

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**, and to the general public, that the **PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, January 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

OPTIONS TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

Attend the meeting in-person at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., 16th Floor, Conference Room 16 East, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003.

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REQUEST TO SPEAK

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Register in person at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., 16th Floor, Conference Room 16 East, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003. Individuals should arrive early, 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to submit an in-person request to speak before the item is called. After the item is called, requests to speak for that item will not be accepted.

Virtual Register to speak and/or submit a comment on an agenda Item:

- Contact: **Mary Alejandro**
- At: mary.alejandro@phoenix.gov or 602-534-5292
- By: **January 27, 2023**
- Information Required: 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.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1.	Call to Order –
2.	Approval of January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes Action
3.	Approval of BKD 2022 Independent Certified Accountant's Report on Management's Assertion Regarding Compliance Action
4.	Review of FY 2021-22 PPPI Projects and Overview of Planned Projects for FY 2022-23 Information and Discussion

6.	Chairperson's Report – Comments by the Chair on matters related to the Committee Information Only
7.	Comments from the Committee Information Only
8.	Call to the Public—The Committee shall receive items of consideration, discussion and/or complaint. <i>(Those desiring to address the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee should have informed staff in advance of the meeting by following the instructions on this notice.)</i> Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and/or decision at a later date.
9.	Adjournment

For further information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Mary Alejandro, Management Assistant I, Parks and Recreation Department at 602-534-5292 or TTY: 7-1-1.

January 25, 2023

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE (PPPI) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
January 25, 2022
Virtual

Committee Members:

Tom Chapman, Chair
Patricia Duarte
Ira Feldman
John Furniss
Sarah Porter

COP Staff:

Cynthia Aguilar
Martin Whitfield
Tracee Hall
Michael Blea
Patricia Boland
Theresa Faull
Jeanne Delaney
Karen Nyhus
Theresa Faull

Others Present

Rachel Ormsby

Absent:

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tom Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Chairperson Chapman introduced himself, followed by introductions from members of the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative (PPPI) Oversight Committee, City legal representative Patricia Boland, and Parks and Recreation Department staff present in the conference room.

2. Approval of February 10, 2021 Minutes

Motion made by Committee Member Furniss and seconded by Committee Member Duarte to approve the February 10, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. Approval of the BKD 2021 Independent Certified Accountant's Report on Management's Assertion Regarding Compliance

Rachel Ormsby with BKD stated the draft Independent Certified Accountant's Report was issued and she was pleased to let the committee know that they did not find any issues with the usage requirements. She explained there were no issues with control efficiencies, nor any other findings that would need to be reported.

Committee Member Feldman inquired about the three columns on the report and the negative figures on Margaret T. Hance Park.

Ms. Ormsby stated Margaret T. Hance Park had a large negative balance this year for this particular project because the City had already incurred expenditures and

then a donor contributed \$2 million to the project. The negative number was an expense recovery.

Committee Member Feldman thanked Ms. Ormsby.

Committee Member Duarte inquired if the donation was reallocated among the rest of the projects.

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar explained that the donation was specifically for the construction of the garden at Margaret T. Hance Park; therefore, the funds and related sponsorship will remain for the park.

Committee Member Duarte requested affirmation that the savings would stay at Margaret T. Hance Park.

Director Aguilar replied in the affirmative.

Chairperson Chapman asked for a motion for approval of Item 3.

Motion made by Committee Member Duarte and seconded by Committee Member Feldman to approve the Independent Certified Accountant's Report. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Review of FY 2021-2022 PPPI projects and overview of planned projects for FY 2022-2023

Director Aguilar introduced Parks and Recreation Interim Assistant Director Martin Whitfield.

Interim Assistant Director Whitfield began the presentation by reviewing the Parks and Recreation Department's inventory, which included flatland parks, preserve acreage, trails, facilities, pools, play structures, athletic fields and lighting data. He explained that 52 parks were built in the 60s and 70s and the oldest park, Verde Park, was built in 1907. He also stated the Stevens House was 120 years old and that of the City's 29 pools, the oldest was 92 years old and the average age was 53 years. He highlighted that South Mountain will be experiencing its 100th anniversary in 2024. Interim Assistant Director Whitfield then introduced Landscape Architect Karen Nyhus to continue the presentation.

Landscape Architect Nyhus presented the list of PPPI projects both completed and underway. Completed projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 included the following:

- John W. Teets Park Renovations Design,
- Eototo Park Renovation
- Lenang Park Renovation
- Jackrabbbit Park Playground Replacement

- Washington Park Playground Replacement
- South Mountain Park – Dobbins Lookout Renovation
- South Mountain Park – New Ranger Station

Landscape Architect Nyhus highlighted some of the current projects underway in FY 2021-22, which included the following:

- New Code of Conduct Signage being installed throughout the park system
- New Cesar Chavez Community Center
- Phoenix Mountains Preserve Cholla Trail Improvements
- Encanto Park Sports Courts Resurfacing
- Nuestro Park Renovation
- Papago Park ADA Ramp/ Fishing Dock Installation
- Phoenix Mountains Preserve – Piestewa Peak Dreamy Draw Improvements
- Phoenix Mountains Preserve – Piestewa Peak Hopi/Saguaro Improvements
- Phoenix Mountains Preserve – Piestewa Peak Ocotillo Improvements
- South Mountain Park – Intersection Improvements
- Splash Pads at El Oso Park and Mariposa Park
- Phoenix Zoo Parking Lots – New and Repairs to Existing

Chairman Chapman inquired about the location of the new ranger station.

Director Aguilar stated it was close to the South Mountain Environmental Education Center.

Chairman Chapman expressed the projects were incredible and asked what the public relations process was for sharing these with the public.

Director Aguilar explained that many of the projects go through a community engagement process with community meetings. She stated often social media is used for the planning stages and then for the celebrations upon completion of the projects. She explained that some projects such as the new Cesar Chavez Community Center and Cholla Trail also have a website presence to keep the community informed of progress on those projects. She further stated that effort is made to share these wonderful stories on various media outlets.

Chairperson Chapman stated that Phoenix is growing and it is important to share with the community that Phoenix has the finest parks in the country.

Committee Member Furniss stated that Joe Diaz in past years had presented the overview of the projects and he thanked him for those past presentations and congratulated him on his promotion. Committee Member Furniss stated he noticed a discrepancy in the reported park acreage this year, as compared to prior years and asked staff to reconcile the difference going forward.

5. Chairperson's report

Chairperson Chapman commented on the recent Ocotillo Trailhead renovation and the celebration that occurred. He requested that the committee take a tour again in the spring, as they did in prior years. He also thanked his fellow committee members.

6. Comments from the Committee

No Comments.

7. Call to the Public

Speaker Jeremy Thacker inquired about the Independent Certified Accountant's Report on Management's Assertion Regarding Compliance, and why it was referred to as Management's Assertion.

Chairman Chapman indicated that Mr. Thacker was speaking at Call to the Public; therefore, no discussion could occur on the item.

Speaker Thacker stated he submitted a request to speak on the item while it was being presented but he was not given the opportunity to speak at that time.

Chairman Chapman deferred to legal representative Patricia Boland.

Ms. Boland stated that the item was on the agenda; therefore, Mr. Thacker's question could be responded to.

Director Aguilar stated that Ms. Ormsby would be the appropriate person to respond to Mr. Thacker's question; however, Ms. Ormsby had already left the meeting. Director Aguilar stated staff could contact Ms. Ormsby at a later time and then follow-up with Mr. Thacker regarding his question.

Mr. Thacker expressed his displeasure of not having an immediate response.

Chairman Chapman stated no further discussion would occur.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

City of Phoenix, Arizona

Independent Accountant's Report on Examination of an Assertion

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

City of Phoenix, Arizona
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

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Independent Accountant's Report

Honorable Mayor
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, 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 encumbrances as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, which were examined on a test basis, are summarized in the accompanying schedule.

Dallas, Texas
January XX, 2023

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Encumbrances
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Project #	Description	Expense Recovery	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total
PA75100168	Sonoran Preserve Acquisition	-	\$ 7,153,620	\$ -	\$ 7,153,620
PA75300231	Phoenix Mountain Preserves Improvement	-	113,717	3,686,833	3,800,550
PA75200185	General Park Development	-	785,239	1,828,221	2,613,460
7460200002	Mountain Parks/Preserves	13	1,903,585	76,307	1,979,904
PA75200684	Splash Pads	-	180,037	1,583,636	1,763,673
PA75300235	Building Repairs	-	191,043	1,530,120	1,721,163
PA75200700	Hance Garden	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
PA77150023	South Mountain Park Improvements	-	250,208	1,188,113	1,438,321
PA75200641	Cielito Park Improve	-	80,226	1,074,554	1,154,780
PA75200654	Desert Horizon Park	-	32,632	849,894	882,526
PA75200538	Cesar Chavez Community Center	-	505,104	354,225	859,329
PA75200398	Playgrounds	(221)	6,924	830,551	837,255
7460103334	PPPI-NRD – Flatland Parks	(46)	813,339	170	813,463
PA75200549	John Teets Park Improvement	-	521,744	289,098	810,842
PA75200558	Perry Park Renovatio	-	28,755	777,860	806,615
PA75200225	Aquatic Infrastructure Improvements	(257)	696,615	81,854	778,212
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	651,387	-	651,387
7460200001	Sonoran Preserves	8	643,296	4,814	648,118
7460103333	PPPI-NRD – Sonoran Preserve	-	623,618	4,519	628,136
PA75300226	Golf Infrastructure	-	472,454	-	472,454
PA75300243	Preserve Edge Protection	-	9,306	439,768	449,074
PA75300122	Parking Lots	-	23,836	404,247	428,083
PA75200401	Security Lights	-	143,124	251,848	394,971
7450202201	Cortez Pool	(597)	332,645	13,322	345,369
7450403333	PPPI-S – Neighborhood Renewal	-	319,949	9,201	329,150
PA75200616	Roadrunner Park Renovations	-	36,849	226,597	263,446
7450405562	Hermoso Center	-	253,565	2,615	256,180
PA75300121	Irrigation-Water Savings	-	210,859	28,174	239,033
7450150101	Tres Rios	-	228,950	1,009	229,960
PA75300230	Sports Field Infrastructure	(8,626)	-	233,148	224,522
PA75150052	Cholla Trail Design	-	101,209	104,705	205,914
PA75200640	Longview Park Building	-	4,046	201,397	205,442
PA75200674	La Pradera Park Area	-	24,392	178,520	202,912
PA75200609	West Plaza Park	-	10,422	147,137	157,559
7470103333	PPPI-STM – Youth Sports	-	141,003	4,458	145,462
7440305550	Tarver Learning Center	(427)	134,637	(924)	133,287
PA75200557	Nuestro Park Improvements	-	111,955	19,167	131,122
7450505710	Pinnacle Park	47	130,442	(3,884)	126,605
7460103335	PPPI-NRD – Neighborhood Renewal	-	120,997	(752)	120,246
PA75300209	Trees-Citywide Planting	-	114,931	320	115,252
7450406301	Echo Canyon Trail Head	(449)	69,270	44,956	113,777
PA75200685	Telephone Pioneer Park	-	102,963	-	102,963
AR74000017	Civic Space Park Sculpture	-	52,300	45,000	97,300
PA75100171	Preserve Land Acquisition	-	83,891	-	83,891
PA75300242	Phoenix Zoo Parking Lot	-	56,736	-	56,736
PA75200553	Margaret T Hance Park Renovation	-	55,338	-	55,338
PA75150049	Spider Trails	(32)	34,523	18,579	53,070
7460200004	Camelback Mountain	(7)	9,591	33,857	43,441
PA75100165	Protection of Sonoran Preserve Edge	-	26,694	16,047	42,741
7450405572	Lindo Park – Recreation	-	39,292	1,475	40,767
PA75200693	Rio Salado Park Improvements	-	4,885	35,274	40,159
7450305710	PV Dog Park – Maintenance	(37)	34,695	179	34,838
AR74000018	Eastlake Park Civil	-	12,656	19,530	32,186
7440405710	Deer Valley Dog Park-Maint	-	30,795	-	30,795
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	27,734	-	27,734
7430150000	Parks Initiative Program	-	17,766	6,780	24,546
PA75200491	Falcon Park Renovation	-	23,964	-	23,964
7430405710	Deem Hills Dog Park	-	18,886	-	18,886
7440305615	Winship House	(7,732)	26,137	(1,792)	16,613
PA75200666	Solano Park Perimeter	-	15,417	-	15,417
7440305613	Hance Park Dog Park	-	8,375	5,426	13,802
PA75200428	Parks Signage	-	2,384	7,402	9,786
PA75200661	Little Canyon Park Renovations	-	9,058	-	9,058
PA77150024	Sonoran Preserve Master Plan	-	8,694	-	8,694
PA75200562	Sports Field Lighting	-	4,626	-	4,626
PA75200594	Kierland Park Improvement	-	3,064	-	3,064
PA75200552	Madison Park Renovation	-	2,794	-	2,794
7450405710	Chavez Dog Park – Maintenance	-	3,905	(1,143)	2,762
7450405570	Lindo Park – Maintenance	(75)	3,909	(1,321)	2,514
7430160000	Parks Dev Mountain Preserve	-	677	700	1,377
PA75200626	Eastlake Fire Life Safe	-	1,006	-	1,006
PA75200577	Yunya Park Renovation	-	983	-	983
PA75200625	Harmon Fire Life Safe	-	976	-	976
PA75200627	Grant Fire Life Safe	-	976	-	976
PA75200655	Encanto Tennis Court	1,283	(473)	-	810
PA75200556	Momo Park Improvement	-	655	-	655
PA75200657	Parks Master Plan	-	328	-	328
PA75200611	Lenang Park Renovation	-	37	-	37
PA75200572	Trailside Point Park Improvements	(147)	-	-	(147)
PA75200580	Reach 11 Dog Park	(166,699)	-	-	(166,699)
Total Program Expenditures					\$ 36,869,954
Operating Transfers					20,515,766
Operating Transfers					16,354,188
Total Expenditures Including Transfers Out					36,869,954