

Jim Conroy, is the Parks and Recreation Director for the Town of Marana. The Department has 45 full time equivalent positions with an annual operating budget of \$4.4 million dollars. The Marana Parks and Recreation Department is made up of a diverse inventory of Natural Resource properties and Urban Parks. Jim manages facilities and activities ranging from hiking trails, bird watching, cycling, horseback riding, soccer, football, baseball, softball, aquatic facilities, basketball & tennis courts and a series of fitness and racing events that take place on Marana trails.

Marana owns and maintains 54 miles of paths and trails. Trails currently owned by the Town include backcountry trails in the Tortolita Mountains and Santa Cruz Shared User Path. In total, there are 110 miles of trails and paths within Town boundaries, which includes trails maintained by Pima County.

Jim is also currently overseeing the construction of three Capital projects scheduled to be opened in the late Spring/early Summer time frame i.e. the 17 ac. Tangerine Sky Park, Honea Pocket Neighborhood Park and a large Splash Pad at Crossroads District Park. Jim pursued the Parks & Recreation Director position in Marana because of the world class recreation amenities in Marana and potential for future Parks and Recreation development.

Prior to working for the Town of Marana, Jim was the COO of Green Valley Recreation, Inc. (GVR) a position he has held since October 2014. He is responsible for the Recreation Services and Facilities Maintenance for a private membership base of 23,000 adults . His responsibility includes oversight of 14 Recreation Centers, 13 Community Pools, a physical plant of \$30 million in facility assets, 1,300 Leisure Classes, and a full time staff of 70 individuals. His responsibilities include oversight and hands-on management of the GVR Long Range Strategic 10 Year Master Plan. Jim facilitated the Master Plan RFP process to hire an Architecture firm to conduct this plans (resulting in the contract award to WSM Architects), the Assessment of Facilities and Public Engagement Phases, and today presented to the Capital Plan for the first 3 years of the Master Plan to the GVR Board of Directors.

Prior to joining GVR, Jim worked for the City of Tucson for 30 years progressing through the professional ranks from Program Manager, to Recreation Superintendent, to Parks and Recreation Superintendent, to Administrator for the East District of Tucson where he oversaw 34 developed parks, 3 Regional Center (Clements, Randolph, Udall), One Neighborhood Center (Freedom) 2,200Leisure Class, the Citywide Adult Softball Program (3,165 registered participants), an annual District budget of \$10.4 million and a staff of 83 permanent positions and 29 non permanent positions. The District responded to four Council Offices, Wards 2, 4, 5, and 6.

Jim's career with the City of Tucson included management of recreation programming for Seniors, Sports, KidCo After-School and Summer Programs, Recreation Centers, Neighborhood Centers, Cultural Arts & Leisure Classes, Aquatics and Therapeutic

Recreation. As an avid baseball card collector in his youth, Jim had the fun and challenge of managing Hi Corbett Stadium and City's contract with the Colorado Rockies for Spring Training. With the departure of the Rockies and Spring Training from Tucson, Jim was part of the team that facilitated the transition of the University of Arizona Wildcat's Baseball Program to Hi Corbett Stadium.

Jim holds a B.S. Recreation Administration from State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport, and is a graduate of the ASU Certified Public Manager Program and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Management Maintenance School in Lake Arrowhead, CA. He has participated in national forums for school-aged children's issues, taught 'Recreation Leadership/School Child Programming' at Pima College, and is the recipient of multiple awards, most recently, the Arizona Parks and Recreation 2016 Best Program for Active Adults Award for GVR's "Southern Arizona Senior Games".

Jim is an avid cyclist completing 22 El Tour De Tucson 109 mile cycling events from 1987 – 2015. He is a regular rider of the loop trail system and was one of the organizers of the El Tour Loop Training Ride. He chaired the Tour for Tucson's Children (annual participation of 1,000 riders) for 14 years in collaboration with the Tucson Fire Department (1994 -2008) raising funds to purchase bicycle helmets for youth. Jim is a lifelong athlete and credits his health, fitness and success in part to his fitness activities. A little known fact from Jim's college career is that he was the NCAA National Collegiate Powerlifting Champion (181 lb weight class).

Jim met his wife, Betsy, of 36 years at the Grand Canyon while they both were working and hiking there. They were married at the Grand Canyon and moved to Tucson where they have lived for the past 33 years. They have two adult children, Ben and Catie, who they raised camping and hiking in the National Parks. Both are outdoor enthusiasts and graduates of the University of Arizona (Wildcats!). Although Jim and Betsy are both accomplished professionals they consider their children their greatest and most important achievement.