



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Title: Desert Haven Natural Resources Park

### Introduction/Background:

In 2011, the County acquired the 20-acre parcel for conservation purposes using 2004 voter-approved bond funds. Last fall, Tucson Electric Power purchased five acres of the property for a power substation enabling Pima County to utilize proceeds from the sale to build the open space park on the remaining 15 acres. The park will feature ramadas, picnic tables, walking trails, security lighting, fencing, a small parking lot and a water feature for wildlife. Earlier this year, District 2 Supervisor Ramón Valadez, whose district includes the future park, asked area schools and community groups to help name the park. Students from Holladay Magnet Elementary School, Utterback Middle School, Pueblo Gardens K-8 School, Youthworks Charter High School, and Holmes Tuttle Clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Club of Tucson submitted several names for consideration. Pima county shared the proposed park names on social media and asked the public to vote on their favorites. The Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission approved the most popular name - Desert Haven - at its March 15th meeting.

### Discussion:

On March 15, 2019, the Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission voted and unanimously approved the naming of the natural resource park.

### Conclusion:

The Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission is in support of this naming request. It is recommended that the Board follow their recommendations and name the natural resource park, Desert Haven Natural Resources Park.

### Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the resolution naming the new park "Desert Haven Natural Resources Park".

### Fiscal Impact:

None

### Board of Supervisor District:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NAMING A 15-ACRE COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL OF LAND AT 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND KINO PARKWAY "DESERT HAVEN NATURAL RESOURCES PARK."

THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FINDS:

- A. In 2011, the County acquired a 20-acre parcel of land at 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Kino Parkway for conservation purposes using 2004 voter-approved bond funds.
- B. Tucson Electric Power recently purchased five acres of the property for a power substation, the proceeds from which purchase are available to assist the County with the construction of a passive recreation natural resources park (the "Park") on the remaining 15 acres.
- C. The Park will promote the health and welfare of Pima County constituents, will be accessible by foot or bicycle by children in surrounding neighborhoods, and it will provide a recreational amenity to underserved, stressed, and lower-income residents of the community.
- D. At its March 15, 2019 meeting, The Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Commission, after considering potential names suggested by local elementary school children, approved the naming of the Park "Desert Haven Natural Resources Park".

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Park, comprised of the described 15 acres of land located at 36<sup>th</sup> and Kino Parkway, is hereby named "Desert Haven Natural Resources Park".
- 2. The Director of the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution, including the installation of appropriate signage as necessary, updating maps and publications as appropriate, and advising the media and the community of the renaming and the reasons for this action.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Pima County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Richard Elias, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Julie Castaneda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chris Straub, Deputy County Attorney