



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:45PM.

2. **Roll Call**

Present; 5 - Committee Member Devin Pitcher, Secretary Priscilla Behnke, Committee Member James Liggins, Chair Kevin McDill, and Committee Member Kenneth Longman

Absent; 2 - Committee Member Adam Leach, and Tholin Johnson

3. **Minutes**

3.1 **MIN 26-17**

The Committee will approve the minutes from the January 28, 2026 meeting. Discussion and Action.

A motion was made by Secretary Behnke, seconded by Committee Member Pitcher, that the minutes from the January 28, 2026 meeting be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. **Call to the Public**

No public comment.

5. **Agenda Items**

5.1 **PRAC 26-08**

The Committee will hear reports from the chair and committee members. Discussion Only.

Committee members shared updates related to recent Parks & Recreation community engagement.

Members discussed attendance and outreach efforts at the Copper Sky Cultural Event, noting good foot traffic at the Parks & Recreation booth, use of QR codes for the community survey, and resident questions regarding parks and facilities.

Members noted resident interest in facility details (including gym flooring material and facility dimensions) and requested staff follow up with specifics at a future meeting.

Members shared observations and positive feedback from a recent airport dedication event and discussed community enthusiasm for new amenities.

A member shared a suggestion based on another city's pickleball facility design (including a practice/warm-up wall area) and offered to provide a photo for reference.

Discussed

- 5.2 [PRAC 26-09](#) The Committee will hear an update from the Staff Liaison on Parks. Discussion Only.

Ongoing progress and positive community response to new and improved park amenities.

Updates on Copper Sky improvements and construction activity, noting visible progress and upcoming work.

Parking and access improvements, including planned paving/parking lot work to improve usability.

Staff shared that they are continuing meetings with the design team regarding expansion planning, and anticipate bringing early concepts to PRAC for feedback in March.

Staff also provided an update regarding pickleball court expansion, noting plans are finalized and construction is scheduled.

Committee discussion included questions regarding future field concepts and additional sports field needs, and staff noted items may be phased as plans develop.

Discussed

- 5.3 [PRAC 26-10](#) The Committee will hear report from the Council Liaison. Discussion Only.

Councilman Henry Wade shared about the success of the Copa Cultural event from the previous weekend.

The Council Liaison provided remarks related to recent community events and general appreciation for committee service and community engagement.

Discussed

- 5.4 [PRAC 26-11](#) The Committee will have a joint discussion with the Youth Council to discuss findings from the teen survey. Discussion and Recommendation.

Staff presented teen survey findings and described the City's intent to pursue partnership-based solutions through an RFP process, focusing on feasible near-term opportunities and leveraging existing assets and spaces.

Youth Council members discussed:

Strong interest in job training/life skills and volunteer opportunities, and the need to reduce barriers by improving communication and access to volunteering and teen opportunities.

Effective ways to reach teens, including Instagram/TikTok and school-based promotion.

Desire for flexible hangout spaces with a variety of casual options (seating, social areas, activities) and teen-focused amenities.

Importance of accessibility and inclusive design, including quiet spaces and sensory considerations for neurodiverse and disabled youth.

*The role of food/snacks and “welcoming design” to encourage participation.
No formal motion was made under this item; committee feedback and direction were provided by consensus.*

Discussed

5.5 **PRAC 26-12**

The Committee will discuss future agenda items and next meeting date. Discussion and Recommendation.

Committee discussed future items, including a request for an update on Iconic Park.

Additional discussion included the value of continued PRAC collaboration with Youth Council.

Next meeting date March 26, 2026 6:00PM.

Discussed

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Adjourn