

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:31 a.m., by Chairperson Craig Hancock, at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center, Sequoia Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Craig Hancock	Eric Farrenkopf
	Nicholas Sherwood	Mike Jamaica
	Armando daSilva	Lori Fishbough
	Ira Porchia	

STAFF PRESENT:	Brian Beck	J. Dean Johns
	Kathy Melendez	

STUDENTS PRESENT:	Krupaly Patel	Samantha Torres
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CITIZENS PRESENT:	Michael Sigala, Tulare	
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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Porchia.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Michael Sigala, Tulare, inquired about field availability at Prosperity Sports Park and asked what are permit fees being used for. Apparently, Sigala has been bumped from using the fields due to Senior games. Beck stated that scheduled league games take priority over walk-on practices. Fields 1 and 4 are used for leagues games and sometimes the Senior games are played on field 2. Beck advised that ballfield fees are placed in the general fund for maintenance. In addition, Sigala asked why are the Recreation Commission meetings held in the morning instead of the afternoon. He feels there would be more citizens attending if the meetings were held in the afternoon. Chairman Hancock stated that most commissioners are unable to make meetings other than mornings and has, thus far, worked best for them. Beck advised Commission that he will contact the Senior Services staff and ask if they can schedule their games on fields 1 or 4 for future games so that fields 2 and 3 will be available for rent by the public. Vice Chair Sherwood asked staff to provide feedback at next meeting.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approve Commission minutes of April 9, 2019

It was motioned by Commissioner Farrenkopf and seconded by Commissioner Fishbough that the minutes of April 9, 2019, be approved as presented (7-0).

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. STUDENT REPORTS

Student Samantha Torres reported there will be a 60's Prom Play coming up, 5 swimmers will be going to Valley championships and the FFA Judging Team will be going to the final State judging.

Student Krupaly Patel stated that Teacher Appreciation Day was held last week and Union Days is coming up.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Staff report regarding department budgets presentation to City Council

Acting Director Beck reported that department heads will be presenting their budget proposals for the 2019/2020 fiscal year to City Council. Beck invited commissioners to the meeting which will be held at the Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Farrenkopf and daSilva left at 7:14am – quorum still present.

(2) Recreation Division attendance report for the month of April 2019 and upcoming special events

Acting Director Brian Beck reported on recreation activities from April: Beck advised that the Teens on Board program will be restructured to cover the entire school year; spring softball is ending its season; summer programs will begin June 10; reported volleyball is a new the trend in adult sports; BEST Club has ended enrollment at 716 students; Spring Camp saw an increase in enrollment over last year with 43 students attending each day; over 1,000 persons attended the Spring Carnival last month; some youth programs saw a decrease in participation, however, Beck feels it is due to other local youth serving organi-

zations lowering their age qualifications for their programs but numbers are still good; staff is preparing for summer programs including camp, golf, concerts, movies, tennis, and aquatics. Cost recovery reports were favorable for Spring Camp and Spring Carnival.

(3) Staff report on park maintenance operations for the month of April 2019, update on park projects and upcoming special events

Parks Manager Johns gave an overview of general park activities and events noting staff have been working on maintenance, playground safety repairs, updating park signage, and trail lighting repairs. Annual turf renovation will begin in June at the soccer complex; city staff is currently working on a new city ordinance

IX. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Acting Director Beck stated that a letter was sent to Life Church advising them of approval and extension of their use of the Senior Community Center for an additional year through April 2020.

Chairman Hancock inquired about incidents at Centennial Park. Parks Manager Johns reported that, due to safety concerns, the fence is repaired almost daily due to homeless individuals cutting the chain link fence.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m.