

## **FOUNDATION FOR MESA PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Policy regarding Partnering with other community organizations and sponsorship of community events**

The Foundation for Mesa Parks and Recreation (Foundation) is a non-profit organization chartered in Arizona and organized as a 501(c) 3 by determination of the Internal Revenue Service.

The Foundation is a group of community members who are passionate about parks and who believe that parks and recreation are of vital importance to our community. With decreasing municipal funds, we recognize that parks are in need of support for its programs and facility developments.

The Foundation desires to “partner” with other community organizations and groups whose goals are in harmony with the Foundation’s.

When community events or fund raising activities are consistent with the Foundation’s overall purposes we may choose to enable the event or activity through direct sponsorship. This sponsorship may include receipting of tax deductible contributions from donors and payment of certain program expenses.

As consideration for the Foundation’s sponsorship of such events the Foundation has expectations of the individuals and organizations with whom it “partners”. These include:

- Membership, including payment of annual dues, by at least one individual or representative of the partnering organization.
- Active participation in periodic meetings of the Foundation by that individual or representative.
- A Contribution to the Foundations General Fund.
  - The Foundation will designate a percentage of the contributions it receives for sponsorship of community events to its General Fund. The percentage will be based upon the facts of circumstances of each event but will generally be between 5% and 10%.