

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MEETING**

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, February 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Board may vote to convene an executive session on any item that is listed on this agenda for discussion or consultation with legal counsel to obtain legal advice in accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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Each agenda item requires a separate sign-up form. If you wish to speak on multiple items, please submit a form for each one. Thank you for your understanding.

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Individuals may arrive up to 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting to submit an in-person request to speak. Requests to speak on individual items will not be accepted after the meeting has been called to order.

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- Virtual speakers must register by: **February 25, 2026**

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER	Tony Moya, Chair
2. INFORMATION ONLY: 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. Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance	Tannia Ruiz
3. 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 Board Minutes – January 22, 2026	Jana Benson
b. Request to Vend at City Parks	Tony Salinas
4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS(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. Parks Foundation Update	Jana Benson
b. Mayor’s Monarch Butterfly Pledge Update	Jarod Rogers
c. Capital Improvement Projects Update	Todd Shackelford
5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Citizens are provided time to make statements to the Board. (Those desiring to make a statement should have informed staff in advance of the meeting by following the instructions on this notice.) 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.	
6. BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – The Chairperson will verbally present comments or requests to the Board without Board discussion.	Tony Moya, Chair
7. BOARD COMMENTS/REQUESTS – The Chairperson will entertain Board member comments or requests without Board discussion.	Tony Moya, Chair
8. DIRECTOR’S BRIEFING – Briefing items will be verbally presented to the Board by the Director or designee without Board discussion.	Martin Whitfield, Interim Director
9. ADJOURNMENT	Tony Moya, Chair

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TTY: 7-1-1. February 20, 2026.



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 26, 2026

From: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

Subject: Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance

This report provides information to the Parks and Recreation Board (Board) on the Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance approved by the Phoenix City Council on December 17, 2025. This report is provided for informational purposes only, as the Phoenix City Council maintains the sole authority to pass ordinances. There is no presentation, and no action will be taken on this item.

BACKGROUND

During the December 17, 2025, Formal City Council Meeting, the Phoenix City Council passed Ordinance G-7467 by an 8–1 vote, adding Section 23-45 to the City Code to prohibit medical treatment within city parks and mountain preserves. The Phoenix City Council requested that the ordinance take a delayed effective date of March 30, 2026. In addition, the Phoenix City Council directed City staff to obtain stakeholder feedback.

The Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance (**Attachment A**) prohibits any activity or event that provides medical treatment to the public in a park, unless such event or activity is sponsored by or otherwise authorized by the City through established City processes. It further prohibits the sale or exchange of syringes and needles, as well as organizing or conducting a needle exchange or a needle exchange program. In addition, the ordinance prohibits the sale or distribution of harm reduction kits. Exceptions to this code include first responders, including a firefighter, law enforcement officer, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or other individual (including an employee of a legally organized and recognized volunteer organization, whether compensated or not) who, in the course of their professional duties, responds to fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar emergencies; family members administering aid to another family member; a person rendering aid to another person experiencing an emergency, including an emergency that requires the administering of naloxone; and the distribution of naloxone in non-emergency or emergency situations.

While medical treatment is defined as any act intended to diagnose or treat illness or injury, the ordinance explicitly allows providing information, connecting individuals to services, and transporting patients to medical facilities. To protect life-saving efforts, the policy includes broad exceptions for first responders, family members, and individuals rendering emergency aid, and it specifically permits the distribution and administration of Naloxone in both emergency and non-emergency situations.

DISCUSSION

Since the December 17, 2025, Formal City Council Meeting, the Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance Internal City Working Group was created to carry out the Council's direction to engage stakeholders. These stakeholders include the Public Health and Harm Reduction Partner Group, hosted by the Office of Public Health, the City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities ADHOC Committee, and other community stakeholders.

The City staff has facilitated community meetings with these groups and residents to gather feedback. This effort involves collecting and analyzing input from community groups. The City will return to the Phoenix City Council on March 25, 2026, to provide further updates and recommendations.

Staff will also return to the April Parks and Recreation Board meeting to provide an update regarding the Phoenix City Council's action.

RECOMMENDATION

This report provides information to the Board on the Safe Medical Treatment in City Parks Ordinance approved by the Phoenix City Council on December 17, 2025. This report is provided for informational purposes only, as the Phoenix City Council maintains the sole authority to pass ordinances. There is no presentation, and no action will be taken on this item.

Prepared by: Tannia M. Ruiz, Management Assistant II

Approved by: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

ATTACHMENT A - Revised

**THIS IS A DRAFT COPY ONLY AND IS NOT THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE
FINAL, ADOPTED ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE G-7467

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PHOENIX CITY CODE
CHAPTER 24 PARKS AND RECREATION TO ADD NEW
SECTION RELATING TO SAFE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as
follows:

SECTION 1. Phoenix City Code, Chapter 24, is amended as follows:

SEC. 24-45 SAFE MEDICAL TREATMENT IN PARKS

- A. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PARKS AS DEFINED IN PHOENIX CITY CODE CHAPTER 24.
- B. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:
 - 1. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE, OR CONDUCT AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO THE PUBLIC IN A PARK, UNLESS SUCH EVENT OR ACTIVITY IS SPONSORED BY OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY BY APPROVAL THROUGH ESTABLISHED CITY PROCESSES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MEDICAL TREATMENT IS DEFINED AS ANY ACT AIMED AT DIAGNOSIS, CURE OR TREATMENT OF DISEASE, INJURY, ILLNESS, OR WOUND, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PROVIDING INFORMATION, INFORMATION SHARING, PROVIDING CONNECTION TO SERVICES, OR TRANSPORTATION TO A MEDICAL FACILITY.
 - 2. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE OR CONDUCT THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SYRINGES AND NEEDLES OR ORGANIZE OR CONDUCT A NEEDLE EXCHANGE OR A NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

3. FOR ANY PERSON, GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO INVITE, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, SPONSOR, ORGANIZE OR CONDUCT THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF HARM REDUCTION KITS, INCLUDING ANY EVENT ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 36-798.51. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A "HARM REDUCTION KIT" IS ANY COLLECTION OF PARAPHERNALIA USED TO SAVE THE LIFE OR PROTECT THE HEALTH OF A PERSON OR THE COMMUNITY FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE. THIS COLLECTION MAY CONTAIN, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, STERILE SYRINGES, ALCOHOL CLEANING WIPES, OR TESTING KITS.

C. EXCEPTIONS. THIS SECTION OF THE CODE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PARAMEDIC, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL (INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OF A LEGALLY ORGANIZED AND RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, WHETHER COMPENSATED OR NOT), WHO, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES, RESPONDS TO FIRE, MEDICAL, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, OR OTHER SIMILAR EMERGENCIES.
2. FAMILY MEMBERS ADMINISTERING AID TO ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER.
3. A PERSON RENDERING AID TO ANOTHER PERSON EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES THE ADMINISTERING OF NALOXONE.
4. THE DISTRIBUTION OF NALOXONE IN NON-EMERGENCY OR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

D. VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Phoenix this 17th day of

December 2025.

MAYOR

Date

ATTEST:

Denise Archibald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Julie M. Kriegh, City Attorney

By: Jennifer Vega DSC
Jennifer Vega

REVIEWED BY:

Ed Zuercher, City Manager

DSC:phs:(LF25-2602);12/17/25:4919-8421-0048

ATTACHMENT A

ORDINANCE G-

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**CITY OF PHOENIX
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
January 22, 2026**

Virtual meeting hosted on Webex.

<p><u>Board Members Present</u> Tony Moya, Chair Aubrey Barnwell (virtual) Jessica Fotinos (virtual) Rick Naimark Sarah Porter (virtual) Emma Viera</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent</u> Leon Thomas</p>	<p><u>Staff Present</u> Cynthia Aguilar Dustin Cammack Martin Whitfield Brandie I. Barrett Felicita Mendoza Rosanne Albright Scott Coughlin Tannia Ruiz Cynthia Peiz Jana Benson Ray Ficcaglia Luzivette Broderick Dalia Adams</p>	<p><u>Community Members</u> Michael Svetz Jerry Van Gasse</p>
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moya called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Board members Barnwell, Naimark and Viera in attendance.

2. INFORMATION ONLY

No formal presentation on these items. Information only.

2a. Quarterly Code of Conduct Update

2b. North Mountain Park Renovation Update

Board member Barnwell moved to accept items 2a and 2b, with Board member Viera seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Jerry Van Gasse requested information on the source of funds for the North Mountain Park renovations and questioned the feasibility of the project timeline.

Board member Porter joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

No formal presentation on these items. Consent and request for approval only.

3a. Parks and Recreation Board Summary Minutes – November 17, 2025

3b. 2026 NCAA Women’s Final Four Events

3c. Barrio Unidos Park - Tonatierra Community Development Institute City Centzomilpan Community Heritage Garden

3d. Donation from Phoenix Suns/Phoenix Mercury Foundation for Court Improvements at Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Renovation of the Grant Park Gymnasium

3e. Heritage Square Sub-Permit Agreement - Haustgen House

Board member Viera moved to approve consent items 3a through 3e, with Board member Barnwell seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.

4a. Parks Master Plan Update

Director Whitfield gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department master plan process and introduced Consultant Mike Svetz from Pros Consulting. Mr. Svetz outlined the master plan approach, progress, and goals, noting that it will guide future park development, facilities, programming, water conservation, crime prevention, and equity efforts. He also explained the statistically valid community survey used in the process, emphasizing that it reflects a random, geographically and demographically representative sample of residents.

Mr. Svetz highlighted key findings from the survey across seven major themes. The results show strong community support for the City of Phoenix and recognition that the Parks and Recreation Department reflects local values and enhances quality of life. Survey data also indicate that park visitation in Phoenix aligns with national trends: 78 percent of residents visit a park at least once a year, and nearly half visit monthly. Most park use is self-directed, and the primary barriers to increased visitation are safety concerns and limited restroom availability.

Board member Fotinos joined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respondents identified park lighting, repairs, and restroom maintenance as top facility needs, all tied to overall park safety. While program participation in Phoenix was slightly below the national average, those who did participate rated program quality higher than average, with lack of awareness being the main reason others did not take part. Most residents learn about offerings through the City website or word of mouth. The survey showed no low-priority amenities or programs, and respondents expressed strongest

support for maintaining and improving existing facilities.. Mr. Svetz also presented service-level maps used to identify gaps in recreation centers, parks, and pools, and outlined next steps in the master plan, including updated service-level mapping, park equity analysis, operational assessments, and capital improvement prioritization.

Board member Naimark commended the survey and use of technology to engage the community. He asked about the timing of the project and how it aligns with the upcoming bond process.

Director Whitfield explained the master plan is expected to conclude in late summer/early fall. Departments are expected to submit their bond projects by the end of the calendar year, so the team will work together to incorporate the master plan into those projects.

Board Member Porter commended the survey and noted that its findings on resident priorities differ from the concerns typically raised at Parks and Recreation Board meetings. She emphasized that respondents are generally unconcerned about their distance from parks or transportation access. Porter also referenced the Trust for Public Land survey, which ranks cities based on walkable park access and consistently scores Phoenix low. She concluded by thanking the team for their presentation.

Chairman Moya welcomed new Board members Rick Naimark and Jessica Fotinos, noting that this meeting is one of many updates they will receive on the master plan process and encouraging them to ask questions as they arise. He also asked for information on the number of residents who use City parks annually.

Mr. Svetz responded that 78 percent of residents use the park annually and almost half visit a park at least once weekly.

4b. Urban Farming Project – 32nd Avenue and McDowell

Director Whitfield introduced the urban farming project at 32nd Avenue and McDowell Road and explained the City's acquisition of the 11-acre parcel in 2005. He noted the current project is a collaboration between the Office of Environmental Programs, Street Transportation Department, Office of Innovation, and the Parks and Recreation Department. He introduced Environmental Programs Manager Roseanne Albright from the Office of Environmental Programs.

Ms. Albright explained that the project site has been fully cleaned and prepared for development, including the removal of underground storage tanks and adjustments to soil pH, with funding provided by the Office of Environmental Programs. She outlined the City's goal of ensuring that all residents have access to healthy, affordable, and culturally relevant food and noted that the proposed urban farm is located within a food desert where it can provide economic opportunities, improved access to fresh food, and stronger community connections. She connected the project to earlier community outreach for the 2030 Food Action Plan, explaining that it addresses four of the ten community identified solutions and helps respond to broader food system challenges. She added that additional community engagement will take place from February to June 2026 within a two-mile radius of the site, with a focus on the Maryvale community.

Director Whitfield presented the timeline for the community outreach and a goal of issuing a request for proposals in July 2026. He noted that the Department is looking to secure funding to bring water to the site.

Board member Porter inquired whether the garden beds will be raised.

Ms. Albright replied that there may be a combination of raised beds, greenhouses, vertical farming, storage containers, and in-ground farming as the site is in an SRP irrigation area.

Board member Porter clarified that the Groundwater Management Act requires that newly irrigated lands be raised and prohibits newly irrigated in-ground agriculture.

Chairman Moya referenced the project timeline and highlighted the importance of obtaining cost estimates for bringing water to the site and securing sustainable funding.

Director Whitfield replied that cost estimates for the infrastructure to bring the water to the site are ongoing.

Chairman Moya emphasized that while securing sustainable funding can be challenging, it is also a vital step toward ensuring the long-term success of projects like this. He expressed optimism that with the right support, the project can continue to grow and avoid any risk of interruption.

4c. 2023 General Obligation (GO) Bond – Aquatic Facility Renovations at Maryvale, Marivue and Holiday Parks

Assistant Director Brandie Barrett explained that Maryvale, Marivue and Holiday parks were selected for major pool and splashpad improvements funded by \$14.35 million from the voter-approved 2023 General Obligation Bond program. She introduced Deputy Director Scott Coughlin and recognized the design partnership with CVL Consultants.

Deputy Director Coughlin shared that Maryvale will receive an upgraded regional pool, while the existing pools at Marivue and Holiday will be transformed into modern splashpads designed to conserve water, increase shade, and reduce heat. He also highlighted the extensive community engagement process, which included public meetings, school visits, postcards, emails, social media outreach, and QR codes placed in the parks to gather feedback.

Deputy Director Coughlin noted that residents were given three design options for each site. The community selected a design for Maryvale that includes three pools, one of which will be heated, along with a double slide, a relocated equipment room, and expanded shade and tree coverage. The Marivue splashpad will replace the current pool and feature eight to twelve spray elements and shaded areas. The Holiday splashpad will include an interactive dump bucket, shaded seating, and a ramada with picnic tables. He added that splashpads offer longer operating seasons and extended daily hours, remaining open from eight in the morning to eight in the evening from Memorial Day through October. The project timeline includes six to nine months for final design, followed by nine to twelve months of construction and celebratory grand opening events.

Board member Porter asked if the splashpads are accessible without paying a fee.

Deputy Director Coughlin confirmed they will be free to the public with no surrounding gate to enter.

Board member Viera recommended that the design consider using solar panels, which can also provide shade and energy for lighting. She also asked if there will be non-asphalt materials used for parking to address heat mitigation.

Deputy Director Coughlin responded that the projects will not affect the parking lots and the design team can look into solar panels.

Board member Naimark commended the staff and spoke about the difficulties related to ongoing pool maintenance. He expressed gratitude for the community support of the conversion of pools into splashpads, which he considered a better use of capital investments. He praised the accessibility of the splashpads.

Chairman Moya asked if there will be City staff at the splashpads.

Deputy Director Coughlin answered there will be no lifeguard or City staff at the location, but there will be a call box that connects to the front desk operator who can dispatch staff. There will also be an emergency stop button if needed.

Chairman Moya inquired about the distance between the three parks.

Deputy Director Coughlin replied less than two miles.

Chairman Moya questioned the age of the pools that will be converted.

Deputy Director Coughlin explained these pools were constructed in the late 1970's or early 1980's. He highlighted the opportunities the Maryvale pool will create to provide access to a mini-water park for \$1 and with the heated pool, the opportunity to train lifeguards on the city's west side.

Chairman Moya thanked the team for the level of community engagement.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public speakers.

6. BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Moya congratulated the two new board members, Director Whitfield, and Deputy City Manager Aguilar on their new positions. He highlighted the free morning yoga class offered at the Encanto Park Clubhouse on the second Saturday of each month. He also announced the upcoming 30th annual National Trail Trek, a 15.5-mile hike across South Mountain Park on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

7. BOARD COMMENTS/REQUEST

Board member Viera congratulated the team on the informative and comprehensive presentations to start the year.

Board Member Naimark noted that the Code of Conduct report was thorough but challenging to absorb in its current format. He asked for a graphical breakdown showing the types of violations over time to make the information easier to understand. He also requested a response to the public inquiry about funding for the North Mountain Renovation Project.

Director Whitfield responded that the team will provide graphics to support the code of conduct data and information on the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative funding.

8. DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING

Assistant Director Barrett highlighted the Hike with a Firefighter, Hear from a Park Ranger event, which will be held on Saturday, January 31 at South Mountain Park and Preserve. The event is free and open to all members of the public. She described the 38th Annual APS Electric Light Parade, which occurred in December and drew over 400,000 attendees. She thanked the Northeast Division and staff across the Department that made the event a success.

Director Whitfield displayed photos from the 2026 Itty Bitty Golf Open, in which over 100 children aged three to five participated. The event taught kids golf skills and provided each with a free set of golf clubs donated by the Junior Golf Association of Arizona. He discussed events to celebrate the birthdate of Martin Luther King Jr., which included the annual Living the Dream Awards Breakfast and the commemorative march from Eastlake Park to Margaret T. Hance Park.

Assistant Director Barrett announced the retirement of Special Operations Division Deputy Director Coughlin in February.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moya adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 26, 2026

From: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

Subject: REQUEST TO VEND AT CITY PARKS

This report requests Parks and Recreation Board (Board) approval to allow event production, marketing, community outreach, and vending of various events mentioned in this report. It also seeks authorization for the Parks and Recreation Director to negotiate and execute the associated event agreement and related documents.

BACKGROUND

Phoenix parks are reserved throughout the year for various events. Event coordinators or community partners produce many events, with the Parks and Recreation Department sponsoring a few public events. Some events are free to the public, while others require a registration fee. Entry fees are occasionally imposed on vendors who sell food and/or products. Producers who rent city parks and facilities are required to follow all city guidelines, including obtaining all applicable permits and licenses.

Vending, 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 receive requests for vending throughout the year, such as the requests below and brings them to the board for approval.

DISCUSSION

Third Valley Meetup- Cesar Chavez Park (February 28, 2026)

The Phoenix Suns are hosting the Third Valley Meetup at Cesar Chavez Park on February 28, 2026, as part of an exciting four-part event series. This free community gathering is open to the public and features a vibrant lineup of live music, local artists, and diverse vendors. Attendees can enjoy signature Suns entertainment, a variety of food trucks, and a wide range of family-friendly activities designed to bring the community together for a day of celebration and fun.

Water Awareness Month Festival – Steele Indian School Park (April 11, 2026)

Every April, the Governor’s Office partners with the Arizona Departments of Water Resources and Environmental Quality to host Water Awareness Month. This initiative uses community events and education to teach the public about water conservation, management, and quality. To celebrate this mission, organizers are planning the 2026 Water Awareness Month Festival at Steele Indian School Park on April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., pending Parks Board approval. In collaboration with partners like the Salt River Project and the City of Phoenix Water Services Department, the event will offer interactive experiences including educational water models, a Colorado River themed fishing game for children, and a Firewise lesson featuring Smokey the Bear. This festival serves as a vital platform for residents to connect with Arizona’s natural spaces while learning practical ways to improve water efficiency and protect the state’s most precious resource.

As with all requests to vend, event organizers for these events will be required to follow all city guidelines and use requirements for sales, including any required insurance, permits and licenses.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval to allow event production, marketing, community outreach, and vending related to the events mentioned in this report. It also seeks authorization for the Parks and Recreation Director to negotiate and execute the associated event agreement and related documents.

Prepared by: Tony Salinas, Deputy Director

Approved by: Todd Shackelford, Assistant Director



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 26, 2026

From: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

Subject: PHOENIX PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

This report provides an update to the Parks and Recreation Board on the operation of the Phoenix Parks Foundation.

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix Parks Foundation (Foundation) was founded in 1979 to assist the City of Phoenix to enhance and maintain an inviting, well-equipped, and safe park and preserve system for all to enjoy. The vision of the Foundation is to inspire community pride and excellence by building public-private partnerships that enhance Phoenix parks and preserves. The mission of the Foundation is to support, enhance, and advocate for parks, preserves and recreational opportunities that sustain a vibrant community by receiving and generating charitable donations for the benefit of the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department.

The Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that relies on donations to create new parks and restore existing ones to their original beauty. Because public agencies face budget constraints, private citizens and organizations come together through the Foundation to partner with the public sector and help meet the financial needs of Phoenix parks and preserves.

DISCUSSION

The Phoenix Parks Foundation takes a hands-on approach to park improvement through initiatives that bring together the resources needed to create and sustain change in parks that are overused and underfunded. Through a mix of in-kind donations from local contractors, cash donations and grant dollars, the work of the Foundation has resulted in many success stories. These include renovations and improvements to several neighborhood parks in need, such as Grant, Werner's Field, Moon Valley, Palomino and Encanto parks.

The Foundation recognizes the financial challenges of the Parks and Recreation Department and presents an opportunity to gain support for special park projects that cannot be adequately addressed by the City budget. Gifts to the Foundation support special projects, studies, plans, environmental review, and other programs in the City of Phoenix, helping to close funding gaps and providing leverage that allows the City to take advantage of special opportunities. Special parks projects supported by the Phoenix Parks Foundation include Cancer Survivor Park, Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, Japanese Friendship Gardens, Fabulous Phoenix Fourth, Irish Cultural Center, Camp Colley, Phoenix After School Centers and the APS Electric Light Parade.

In the 2025 fiscal year, the Foundation received \$363,147 in donations for parks and preserve development and improvements. During this time frame, the Foundation issued over \$439,000 in payments to support various initiatives. These include the facilitation of the Phoenix Suns/Mercury Foundation's sponsorship of basketball court renovations at Rose Mofford Sports Complex, Central

Park, and Palomino Park and improvements to the Barrio Gymnasium at Grant Park. Foundation funds were also used to provide scholarships for the Jr. Suns basketball program, host various Aquatics programs and trainings, FitPHX programming, Park Steward appreciation dinners, and the Phoenix Youth RISE Program.

In 2025, the Foundation reinstated their Mini-Grant program, which provides small amounts of seed money for modest community park improvements or innovations developed by Parks and Recreation Department staff. Applications are submitted directly by Parks employees and proposals may include projects suggested by park users, identified through interaction with fellow City of Phoenix employees, individual experiences or those developed exclusively by the individual applicant. Mini-Grant funds are available for materials, supplies, contractors and other assistance. Mini-Grants are reviewed and selected by the Phoenix Parks Foundation for final approval and authorization of funds. In 2025, seven Mini-Grants were awarded across various Parks' divisions, totaling \$24,889.83 in support for small-scale community and park improvements and programming.

The Phoenix Parks Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is an integral part of the organization, overseeing the effective management and direction of the corporation and ensuring that policies and actions are in line with the stated mission and purposes. Currently there are five individuals seated on the Board of Directors in addition to the Parks and Recreation Department who serves as an ex officio member. The Foundation employs a certified public accountant firm to handle management of the Foundation's funds and provide monthly reports to the Board of Directors and the Parks and Recreation Department.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information and discussion only.

Prepared by: Jana Benson, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by: Brandie I. Barrett, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

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Executive Summary

The Phoenix Parks Foundation was established in 1979 through the efforts of the Junior League of Phoenix, Arizona. The vision of the foundation continues to assist the City of Phoenix by enhancing and maintaining an inviting, well-equipped and safe park system for all to enjoy.

The Parks Foundation, in collaboration with its strategic partners and collaborators, has implemented programs that preserve and enhance our open spaces, helped manage and solicit funds to protect and promote the various park programs across the city, and has served as a fiscal steward for the investment and allocation of public funds aligned with our mission statement.

Parks and open spaces are an essential part of a thriving city. Phoenix is projected to grow at a rapid pace, and it is the responsibility of organizations like ours, in partnership with local government and its residents to advocate, protect and prioritize initiatives that will preserve this key element of our ecosystem.

Mission Statement

Our Mission: To support, enhance, and advocate for parks, preserves, and recreational opportunities to sustain a vibrant community. Our mission is to bridge the financial gap between services and amenities afforded by government in order to assist in making the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's a first-class Park System.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization that relies on contributions and community support to delivery on its mission.

Financial Summary

The foundation currently manages over \$800k in assets and each dollar received is carefully allocated to vital programs that enhance and sustain parks, preserves, and recreational initiatives across Phoenix. The foundation's annual budget is strategically managed to ensure maximum impact and alignment with long-term objectives. By maintaining rigorous oversight and adhering to sustainable financial practices, the foundation ensures that community investments directly contribute to the enrichment of open spaces and the quality of life for all residents.

5 Year Strategic Plan

Objectives	Initiatives
<p>1. Evaluate and improve organizational infrastructure.</p> <p>2. Provide continuous development for board members to be effective in their roles.</p> <p>3. Operate within a strategic and sustainable framework.</p> <p>4. Sustain and deepen the foundation’s internal knowledge of department and community needs.</p>	<p>1A. Board member development through meetings, interaction, events, and training.</p> <p>2A. Complete trainings and require engagement and participation from board members.</p> <p>3A. Review goals quarterly, attend events, and maintain and fiscally sustainable organization.</p> <p>3B. Implement community focused programs.</p> <p>4A. Invite partners to share updates, needs, and opportunities for expanded partnerships.</p>

Board Members and Administrator

- Colin Tetreault-Ernst & Young LLP-President
- Michelle De Blasi-Law Office of Michelle De Blasi-Treasurer
- Mark Lamm- City of Phoenix Recreation Supervisor (Retired)-Director
- Ricardo Aguirre-West Consultants-Director
- Bernie Frist-Safety & Risk Management Group-Director
- Mario Aniles, CPA-AnilesCPA-Administrator



Past and Active Projects

- APS Electric Light Parade
- Aquatics
- AZ Horse Lovers Park
- Civic Space Park
- Eastlake Community Center
- Fabulous 4th Celebration
- Fit Phoenix
- Encanto Park
- Phx. Mountain Preserves Trail Maint.
- Mountainview Community Gardens
- Longview Comm. Center Scoreboard
- Tovrea Castle
- Steele Indian School Park Concerts
- Camp Colley
- Cancer Survivors Park
- Arizona Senior Olympics
- Arcadia Park Renovations
- Moon Valley Park Renovations
- Parks Gift Catalog
- Tree Memorial Program
- NRPA Outdoor Grants
- Cesar Chavez Park
- Pioneer History Living Museum
- South Mountain Parks and Trails



Partners

Strategic Partnerships

- City of Phoenix-Parks and Recreation Department
- Phoenix Suns Charities
- JP Morgan Chase-Global Philanthropy
- Martin J. Vanderploeg Charitable Remainder Trust

The following includes some of the community impact and open space preservation metrics by our strategic partners, the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. As fiscal sponsors, the Phoenix Parks Foundation is responsible for the fiscal stewardship and compliance of the funds used to support some of these projects.

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department Metrics and Scope:

- 187 Flatland Parks
- 6,849 Acres of flatland parks
- 43,188 Acres of desert preserves
- 273 miles of trails
- Nearly 200 city parks community recreation centers offer affordable classes, sports and programs
- 8 municipal golf courses
- 29 public schools
- 2 historic cemeteries
- Nearly 50 after school sites
- 1 tennis center
- 92 indoor and outdoor Pickleball Courts
- Over 80 award-winning cultural and historical facilities and sites that include Heritage Square, Tovrea Castle, Phoenix Indian School Memorial, Irish Cultural Center and Japanese Friendship Garden
- 31 million visits to city parks and 17 million visits to Mountain Preserves including 3million hikers. There are 58 parks with FitPHX walking paths



Project Highlights

Selected projects summary facilitated by the Phoenix Parks Foundation and its strategic partners:

- Mini Grants
 - Each year the Foundation issues five-ten “mini grants” to support and supplement programs and activities that align with our objectives and that need gap funding or that wouldn’t otherwise receive funding due to the scale of the project. This may include funding for supplies, repairs, renovations, and other improvements.
- South Mountain
 - The South Mountain fund is utilized to preserve and maintain the South Mountain trails.
 - The foundation sponsored the 100-year anniversary by investing in the upgraded signage, trailheads, and time capsule.
- Fab 4th
 - The event enhances the 4th of July celebrations throughout the city with resources to improve safety and access.
- Zoo Lights
 - The Phoenix Zoo is a valued partner and offers exclusive experience to its signature event, Zoo Lights, to Parks Foundation supporters.
- APS Electric Light Parade
 - The electric light parade is a holiday season staple that showcases the city’s initiative to provide safe, fun, festive, and family-focused outdoor events during the city’s prime weather season, which attracts thousands to this event.
- Pioneer History Living Museum
 - A 90-acre open-air museum nestled in the black rock foothills of Northern Phoenix. Families can explore the original homes of people who helped tame the Wild West along with artifacts, antiques, and learn about this way of life from costumed performers. The foundation’s role has helped attract and manage funds for this important part of Arizona’s culture.

Conclusion

The Phoenix Parks Foundation believes it has a critical role in supporting the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department so the park system can continue to provide fun places and great spaces for all to enjoy.

We are grateful for the support of our partners and look forward to continuing our mission to support, enhance, and advocate for parks, preserves, and recreational opportunities to sustain a vibrant community.



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 26, 2026

From: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

Subject: MAYORS MONARCH BUTTERFLY PLEDGE UPDATE

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Board (Board) with information on the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge.

Background

The National Wildlife Federation launched the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge program in 2015 to engage cities and communities in monarch and pollinator conservation. Since the Monarch's migration spans the United States, Mexico, and Canada, the pledge expanded in 2017 to these countries through new tri-national partnerships.

Mayors and other heads of local and tribal government are taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by even more since the 1990's. U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, to educate residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community. The program has welcomed over 600 mayors and heads of local and tribal governments who engaged 6 million people and restored more than 6,500 acres of monarch habitat.

In 2021, Mayor Kate Gallego signed the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge and proclaimed September as Planting for Monarchs Month, committing Phoenix to restore habitat and encourage residents to do the same (Attachment A).

Discussion

Pollinators are vital to the Sonoran Desert and crop production and monarchs serve as key indicators of their health. Western monarch populations have declined over the past 25 years, mainly due to habitat loss, pesticides and climate change.

City's Pollinator Initiative

Phoenix joined the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge in 2021 to support the Monarch's 3,000-mile migration and Sonoran Desert biodiversity. Ten city departments, led by the Office of Environmental Programs, collaborate through a working group and commit to annual actions in a rolling five-year plan. These efforts advance pollinator conservation and community sustainability.

Arizona lies on both eastern and western monarch migration routes, with monarchs in Phoenix from September to May. Creating habitat is simple: plant native nectar species and milkweed—the sole food source for monarch caterpillars and essential for egg-laying. Nectar plants provide energy for migration and reproduction.

September Planting for Monarchs Month

Each September, Phoenix celebrates Planting for Monarchs Month with presentations, volunteer events and community outreach promoting native milkweed and nectar plants. From patio pots to full yards, every native plant helps pollinators. Plant lists and guides are available at www.phoenix.gov/oep/monarch.

Parks Initiatives

Since joining the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge in 2021, Parks and Recreation has led annual actions under a five-year interdepartmental plan with the Office of Environmental Programs. Key accomplishments include:

- **2021:** Joined pledge, formed working group, designed plan, planted native milkweed and nectar plants near City Council Chambers, and maintained Rio Salado monarch waystation.
- **2022:** Installed educational signage at Rio Salado, added native vegetation on one acre with 1,500 volunteer hours, and planted milkweed at Ocotillo Library.
- **2023:** Supported citizen science through Monarch Steward programs and partnered with universities for volunteer research.
- **2024:** Integrated monarch habitat into park projects; installed habitat at Arizona Falls, South Mountain Park Visitor Center, and Historical Gatehouse.
- **2025:** Reduced pesticide use through Integrated Pest Management and added habitat at Laveen Heritage Park.
- **2026 Goals:** Assist with City Hall garden conversion and install habitat at Highline Park, Barrios Unidos, and South Mountain Activity Complex.
- **2027 Goals:** Establish a milkweed production garden at South Mountain Park for seed harvesting.

In 2025, Parks and Recreation supported the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge through educational programs and events, including:

- **Sept 6–13:** *Butterflies vs. Moths* program for ages 8–12 at Phoenix Public libraries.
- **Sept 27:** Butterfly release and habitat cleanup with Butterfly Wonderland at Rio Salado.
- **Oct 15:** *Butterflies vs. Moths* project-based learning unit on “el medio ambiente” for second graders at ASU Preparatory Academy.
- Rio Salado staff trained Desert Botanical Garden interns on milkweed seed harvesting.

The Department remains committed to the Mayors' Monarch Butterfly Pledge, with complete actions and future goals aimed at expanding biodiverse habitats for monarchs along their 3,000-mile migration.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information and discussion.

Prepared by: Jarod Rogers, Deputy Parks and Recreation Director

Approved by: Brandie I. Barrett, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

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PROCLAMATION

The monarch butterfly is one of the most important pollinator species. Monarch's multi-generational migration, metamorphosis, and overwintering habits have captured the imagination for millennia. Unfortunately, the western population of the monarch butterfly has declined over the last 25 years. Some of the primary drivers of this population decline are habitat loss, climate change, and pesticide use.

The migration route for monarch butterflies is up to 3,000 miles, this means that milkweed and other nectar plants along their route are extremely important. Arizona is on the migration route for western and eastern monarch butterflies- they can be present in Phoenix from September to May. Native plants are essential to the history of our unique Sonoran Desert ecosystem.

Phoenix has joined the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge, committing the city to take actions to support the monarch butterfly population. September is the beginning of the fall planting season in Phoenix and every resident can make a difference by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitats for the monarch butterflies. This pledge supports necessary conservation of our Sonoran Desert biodiversity. By helping Monarch butterflies, we can also make our community more ecofriendly and sustainable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona in accordance with the law do hereby proclaim September 2021, as

PLANTING FOR MONARCHS MONTH

in the City of Phoenix and encourage all Phoenicians to participate in this important pledge.



Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix



To: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 26, 2026

From: Martin Whitfield, Interim Director

Subject: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 5-YEAR PRELIMINARY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

This report provides the Parks and Recreation Board with an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-31.

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix parks system is comprised of 189 flatland parks, including pocket, neighborhood, community and regional parks; more than 200 miles of trails; approximately 500 buildings; 33 community centers; 29 pools; 12 dog parks; 8 golf courses; and hundreds of play structures, athletic fields and sports courts. At over 51,000 acres, the City has one of the largest amounts of municipally-managed park/preserve acreage in the country, per the 2025 City Park Facts Report compiled by the Center for City Park Excellence at the Trust for Public Land.

DISCUSSION

The Preliminary CIP submission for FY 2026-31 totals \$321.6M, which is comprised of \$268.3M in voter-approved Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative (PPPI) funds; \$15.4M in Impact Fees; \$3M in Special Revenue funds; and \$35M in 2023 General Obligation Bond funds (**Attachment A**).

The FY 2026-31 CIP focuses on design and construction of new park facilities, redevelopment of existing park facilities and critical upgrades and replacement of aging or failing infrastructure, including life-safety issues. The comprehensive plan includes projects such as building new community parks, improving and replacing aging playgrounds; implementing shade, upgrading irrigation systems; installation of LED lighting; repair of aging parking lots; renovation of park amenities including restrooms; adding chilled drinking fountains, and prioritizing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance throughout the City's park system.

Projects are prioritized within the five-year planning window based primarily on park needs and priority criteria. This process includes a three-tiered rating system that takes into account the life span of amenities. The rating identifies amenities that are new, at

half-life or ready for replacement. Ratings are updated annually. Further, when a need is identified at a park facility, a holistic look is used to evaluate if other needs can also be addressed at the same time. This approach results in cost effectiveness and efficiencies reducing redundancy of services to the same site and minimizing impact to the community.

FY 2026-31 CIP highlights include the development of six new parks, one new recreation center, two regional pools and repurpose five pools into splash pads; and over 40 major projects at park sites throughout the city. Project sites include, but are not limited to: Cortez Park, Encanto Park, Esteban Recreation Center, Estrella Civic Space Park, Granada Park, Highline Park, Inspiration Mountain Park, Lone Mountain Park, Margaret T. Hance Park, Maryvale Park Regional Pool and Two Splash Pad sites, Mountain View Community Center, South Mountain Park Roadway, Stetson Hills and Hackamore Trailhead, Telephone Pioneers of America Park and the USS Phoenix Cold War Monument. Other projects include the acquisition of land, as it becomes identified, into the existing preserve system. There are also improvements planned at North Mountain Park, the Phoenix Mountains Preserve, Sonoran Preserve, South Mountain Park and Preserve, and Papago Park over the next five years.

The Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative (PPPI) funding will be used to upgrade park amenities such as trailheads, trails, irrigation, parking lots, signage, playgrounds, ramadas, lighting and restrooms at various Phoenix flatland parks and preserves. Various sport courts and fields will receive upgrades to surfaces, fencing and lighting. A combination of PPPI and Impact Fees will fund the renovation of various neighborhood parks and repair aging infrastructure. Further, through voter-approved 2023 General Obligation Bonds, the Parks and Recreation Department is implementing 10 projects identified in the FY 2026-31 CIP.

Additionally, the PPPI Oversight Committee held its annual meeting on February 10 and approved the 2025 Independent Accountant's Report prepared by Forvis Mazars, showing compliance with the Department's usage of PPPI funds, as established by Proposition 101 passed on September 7, 1999, and amended by Proposition A effective July 1, 2008. A copy of the report is attached (**Attachment B**).

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion.

Prepared by: Todd Shackelford, Assistant Director
Theresa Faull, Deputy Director

Approved by: Brandie I. Barrett, Assistant Director

ATTACHMENT A
Parks and Recreation Department
Capital Improvement Program Budget Years 2026-31

Fund Source	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31	Total
PPPI - 1022	31,874,000	30,950,000	34,700,000	33,500,000	27,560,000	158,584,000
PPPI - 1437	18,900,000	19,900,000	21,700,000	25,000,000	24,200,000	109,700,000
Impact Fees	15,356,345	0	0	0	0	15,356,345
Special Revenue	2,000,000	0	500,000	500,000	0	3,000,000
2023 GO Bond	15,219,805	12,197,368	7,570,710	0	0	34,987,883
Grand Total	83,350,150	63,047,368	64,470,710	59,000,000	51,760,000	321,628,228

City of Phoenix, Arizona

Independent Accountant's Report on Examination of an Assertion

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

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Independent Accountant's Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Phoenix, Arizona

We have examined management of the City of Phoenix's assertion that the City is in compliance with the usage requirements of the Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative (PPPI) funds for the year ended June 30, 2025, as established by *Proposition 101* passed on September 7, 1999, and amended by *Proposition A* effective July 1, 2008. The City's management is responsible for its compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management complied with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the City is in compliance with the usage requirements of PPPI funds, as established by *Proposition 101* passed on September 7, 1999, and amended by *Proposition A* effective July 1, 2008, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

The PPPI expenditures and commitments as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, which were examined on a test basis, are summarized in the accompanying schedule.

Dallas, Texas
February , 2026

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Commitments
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Total</u>
7430150000	Parks Initiative Program	-	124,630	5,122	129,752
7440305550	Tarver Learning Ctr	-	219,861	1,048	220,908
7440305613	Hance Park Dog Park	-	432	1,164	1,596
7440305615	Winship House	-	143,740	9,306	153,046
7440405710	Deer Valley Dog Park - Maintenance	-	48,927	-	48,927
7450150101	Tres Rios	-	166,725	2,649	169,374
7450202201	Cortez Pool	(179)	533,621	8,414	541,855
7450403333	PPPI-S - Neighborhood Renewal	-	277,561	(3,154)	274,407
7450405562	Hermoso Center	-	262,073	2,516	264,590
7450405570	Lindo Park - Maintenance	-	676	-	676
7450405572	Lindo Park - Recreation	-	90,604	1,546	92,151
7450405710	Chavez Dog Park - Maintenance	-	338	-	338
7450406301	Echo Canyon	(91)	69,900	1,048	70,857
7450505710	Pinnacle Park	-	173,244	2,060	175,303
7460103333	PPPI-NRD - Sonoran Preserves	-	639,700	57,308	697,008
7460103334	PPPI-NRD - Flatland Parks	12	733,137	(1,242)	731,907
7460103335	PPPI-NRD - Neighborhood Renewal	-	50,336	1,711	52,047
7470103333	PPPI-STM - Youth Sports	-	195,762	1,739	197,502
AR74000019	Mountain Preserve Enhance Public Art Project	-	12,900	-	12,900
AR74000023	Reach 11 Park Pub Art Refurb Proj	-	23,414	-	23,414
AR74000026	Laveen Heritage Park Public Art Project	-	26,866	-	26,866
AR74000028	Lone Mountain Park Public Art	-	29,400	-	29,400
AR74000030	Lookout Mtn. Park Public Art Proj.	-	3,150	-	3,150
PA75100168	Sonoran Preserve Acquisition	-	704	-	704
PA75100171	Preserve Land Acquisition	-	99,733	-	99,733
PA75150049	Spider Trails	(127,540)	1,978	-	(125,563)
PA75150052	Cholla Trail Design and Construction	-	82,410	-	82,410
PA75200185	General Park Development	(9,217)	1,011,949	14,884	1,017,616
PA75200185	General Park Development	(196,157)	222,078	-	25,921
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	568,689	-	568,689
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	716,007	-	716,007
PA75200398	Playgrounds	(33,431)	144,267	293,032	403,868
PA75200401	Security Lights	-	209,005	-	209,005
PA75200428	Parks Signage	-	23,946	1,021	24,966
PA75200491	Falcon Park Renovations	-	174,785	347,153	521,938
PA75200535	Washington Park Improvements	-	547,415	-	547,415
PA75200537	ADA Improvements	-	3,501,578	562,146	4,063,724
PA75200538	Cesar Chavez Community Center	(16)	2,684	-	2,668
PA75200543	Edison Park Improvements	-	163,672	-	163,672

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
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<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA75200552	Madison Park Renovation	-	1,440,622	-	1,440,622
PA75200553	Margaret T Hance Park Renovation	-	19,611	-	19,611
PA75200558	Perry Park Renovation	-	2,484,750	11,168	2,495,918
PA75200559	Pierce Park Renovation	-	122,164	-	122,164
PA75200562	Sports Field Lighting	-	621,045	-	621,045
PA75200568	Surrey Park Renovation	-	265,519	1,270,037	1,535,556
PA75200569	Sweetwater Park Improvements	-	20,903	-	20,903
PA75200588	Ho-E Park	(2,455,522)	127,674	106,017	(2,221,831)
PA75200608	South Mountain Community Center Repairs	-	68,961	-	68,961
PA75200612	North Mountain Park Improvements	-	42,303	1,500,000	1,542,303
PA75200613	Kipok Park Renovation	-	6,558	-	6,558
PA75200614	Sun Ray Park Improvements	-	201,065	2,082,045	2,283,111
PA75200615	Paradise Valley Community Cntr Repairs	-	1,830	-	1,830
PA75200616	Roadrunner Park Renovations	-	9,304	16,942	26,246
PA75200618	Hoshoni Park Renovation	-	1,276,397	57,979	1,334,376
PA75200619	Paradise Valley Park	-	55,140	-	55,140
PA75200631	Paradise Valley CC Roof Repair	-	(1,278)	8,455	7,177
PA75200638	Christy Cove Renovation #2	-	17,894	-	17,894
PA75200639	Granada Park Renovation	-	19,386	57,475	76,861
PA75200640	Longview Park Building Improvements	-	2,277	-	2,277
PA75200652	Hance Joint Repair	-	27,158	-	27,158
PA75200653	Cactus Park Sports Field Lighting	-	502,968	-	502,968
PA75200656	G R Herberger Park Renovation	-	-	6,345	6,345
PA75200657	Parks Master Plan	-	337,199	497,510	834,709
PA75200665	Code of Conduct Signage in All Parks	(7)	8,645	-	8,638
PA75200666	Solano Park Perimeter Fence & Skate Plaza	(6,475)	2,075	-	(4,401)
PA75200668	Highline Park Improvements	-	50,734	-	50,734
PA75200671	Desert Willow Park Renovations	-	281,207	-	281,207
PA75200673	Kachina Park Renovations	-	-	135,433	135,433
PA75200674	La Pradera Park Area Lighting	-	88,345	-	88,345
PA75200675	La Pradera Park Improvements	-	182,111	-	182,111
PA75200677	Sunridge Park Track Redesign	-	45,533	53,789	99,322
PA75200678	Venturoso Park	-	248,412	35,308	283,720
PA75200681	Laveen Heritage Park	-	679	-	679
PA75200683	Lone Mountain Park	-	93,693	-	93,693
PA75200687	Encanto Park Lake Repairs	-	22,771	-	22,771
PA75200692	Restrooms	-	6,593	-	6,593
PA75200693	Rio Salado Park Improvements	(354)	442,975	649	443,270
PA75200699	Lindo Park Improvements	-	1,132,400	74,846	1,207,246

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Commitments
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA75200700	Hance Garden	-	2,284	-	2,284
PA75200701	Esteban Park Improvements	-	28,985	-	28,985
PA75200702	Hayden Park Improvements	-	48,673	-	48,673
PA75200709	Papago Park Dam Repair	-	523	-	523
PA75200711	South Mountain Activity Complex	-	107,136	5,500,000	5,607,136
PA75200713	Sandpiper Park Pickle Ball Courts	-	92	-	92
PA75200715	Pueblo Grande Maintenance Shop	-	1,379	-	1,379
PA75200716	Acoma Park Improvements	-	42,542	-	42,542
PA75200717	Heritage Park ADA Pavers	-	43,493	34,511	78,004
PA75200718	PV Park Infrastructure Improvements	-	13,152	-	13,152
PA75200719	Eastlake Pool Renovation	-	3,013,134	3,328,380	6,341,514
PA75200721	Laveen Conveyance Well Pump Repair	-	218	-	218
PA75200722	Washington Activity Center HVAC	-	16,006	11,351	27,357
PA75200723	Santa Maria Park Improvements	-	20,393	-	20,393
PA75200724	Laveen Conveyance Channel Improvements	-	955,583	52,711	1,008,294
PA75200725	Duppa House Improvements	-	34,740	157,845	192,585
PA75200730	Piestewa Roadway & Ped. Bridge	-	925,250	3,335,422	4,260,672
PA75200731	Maryvale Playground	-	43,191	-	43,191
PA75200732	South Mountain Environmental Education Center HVAC	(11,545)	-	-	(11,545)
PA75200733	Maryvue Volleyball Court Addition	-	453,322	98	453,420
PA75200734	Starlight Park Restroom Design	-	6,745	-	6,745
PA75200735	Aguila Golf Course Kitchen HVAC Redsgn	-	9,887	-	9,887
PA75200736	AZ Science Center Cafe HVAC	-	607,242	84,249	691,491
PA75200738	Maryvale Community Center Renovation	(197)	551,873	7,797	559,473
PA75200739	Deer Valley Community Center Renovation	-	5,263	-	5,263
PA75200742	S'edav Va'aki Museum HVAC HC Imp.	-	119,580	1,210,923	1,330,503
PA75200743	Pecos Comm. Ctr. HVAC Replacement	-	30,485	-	30,485
PA75200745	Cave Creek Playgrounds	(867)	-	-	(867)
PA75200747	Bursera Trailhead Parking Lot	(141)	40,691	-	40,550
PA75200748	Sunnyslope Youth Center Remodel	-	734,185	-	734,185
PA75200749	JFG Mech & Water Treatment Sys	-	119,071	12,205	131,276
PA75200750	Eastlake Park Legacy Project	-	1,000	-	1,000
PA75200757	Margaret T Hance Park Improvements	-	-	8,288	8,288
PA75200761	Telephone Pioneers of America Prk Recr	-	199,900	-	199,900
PA75200765	Pecos Park Playground	-	488,312	-	488,312
PA75200769	Old Cross Cut Canal Pk Turf & Irrig	-	372,392	272,753	645,145
PA75200771	Desert West Park Renovation	-	1,526	-	1,526
PA75200775	Pinnacle Dog Park Turf Management	-	872	-	872
PA75200777	Papago Park Improvements	-	171,766	-	171,766

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<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA75200780	Sueno Park Lighting Infrastructure	-	257,985	-	257,985
PA75200781	University Park and Museum Renovation	-	109,792	-	109,792
PA75200783	Smurthwaite House Improvements	-	295,773	-	295,773
PA75200784	Deer Valley Park Lighting	-	732,057	-	732,057
PA75200785	Lighting and Electrical Infrastructure	-	1,162,777	-	1,162,777
PA75200786	Desert West Improvements	-	244,678	311,438	556,116
PA75200788	Northeast Irrigation Pumps	-	512,434	11,522	523,956
PA75200789	Sunnyslope Community Center HVAC Imp.	-	417,384	-	417,384
PA75200790	Talking Stick Amphitheater	-	838,775	117,935	956,710
PA75200791	Grant Park Security Sys. Install	-	31,747	-	31,747
PA75200792	Pecos HVAC Tower Wtr Trtmnt Imp	-	19,427	25,675	45,102
PA75200793	AZ Science Center Repairs	-	392,127	110,402	502,529
PA75200794	Desert Storm Park Irrigation Repairs	-	132,411	1,093	133,504
PA75200795	Old Maryvale Park Library Demolition	-	300,848	-	300,848
PA75200796	Chilled Drinking Fountains	-	776,428	9,973	786,401
PA75200798	52nd St. Office Renov. & Maint.	-	207,128	193,006	400,134
PA75200800	Pecos Park LED Lighting Retrofits	-	1,066,763	-	1,066,763
PA75200801	Encanto Water Line Repair	-	403,028	-	403,028
PA75200804	Lookout Mtn Park LED Lighting Retro	-	460,757	-	460,757
PA75200805	AZ Science Cntr Planetarium Install	-	78,480	-	78,480
PA75200807	S Mountain Sunrise Property Restor	-	89,469	8,593	98,063
PA75200808	AZ Science Center Planetarium VESDA	-	227,653	58,174	285,827
PA75200816	Francisco Highland Park LED Retrofit	-	-	351,696	351,696
PA75300121	Irrigation - Water Svgs	-	408,237	3,092	411,329
PA75300122	Parking Lots	-	547,878	678,577	1,226,456
PA75300209	Trees - Citywide Planting	(1,672)	85,374	12,244	95,946
PA75300225	Aquatic Infrastructure Improvements	-	774	-	774
PA75300226	Golf Infrastructure	-	283,839	-	283,839
PA75300230	Sports Field Infrastructure	(133,939)	22,776	22	(111,141)
PA75300231	Phoenix Mountain Preserves Improvement	(79)	89,425	-	89,345
PA75300234	Preserve Infrastructure Improvements	-	136,642	-	136,642
PA75300235	Building Repairs	(8)	1,029,548	214,225	1,243,765
PA75300243	Preserve Edge Protection	(25)	828,223	608,837	1,437,035
PA77150023	South Mountain Park Improvements	76	1,544,776	1,829,874	3,374,726
PA77150024	Sonoran Preserve Master Plan	-	4,003	-	4,003
Total		\$ (2,977,375)	\$ 44,523,820	\$ 25,786,380	\$ 67,332,825

Definitions

Expense Recovery. An expense recovery is generally created when a commitment, or purchase order, is liquidated in a fiscal year after the initial fiscal year the commitment was created. Liquidation occurs when the purchase order or commitment item is completed or no longer needed.

Expenditures. Decreases in financial resources recorded in the period in which the goods or services are received.

Commitments. A future obligation to spend money or provide resources that the City has agreed to but has not yet been incurred or paid.