

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:33 a.m., by Vice-Chairperson Nicholas Sherwood, at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Glick Brian Beck
 Ivan Nicar Karie Rodriguez

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Porchia.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Approve Commission minutes of July 13, 2021

It was motioned by Commissioner Farrenkopf and seconded by Commissioner daSilva that the minutes of July 13, 2021 be approved as presented (6-0).

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Staff update on Capital Improvement Projects & Master Plan

Community Services Director Glick explained that contracts have been assigned for resurfacing at the playground at Del Lago Park as well as sidewalk and tree replacement. Director Glick explained that grading of Master Plan proposals have concluded and he expects to bring it to Council for final approval in October.

(2) **Staff Report on Recreation Attendance and Cost Recovery Reports**

Manager Beck reviewed the reports and explained that attendance numbers are steadily improving for programs. Once again, Pre-Sports met the limited capacity within two days of opening registrations. Beck went over program costs and expected recovery for Aquatics & Pre-Sports. He further mentioned the B.E.S.T Club enrollments and waiting list due to COVID precautions. Commissioner daSilva commended Alpine Vista's B.E.S.T Club new staff for their dedication; as his children benefit from this program.

(3) **Staff report on Upcoming Recreation and Special Events**

Manager Beck reported that recreation at the Senior Center is expected to resume October 4, 2021. Adult Softball has begun and Adult Volleyball deadline is approaching. A new intern has been assisting with a few Fall offerings: virtual pumpkin decorating contest, letters to Jack Skellington and the annual outdoor Halloween decorating contest.

(4) **Staff Report on Park Maintenance Operations & Projects**

Manager Nicar presented reports for July and August. Several clean-up efforts were completed from debris left behind by transients. The atrium plants located inside the Police Department were switched for a more drought tolerant variety. Tree trimming projects for September will include the Transit/Greyhound Station, K & Kern medians, Cesar Chavez Park, and the Gem Street medians from Prosperity to Merritt.

IX. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Vice-Chair Sherwood asked about rumors he heard about a pool for Mission Oak High School. Staff could not confirm; but noted that a community pool program (open swim) may not benefit the public. Many homes in this area have pools and "The Windmills" offer a community pool. It was further noted that this area is not as walkable for the surrounding area as Tulare Union and Tulare Western. Commissioner Jamaica mentioned that perhaps the Master Plan should include an expansion of the Elk Bayou Soccer Complex to alleviate current issues with parking.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 a.m.