hold workshops, review plans submitted by staff and provide comments and recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Board. The committee is a volunteer citizen body that serves without pay and is appointed by the Parks and Recreation Board based on the recommendation of the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

DISCUSSION

The first recommendation is the reappointment of Committee Chair John Furniss. Mr. Furniss lives on the east side of Camelback Mountain and has done a tremendous amount of trail work with park rangers on both Cholla and Echo Canyon trails. Mr. Furniss has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Psychology and a Master's Degree in Physiology from Penn State University. He retired in 2017 following a more than 35-year career as an executive in information technology services. He now devotes his time to community service, travel and other interests to include appointment to the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee, past president and current Membership Administrator Event Organizer of the Arizona Mountaineer Club where, among other activities, he organizes the club's annual Grand Canyon Clean-up where 40 to 50 members rappel along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park to recover trash and coins not readily accessible to National Park Services staff. Mr. Furniss has served as the Chairperson of the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve and Mountain Parks/Preserve committee for the past eight years, actively participating in issues with citizen groups and in Parks and Recreation Board Meetings. Mr. Furniss is passionate about the mountain parks and preserves and seeks to continue serving on the Phoenix Sonoran Preserves and Mountain Parks/Preserves Committee.

The second recommendation is the reappointment of Committee Member Vashti "Tice" Supplee. Ms. Supplee lives in Central Phoenix and was with Arizona Game and Fish Department for 29 years and is currently the Arizona Director of Bird Conservation for

the National Audubon Society. Ms. Supplee has a bachelor's degree from Cornell University in Wildlife Ecology and a Master's Degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Arizona. Ms. Supplee has a wide range of diverse experiences that include law enforcement, program administration, training in and application of conservation planning tools, administration of grant programs and development of grant proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Board approve reappointment of John Furniss and Vashti 'Tice' Supplee to the Phoenix Sonoran Preserves and Mountain Parks/Preserves Committee, each for an additional three-year term.

Prepared by: Jarod Rogers, Deputy Director

Approved by: Tracee Hall, Assistant Director



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 28, 2022

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Parks Director

Subject: Homestead Park Activation Update and Request to Modify Park Hours

This report provides an update on park activation efforts at John F. & Mary P. Long Homestead Park and requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) approval to adopt temporary modified park hours of 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a six-month trial. Current park hours are 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BACKGROUND

Homestead Park is a five-acre park located at 2602 W. Glendale Ave. Park amenities include a playground, ramada, restroom, open play area, benches, grills and a new WalkPHX path and community garden.

In 2021, the Parks and Recreation Department received ongoing concerns from the adjacent neighborhood and community organizations about persistent criminal activity at Homestead Park including drug use, prostitution and violence, as well as trespassing in the park after hours.

Since then, staff has responded by increasing community-driven engagement efforts. The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Maricopa County Parks Rx, PHX Cares and District 5 Phoenix City Councilwoman Betty Guardado's office to address these concerns and activate the park with outdoor park programs and events that foster positivity. These efforts have made the park a more inviting place for the neighbors. Engagement has included in-person and virtual neighborhood meetings, formal in-person and virtual surveys and informal polling of participants attending the activation events. Examples of engagement events and activities include:

- Initial Community Meeting & Survey - May 22, 2021
- Fall Programs Kickoff - Sept. 7, 2021
- Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Event - Oct. 29, 2021
- Community Clean Up and Mural Painting – Nov. 13, 2021
- Tree Planting and WalkPHX path dedication – Feb. 5, 2022
- Earth Day Celebration including opening the community garden and a Movie in the Park - April 22, 2022

Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department and community's efforts at Homestead Park were the subject of two positive local news stories that aired on radio station KJZZ on Sept. 16, 2021 ([KJZZ - 09/16/21](#)) and March 7, 2022 ([KJZZ - 03/07/22](#)).

Beginning in fall 2021, the department added an outdoor park program at Homestead Park. The outdoor park program offers free organized age-appropriate activities geared towards youth and families in the surrounding neighborhoods. Examples of activities offered include music, field hockey and jumbo outdoor lawn games. Staff has observed the successful activation, as a result of this engagement.

A variety of physical improvements have also been made to the park to further promote positive activation: a new mural on the restroom building, 48 new trees, a WalkPHX path and the installation of a community garden in partnership with the Office of Environmental Programs, Neighborhood Services, Ocotillo Glen Neighborhood Association, Maricopa County ParkRx and the TigerMountain Foundation. The department also recently installed a new gate to re-direct the park entrance north of the park which is more easily accessible to the surrounding community.

DISCUSSION

The community has requested approval to temporarily modify park hours as another measure to further reduce the potential of criminal activities taking place in the park during early mornings and late evenings. The attached letters (**Attachment A**), requesting that the modified park hours be adopted, were received from concerned residents. Homestead Park has been a model on what can happen when the community and multiple partners are engaged. Staff will monitor activity during the pilot to determine if the modified hours have helped to deter criminal activity in the park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the community's request to adopt the modified park hours of 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on a six-month trial at Homestead Park.

Prepared by: Jan Sherwood, Deputy Director

Approved by: Martin Whitfield, Assistant Director

Attachment A

Violence Impact Project Coalition

VISION: An Active, safe and welcoming community with vibrant retail and sustainable housing.

The Coalition will focus on education, partnerships, outreach and strategic planning within the VIP boundaries of Dunlap to Indian School and 19th Avenue to 35th Avenue.

April 18, 2022

Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board
200 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Homestead Park Change of Hours

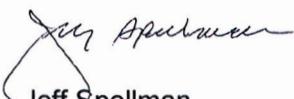
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About a year ago, the community began working with our Council District 5, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and other partners to find ways to reactivate this park. We held community events that proved very popular and began a process of working with the Parks and Recreation Department to revitalize this park through programming and facility enhancements. Although we have seen many successes, we are still experiencing a lot of negative behavior, especially related to drug use and drug dealing in the early morning and late evening hours.

To support our ongoing efforts to revitalize and reactivate this park our community is requesting the Board to approve a change in hours for this park from 5:30 am - 10:00 pm to 7:30 am - 7:30pm. We would appreciate your support in our ongoing effort to welcome back our residents to a safe and beautiful park that it once was and support for a piece of Phoenix history.

Sincerely,



Jeff Spellman
VIP Coalition Team Leader
phoenixvipcoalition@gmail.com
602-499-2038

Ray Ficcaglia

From: graber1@cox.net
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Ray Ficcaglia
Subject: Homestead park change of hours

Mr. Ficcaglia,

State Avenue Block Watch has been actively engaged in the redevelopment of Homestead Park. We are very excited about all the positive developments renovating the park but at this time we would request the hours of the park be changed to 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Many neighborhood leaders are working with many City departments in creating a safer 27th Ave as well as a safer 19th Ave. Until these programs are further developed we need to decrease the hours of the park to eliminate the criminal transients negative behavior and constant drug use and drug dealing in the early am and later evening hours.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Graber
State Avenue Block Watch Captain
602-430-3937

Ray Ficcaglia

From: Pam Fitzgerald <pftz1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:37 PM
To: Ray Ficcaglia
Subject: Homestead Park

April 18, 2022

Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board
200 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Homestead Park Change of Hours

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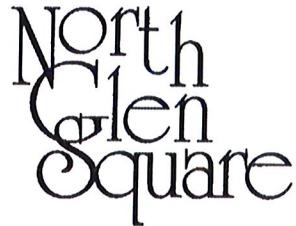
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Sincerely,

Pam Fitzgerald
V.P. Community Affairs
Washington Park Neighborhood Assn.



27th Ave to 35th Avenue/Glendale to Northern

April 19, 2022

Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board
200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Homestead Park Change of Hours

Dear Parks Board Members:

At a recent Board meeting of North Glen Square Neighborhood Association, we discussed the proposed change of hours request. It has also been posted to our Facebook page. NGS members have been active in the revitalization of Homestead Park by helping with tree planting and the creation and planting of the Community Garden.

This Park was donated many years ago by John F. and Mary P. Long from their original homestead as they recognized the need for Community Parks along with development. I know they would want it to be a sustainable, safe park for residents in the area. Unfortunately, activities in the park the past few years have changed the feeling about this being a safe park. Families are not making use of the extended hours, but individuals with negative behaviors have impacted the use of the park.

The community along with Council District 5, Parks and Recreation Department, Maricopa County Department of Public Health and other partners have been working hard. The garden is installed; there are community events. These are recent successes, but there still continues to be issues of drug dealing and drug use in the early morning and late evening hours.

Our community is requesting the Board approve a change in hours for this park from 5:30 am -10:00 pm to new hours of 7:30 am-7:30 pm. We appreciate your support in our ongoing effort to welcome our community residents to a safe and beautiful park and keep a piece of Phoenix History alive and vital.

Sincerely,

Debra LaPlante, Vice-President
North Glen Square Neighborhood Association
northglensquare@gmail.com
602-809-3430



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Phoenix, AZ 85003

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Re: Homestead Park Change of Hours

Tower & Street Clocks

Dear Parks Board Members:

I am writing in support of the proposed change in hours at Homestead Park. As a member of this neighborhood's business community, I have been involved in the efforts to revitalize the 27th Ave Corridor and believe the reduction in park hours, among other steps, would positively serve these efforts.

I urge you to approve this proposed change in hours from 5:30 am - 10:00 pm to 7:30 am - 7:30pm.

Respectfully,

Frank Beaudrot

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Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board
200 W Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Homestead Park Change of Hours

Dear Parks Board Members:

I have worked to help bring a community garden to Homestead Park. As part of the ongoing efforts to revitalize and reactivate this park our community is requesting the Board to approve a change in hours for this park from 5:30 am - 10:00 pm to 7:30 am - 7:30pm. We would appreciate your support in our ongoing effort to welcome back our residents to a safe and beautiful park that it once was and support for a piece of Phoenix history.

Sincerely,

Sinclair Noe

3116 W. Augusta Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85051