

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:30 a.m.
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Chairperson Craig Hancock at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig Hancock, Eric Farrenkopf, Nick Sherwood, Mike Jamaica, Manuel Caceres, Armando DaSilva

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Glick, Ivan Nicar, Brian Beck, Diana Smith

CITIZENS PRESENT: Rey Gallegos

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Eric Farrenkopf.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rey Gallegos briefly introduced himself and stated he is representing Life Church Movement in regards to agenda item number one.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- (1) **Approve Commission minutes of August 9, 2022 regular meeting.**
It was motioned by Commissioner Eric Farrenkopf, seconded by Commissioner Nick Sherwood, and unanimously carried that the minutes of August 9, 2022 be approved as presented.

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Life Church Movement Extension Request of current Senior Center Rental Agreement- Rey Gallegos**
Rey Gallegos formally asked for an extension for their rental contract at the Senior Center. Commissioner Sherwood asked for the status on their search for a permanent location to which Rey answered they are still in the process

of searching and it has been difficult due to low membership ever since COVID happened. Commissioner Nick Sherwood motioned for the contract to be extended one year with a progress report at due in 9 months. Chairperson seconded that motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

(2) **Dog Park Locations – Jason Glick**

There are five potential locations. The first is Blain Park, and that could potentially take away from an amenity or play area. The second is at N and O Street where Impact fees could be used, and are uncertain whether Measure R funds can be utilized. The third option is on Alpine, and typically it is difficult to have a dog park in a neighborhood/school area. The fourth option is at Elk Bayou Park and at that location, impact fees can be used; however, it is quite a drive. The fifth open is at Belmont Basin which could potentially have problems with water since it is a ponding basin.

There was ongoing discussion with concerns relating to whether Measure R money can be utilized at the “N” and “O” Street location, and that parking could become an issue there. Other discussions included that at that location, the Santa Fe trail is already adjacent and is therefore more convenient. It was stated that Alpine is already used as a dog park.

It was motioned Chairperson Craig Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Nick Sherwood and unanimously carried that the city owned property at N and O Street be recommended as the area for the dog park.

(3) **Zumwalt Park Redevelopment (Splash Pad, Playground) – Nick Bartsch**

Senior Manager of Projects Nick Bartsch introduced Lance from RRM Design Group. Lance presented some options for the splash pad. Some concerns brought up were water waste, long term maintenance costs due to vandalism and natural wear and tear of above ground features. The general consensus is to focus on underground features that shoot up.

(4) **Recreation reports for August/September and Upcoming Events – Brian Beck**

Will be tabled for the next meeting.

(5) **Staff report on Park Maintenance Operations & Projects – Ivan Nicar**

Will be tabled for the next meeting.

VIII. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hancock at 7:42 a.m.