

The Yuma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission met in a regular session on November 12, 2025. The meeting was held at the Yuma County Main Library Conference Room, 2951 S. 21st Drive, Yuma, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 1:07 P.M., Commissioner Evans convened the Yuma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission in open session.

**Commissioners present were:** Barbara Cavanaugh, Tim Gilliland, Althea Evans, James Jones

**Commissioners absent were:** Linda Elliot, Judy Phillips and Rosalie Lines.

**Others present were:** Tiffany Anderson/ Facilities Management Director, Jessica Holzer/ Deputy County Attorney, Clarissa Sanchez and Jacob Rodriguez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **No. 1: Update on Yuma County Foothills Community Park Phase II grant application by Tiffany Anderson.**

The Yuma County Grants Team applied to the Arizona Parks and Trails Land Conservation Fund grant opportunity in October 2025, with award notifications anticipated in spring 2026, though potential delays may occur due to the federal government shutdown. The application proposes several park enhancements, including an extended walking path, expanded east parking lot, designated dog park, two ramadas, exercise equipment along the walking path, and two sets of concrete cornhole game boards. The application also emphasized the Commission's preference to preserve the park's natural landscape rather than add more built landscape features.

To improve accessibility and privacy, the proposal includes adding an ADA-compliant changing room to one side of the existing restroom facility. This addition would feature an adult-size changing table, sink and door to ensure comfort and safety for users.

The estimated cost for the project is \$1.5 million, with a 50/50 cost split between the grant and Yuma County. The Yuma County Board of Supervisors already approved the matching funds.

#### **No. 2: Update on Foothills Community Park accessible playground installation by Tiffany Anderson.**

The play equipment has been installed, along with the rubberized surfacing and engineered wood fiber. The only remaining item is the installation of the shade material, which experienced delays due to its custom sizing and extended manufacturing timeline. While there is no updated completion estimate at this time, the most recent projection indicated an expected finish by the end of November.

**No. 3: Update on Tacna Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ADA improvements project by Tiffany Anderson.**

The original scope of work has been finalized, including the construction of new hardscape walkways, extended surfacing between the play enclosures, installation of new play equipment with rubberized surfacing, and the full replacement of play equipment in the north enclosure. Additional enhancements, such as new baseball field spectator bleachers and five benches around the play enclosures, have also been installed.

Remaining tasks include repainting the existing ramada to match the colors of the shade structures, with almond-colored posts, a blue metal roof, and a reflective coating on top to help reduce heat. The Grounds Team will also install 10 new blue picnic tables, two (2) of which have extended tops to accommodate visitors with accessibility devices. Installation of the tables is expected to be completed by the end of November.

An additional \$80,000 became available for the project after unused administrative funds were reallocated, allowing for the addition of a new swing set. The swing set includes an integrated shade structure avoiding cost of separate shade installation. Additional improvements include expanded rubberized surfacing for the accessibility and youth swing, installation of bilingual communication board in English and Spanish, and a new interactive play feature for young children. New trash cans will be installed by the new spectator bleachers, and two (2) benches will be installed around the swing set play enclosure.

At this time, there is no estimated start date for the construction of the additional play equipment; however, the Commission will be notified once it is scheduled.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**No. 1: Approval of meeting minutes for May 14, 2025.**

MOTION: (JAMES JONES/ BARBRA CAVANAUGH) Approved as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Elliot, Lines and Phillips absent.

**No. 2: Discussion and possible action regarding FY 26/27 budget requests for Yuma County Parks**

Facilities Management will resubmit funding requests that were not approved last fiscal year to the Board of Supervisors, including repainting the ramadas at Gadsden Park, installing new monument signs at Gadsden, Mesa del Sol and Tacna Parks to match the Foothills Community Park design, and installing a basketball court at Tacna Park.

The Commission will be notified if these projects were recommended by spring 2026.

MOTION: (JAMES JONES/ TIM GILLILAND) Recommend funding requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2026/27.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Elliot, Lines and Phillips absent.

**No. 3: Discussion and possible action regarding potential volunteer projects or partnerships**

The Committee discussed volunteer project opportunities, noting that groups like the Girl Scouts can request one-time projects or Adopt-a-Park for ongoing cleanups. Commissioners asked about the continued involvement of the Kiwanis group and were informed that they are still involved at Tacna Park. Commissioner Jones noted that volunteer programs take time to build.

Commissioner Cavanaugh added that while staff covers most of the workload, there are still areas where volunteers could be helpful. No action was taken.

**EVENTS AND CALENDAR/CURRENT EVENTS:** Commission members and staff will report on and may discuss events attended or to be attended on behalf of the Commission and may present a summary of current events and may update the schedule for future meetings, as appropriate. No legal action will be taken, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K).

Chairwoman Evans shared her participation in the Tacna Park Ribbon Cutting Planning Committee meeting on November 6, 2025.

Staff shared the following events:

- Next scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting will be held January 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Yuma Main Library.
- The 2026 Commission meeting schedule:
  - January 14, 2026
  - March 11, 2026
  - May 13, 2026
  - September 9, 2026
  - November 2026 – Date to be determined; the regular meeting schedule falls on the Veterans' Day Holiday.

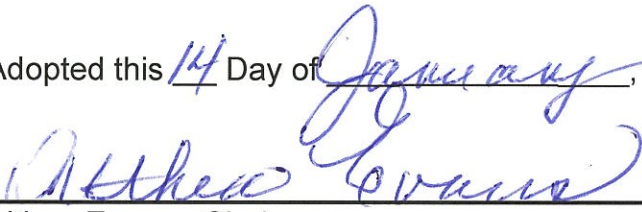
**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

1. Updates on previously discussed items.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm. (MOTION: BARBARA CAVANAUGH/ JAMES JONES)

Adopted this 14 Day of January, 2026.

  
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Althea Evans - Chairman