



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: 051413

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission, at its meeting on April 12, 2013, approved the Henderson Property Master Plan, including the trail network for that property, and requests its ratification by the Board of Supervisors. The Commission also recommends, for consideration of the Board of Supervisors, the naming of the Henderson Property as the Mary Henderson Desert Center.

Subject to the master plan's approval by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County endeavors to adaptively re-use the Mary Henderson property to preserve the biotic communities and geological and hydrological features found at this site, restore natural habitat that has previously been disturbed, pursue the establishment of a wildlife corridor that connects the Mary Henderson property to adjacent native habitat including Tucson Mountain Park, explore and implement options to mitigate hazards to wildlife caused by Anklam Road, construct a mixed-use pedestrian, equestrian, and mountain bike trails system and trailheads, a staging area for vehicles, develop and install interpretive displays that detail the site's history, conserve the in situ Henderson Residence and, possibly, adaptively re-purpose the residential structure as an environmental education center, restroom, or park-related operations center. Staff will ensure that modifications to this site utilize previously disturbed sites as to minimize disturbance to the existing natural landscape. Pima County shall continue to work with adjacent landowners to secure access and connectivity necessary to adjoin this site to Tucson Mountain Park.

CONTRACT NUMBER (if applicable): N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the Henderson Property Master Plan by the Board of Supervisors and the naming of the property as the Mary Henderson Desert Center.

COB Use Only: **BOS Mtg Date:** _____

Item No. _____

PIMA COUNTY COSTS: \$0.00 and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY:

FUNDING SOURCE(S): Not Applicable

(e.g. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

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Board of Supervisors District:

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IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

NRPR will preserve the historic structures and natural features presently found at this site for the purpose of providing environmental and cultural interpretation, multiuse non-motorized trails, wildlife corridors and related public facilities. The site shall formally be named the Mary Henderson Desert Center.

IF DENIED:

The Henderson Property Master Plan will not be pursued and the naming of the property as Mary Henderson Desert Center will not be initiated.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation

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