



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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**\*Title:**

Renaming the Mockingbird Trail the Max Shemwell Trail

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Max Shemwell was a tireless supporter of trails in Pima County. He was a member of Pima Trails Association and a long time committed trail volunteer with Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, Arizona Trail Association, Pima Trails Association and Pima County NRPR trails program. Max Shemwell assisted leading other volunteers on trail construction and maintenance projects and was instrumental in building trails in Arthur Pack Park and Tucson Mountain Park. After Max helped build the trails, he worked tirelessly to help maintain them and was passionate in advocating for public access to trails for all non-motorized users and for protecting open spaces.

**\*Discussion:**

In following NRPR's Standard Operating Procedures for the naming of a park facility, NRPR received letters of support from the Shemwell family, County Line Riders of Catalina, Inc., Pima Trails Association, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists and trail advocates. This naming request was brought before the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission at its December 10, 2021 meeting and was unanimously approved by the commission.

**\*Conclusion:**

After reviewing the letters of support submitted by the Shemwell family and various organizations and individuals who partner with PCNRPR Trails Program, Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission voted unanimously to rename Mockingbird Trail in Tucson Mountain Park to Max Shemwell Trail.

**\*Recommendation:**

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors to approve the renaming of the Mocking Bird Trail in Tucson Mountain Park to the Max Shemwell Trail.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy County Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7/14/2021

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## PIMA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

NOMINATION FORM FOR NAMING OR CHANGING THE NAME OF PIMA COUNTY PARK, PARK FACILITIES, OR OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES - PLEASE REVIEW AND ADHERE TO THE ATTACHED PROCEDURE WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Date Nomination Submitted: 11/15/21

Submitted by: Sue Clark

Agency/Organization (if applicable): Pima Trails Association

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Relationship to Nominee: Friend

Type of Nomination (Please check): Name ☒ Trail Rename ☐  
[ ] Park [ ☒ Park Facility Trail ] Open Space

Current Name of Park/Park Facility/Open Space:

Mockingbird Trail

Recommended Name/Name Change:

Max Shemwell Trail

Justification for Nomination:

see attached letter  
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If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

Elizabeth Shemwell  
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November 18, 2021

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation  
3500 W. River Road  
Tucson, AZ 85741

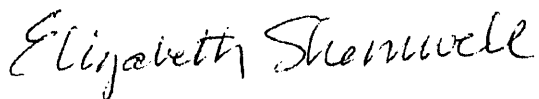
RE: Max Shemwell trail naming

Greetings,

I am in favor and in full support of naming a trail in Tucson Mountain Park after my husband, Max Shemwell. Max was passionate about mountain biking and about the trails. He spent many weekends volunteering to work on the trails and keeping them maintained. Max also was a member of the Pima Trails Association.

The naming of this trail after Max is a wonderful tribute and an honor. He would be proud for there was nothing more he loved than being outdoors. I am honored that the people he associated with at Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, Pima Trails Association, and Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation would honor Max by naming a trail after him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Shemwell". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Elizabeth Shemwell

BEV SHOWALTER  
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November 9, 2021

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission;  
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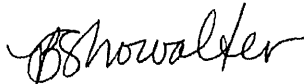
RE: Max Shemwell trail naming

Max Shemwell was a great friend and huge supporter of trails, access, and development of trailheads in Pima County for all trail users. His tragic death left us all with a hole in our hearts.

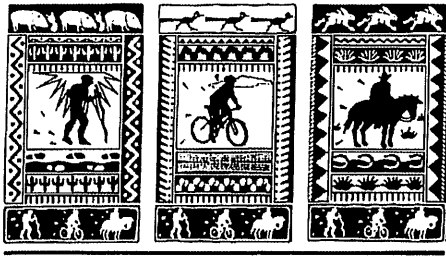
CLRC suggested to Steve Anderson, that we should name a trail after Max because of his dedication to trails.

County Line Riders of Catalina, Inc supports the idea that a trail be named after Max as a tribute to his long time support of trails in Pima County.

Sincerely,



Bev Showalter, President



## **PIMA TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

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November 15, 2021

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation  
3500 W. River Road  
Tucson AZ 85741

RE: Max Shemwell trail naming

Pima Trails is in full support of naming a trail in Tucson Mountain Park for Max Shemwell. Max was a tireless supporter of trails in Pima County. He was always willing to help both build and maintain trails as well as advocating for access for all non-motorized users.

Max was a member of Pima Trails Association and was a pleasure to work with. He so deserves this honor.

Sincerely,

Sue Clark  
President



**SONORAN  
DESERT  
MOUNTAIN  
BICYCLISTS**

November 22, 2021

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation  
3500 W. River Road  
Tucson AZ 85741

RE: Max Shemwell trail naming

Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists (SDMB) enthusiastically supports the naming of a newly constructed trail in Tucson Mountain Park for Max Shemwell. Max was a long-time committed trail volunteer with SDMB, the Arizona Trail Association, and the Pima County trails program. He assisted leading other volunteers on trail construction and maintenance projects, and truly enjoyed contributing his time to working on trails.

Much of Max's time was spent in Tucson Mountain Park for both recreation as an avid trail user as well as volunteering his time to help with trail projects. Max Shemwell was an advocate for trails and open space, and his support is still evident today by the trails he helped develop. Honoring Max with this trail naming is a well-deserved tribute to his passion and dedication for trails and open space.

Thank you,

Evan Pilling  
Vice President  
Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists

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November 4, 2021

Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation  
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Re: Max Shemwell trail naming

Greeting;

I'm writing to voice my support for naming a new trail in Tucson Mountain Park for Max Shemwell. During my tenure as a trails program coordinator for Pima County Max was a tireless volunteer. He was a huge help building trails in Arthur Pack Park and Tucson Mountain Park, and helping with maintenance wherever it was needed.

Max was positive, supportive and could always be relied on to lend a hand. As a leader in the trails community, he exemplified the spirit of working as a partner with land management agencies. His passion for protecting open space and willingness to give his time and energy to trails has left a lasting imprint, not only on the trails but also on those of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

He was also one of the nicest people I've known. I count myself lucky to have known him, and wish he were still with us today.

Mark Flint