



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES**  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
Mountain View Community Center  
8625 E. Mountain View Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

**PRESENT:** Chair Michael Vreeland, Vice-Chair Amy Arnold, Commissioners Jamie Alford, Sandy Kull, and Teresa Kim Quale

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Susan McGarry and Eric Maschhaupt

**STAFF:** Deputy Director Kevin McKee; Parks and Recreation Managers Kyu-Bin Hyun, Chris Walsh, Valerie Budnick, Hezekiah Allen, Chris Hawes; Principal Planner Eileen Baden; Senior Transportation Planner Susan Conklu; Police Sergeant Kevin Bingham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vreeland called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as listed above.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on non-agendized items.

**MINUTES**

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2026

VICE-CHAIR ARNOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2026, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KULL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR VREELAND, VICE-CHAIR ARNOLD, COMMISSIONERS ALFORD, KULL, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **1. ANNUAL PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

COMMISSIONER QUALE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER ALFORD TO REPRESENT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ON THE PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE. VICE-CHAIR ARNOLD SECONDED THE NOMINATION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR VREELAND, VICE-CHAIR ARNOLD, COMMISSIONERS ALFORD, KULL, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Commissioner Alford accepted the position.

### **2. E-BIKE REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Karen Marche asked for clarification on the rules and regulations regarding e-bike use, specifically on the Greenbelt.

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, and Kevin Bingham, Police Sergeant, provided an overview of the City's e-bike regulations and activity within Scottsdale parks. Their presentation included an overview of the purpose of multi-use paths, path restrictions, and current signage, and a detailed review of the different types of motorized devices, including those that are allowed on multi-use paths, sidewalks, and the on-street network. They gave an overview of recent updates to regulations, including Ordinance No. 4372 and Scottsdale Revised Code 1717.

Ms. Conklu talked about the benefit of the on-street bike network, path wayfinding and regulatory signage, and path widening projects. Staff is currently conducting outreach to inform the public about regulations and laws on multi-use paths and to educate about alternate routes that are available. The Scottsdale Police Department Bike Unit and park rangers conduct targeted enforcement on the path network. The Transportation Department has worked with the Bike Unit and park rangers to create a safety video series and stage a Discover Scottsdale's Urban Oasis multi-use path photo shoot, as well as working on the Tour de Scottsdale information table, Bike to Work Day, and producing a bicycle safety brochure. Transportation staff is conducting a study and considering a pilot program along Indian Bend Wash between Chaparral and Indian School and between Via Linda and the Loop 101.

Sgt. Bingham gave an update on the park rangers program and the concerns of the e-bike committee. He talked about the biggest concerns being addressed regarding e-bikes and the Department's enforcement response. He noted that typically violators are preteens or young teens. He highlighted issues with educating the public, particularly parents of teens, about regulations associated with Electric Motor Driven Cycles (EMDC).

Commissioners asked questions throughout the presentation. Sgt. Bingham said that EMDC violations come with fines and vehicle impound for 20 days. He explained that the way Arizona laws are written, restrictions cannot include Class 2 e-bikes, because they are still considered bicycles. Ms. Conklu said that path speed limits are being studied as part of the ongoing study. She noted that e-bikes should not be banned, because many people use e-bikes to assist them due to medical and/or age-related issues.

Chair Vreeland requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission be provided with a copy of the Transportation Study when it has been completed.

### **3. PARKS AND PRESERVE SALES TAX MONTHLY UPDATE**

Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an update on capital projects and other improvements funded by the Parks and Preserve sales tax. Updates were given on the following projects:

- Tree planting and pruning projects: completed projects included planting of nine trees at Northsight, 30 trees at Scottsdale Sports Complex, and 17 trees as part of the City's Arbor Day efforts. Pruning of mature trees will be done at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center by City staff, and large oak trees at Paiute Park will be pruned by contracted workers.
- Painting projects: painting of ramadas at Eldorado Park and the building at Mountain View Community Center have been completed. Upcoming projects include painting of railings, restrooms, and ramadas at Northsight Park and Pima Park, as well as fitness equipment at Comanche.
- Comanche Landscape Improvements: Mr. Walsh gave an update on the landscape improvements at Comanche Park. Projects began on April 6th and are expected to be completed by mid-May.
- Other Upcoming Projects: plans are underway for projects improving Rotary Park playground, erosion repair at Camelback Park, Northsight Park phases II and III, tennis courts windscreen replacement, tree pruning at Pima Park, and sod installation.

Kevin McKee, Deputy Director, gave an update on public communication efforts. He noted that Prop. 490 includes a line item in the budget for communications, which is being utilized to engage a creative firm to design a series of signs to inform the public about larger Prop. 490 projects and several of the smaller ongoing projects.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. McKee explained that the messaging has transitioned from "Prop. 490" to "Parks and Preserve Sales Tax". He agreed that for clarification, "Prop. 490" could also be included on signage in smaller text. Chair Vreeland stressed the importance of keeping the public informed by maintaining a list of completed Prop. 490 projects on the website.

### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

Mr. McKee noted that staff updates have transitioned to a new format in order to be more inclusive of a variety of topics, including project updates, special events, and upcoming projects. He gave an overview of the following:

- Cactus Aquatic Center: Mr. McKee gave an update on the Cactus Aquatic Center feasibility study, which includes exploration of a variety of different options for relocation of the center. He anticipated agendizing a presentation by the consultants during a future meeting.
- Special Events: Mr. McKee reported on the success of the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Tents on the Tracks event and the April 4 Bunnanza event. He announced that the Annual Tracks and Tunes Concert Series has six concerts scheduled, starting on Saturday, April 25th and continuing each Saturday through the end of May. Mr. McKee noted that May is Indian Bend Wash Month. Eldorado Aquatic Center will host a dive-in

movie screening of Super Mario Brothers on Saturday, May 23.

- Summer Registration: Mr. McKee said that summer registration will open on Monday, April 20, 2026, for Scottsdale residents, and on Thursday, April 23 for non-residents. Youth summer programs and adult sports opened on April 13.
- Tree City USA: Mr. McKee noted that this year will be the City of Scottsdale's 44th year as a Tree City USA designated community, and the City has held the designation longer than any other municipality in the State of Arizona. Commissioners were sent an invitation to the Arbor Day Celebration, scheduled at Eldorado Park on Friday, April 24, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Tree City USA designation will be celebrated throughout the month.
- Process Improvements: The City's survey process has been digitized, and the survey systems have been automated across all programs, resulting in an increase in survey response rates. Staff is now able to monitor and give responses through a real-time dashboard. An enhanced application system is open and will be available for youth sports partners through May 1st.

## **6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Kull said that she is looking forward to participating in the Arbor Day celebration. Commissioner Alford said she enjoyed visiting Ashler Hills Park.

Chair Vreeland said he attended the Bunnanza event at Civic Center. He encouraged everyone to attend the Arbor Day celebration. He said he continues to be impressed with the Greenbelt Lakes project south of McDowell.

Vice-Chair Arnold gave a brief report on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee. She attended Bunnanza; rode bikes on the Greenbelt; walked Chapparral, Camelback, and Indian School Parks; and went to Club Sar for the first time. She planned to attend the Arbor Day Celebration.

Commissioner Quale said she walked Indian Bend Park. She was impressed with the new splash pad and outdoor restrooms at Civic Center.

## **7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Kevin McKee, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, presented a summary of the proposed agenda for the May 20 meeting. He noted that there will be no meetings in June or July. A retreat/work-study session has tentatively been scheduled for August 19.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER QUALE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ALFORD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR VREELAND, VICE-CHAIR ARNOLD, COMMISSIONERS ALFORD, KULL, AND QUALE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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