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### **Peoria Council Selects Name for Community Park No. 3**

Peoria, Ariz. (June 6, 2018) — After soliciting public input and deliberation, the city of Peoria announced on Tuesday the third community park, located in north Peoria, will be named “Paloma Community Park.”

The park will be located east of Lake Pleasant Parkway, just south of the Loop 303. Construction is set to begin in the fall 2018 with a target completion date of spring 2020.

“Parks serve as gathering spaces for families and friends, help to create a shared sense of identity, and build memories that last a lifetime,” said Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat. “I’m proud that our northern community park now has a name that will forever be attached to those memories. I hope that everyone who goes to Paloma Community Park will associate that name with the warmth and enjoyment of a life well lived in Peoria, Arizona.”

The city received more than 500 submissions proposing 649 names. Peoria’s Parks and Recreation Board sorted through the submissions looking for names that reflected the geography, traditions and characteristics of the area. The board narrowed the list down to five names and presented them to the city council on Tuesday, June 5.

The Spanish word “paloma,” which means “dove,” refers to a unique geographical feature in the area. The New River Wash splits the East Wing and West Wing Mountain Preserves, making the area appear as it has two dove’s wings.



“Creating a community park for the residents of north Peoria has been a mission of mine since I took office,” said Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher. “There is a great demand for additional ball fields throughout the region. The addition of Paloma Community Park will impact our entire community and ensure the next generation of athletes will have a place to play. It has been a long journey to get to this point. I am excited the park has an official name and construction is ready to get underway.”

Peoria City Council also approved the construction contract to begin the first phase of park development. The 85 acres of initial park development will include tournament grade baseball and soccer fields, multi-use open turf, a fishing lake, multi-generational inclusive playgrounds and splash pad, group and individual picnic ramadas, a multi-cell dog park, lighted pickleball courts, and supporting park maintenance, restroom, and concessions buildings. The park will include numerous hard and soft surface walking loops, and a trailhead for access into the larger New River open space. Future trail connectivity to Peoria's Westwing Mountain trail system is already in the planning stages.