

CIOSI – Request to Assess Possible Installation of a Permanent Flag Pole in Thunderbird Conservation Park

February 7, 2017

Overview

- ❑ This is a specific request for Council direction to begin formal analysis to possibly construct a permanent flag pole at Thunderbird Conservation Park:
 - Construction of a 20-25 foot, lighted flag pole
 - To include aircraft warning light
- ❑ The request made in response to unauthorized placement of a residential American Flag at Arrowhead Point trail - designated conservation park
- ❑ Unless written consent of the parks and recreation director, City Code does not allow for the unauthorized placement of items within city parks (City Code Sec. 27-44)

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Removal of unauthorized items:

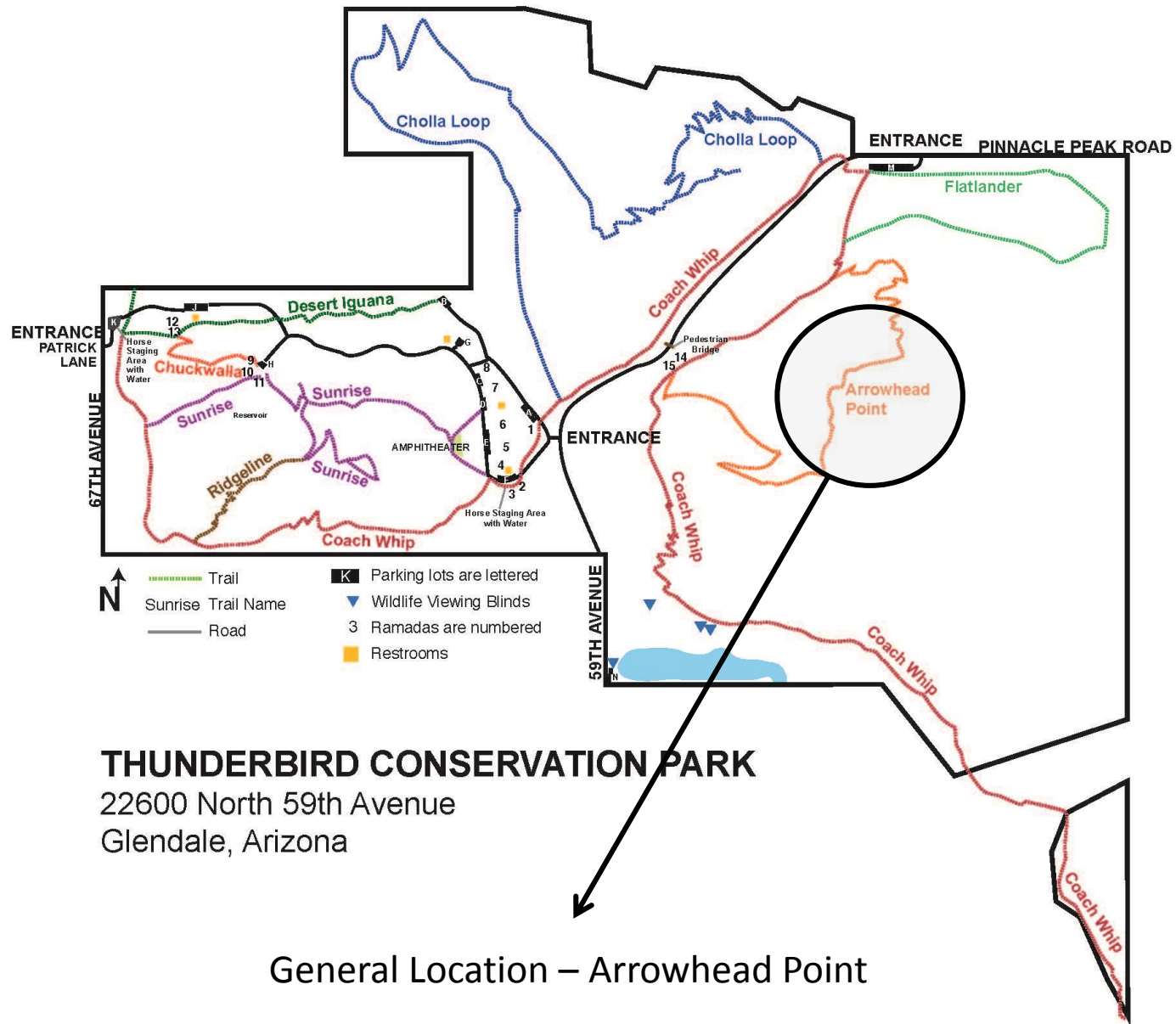
- ❑ Parks Maintenance staff attempts to make contact with owner for voluntary removal of unauthorized items
- ❑ In the event contact is not established and/or the item is not removed, staff will respectfully remove
- ❑ Examples – signs, furniture, shopping carts, loose trash and debris, abandoned vehicles, left-behind sports equipment



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Thunderbird Conservation Park:

- ❑ Purpose is to preserve park in as natural state as possible and prevent encroachment (1,185 acres)
- ❑ Current Thunderbird Park Master Plan (2006) to help insure park property boundaries are clearly identified to prevent encroachment onto park property
- ❑ Majority of amenities appropriate near exterior of the park– paths, parking lots, restrooms, ramadas
- ❑ Unauthorized placement of flags/items in other valley conservation parks not permitted



Next Steps

If directed -

- Phase I (February – April): Return to Council Workshop within next 4-6 weeks with more detailed information on US Flag Code, Dark Sky Ordinance, initial construction requirements, public input process, cost estimates
- Phase II (April – May): If directed, conduct public outreach via Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (April – May)
- Phase III – (June): Review and final direction by City Council