

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
830 S. Blackstone St.
Tuesday, December 13, 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 6:33 a.m. by Chairperson Craig Hancock at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig Hancock, Mike Jamaica, Manuel Caceres, Lori Fishbough

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lori Fishbough.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) **Approve Commission minutes of September 13, 2022 special meeting.**

It was motioned by Commissioner Lori Fishbough, seconded by Commissioner Manuel Caceres, and unanimously carried that the minutes of September 13, 2022 be approved as presented.

(2) **Approve Commission minutes of October 11, 2022 regular meeting.**

It was motioned by Commissioner Lori Fishbough, seconded by Commissioner Manuel Caceres, and unanimously carried that the minutes of September 13, 2022 be approved as presented

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

None.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) **Review and recommend approval of Part-time and Seasonal wage rates for January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 – Brian Beck**

Wage rates are brought back due to the minimum wage increase, which is going from \$15 an hour to \$15.50 and hour, and is causing everything to be bumped up. There are a few classifications that are above minimum wage, such as Special Interest Instructor, that were kept the same wage.

It was motioned by Chairperson Craig Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Manuel Caceres, and unanimously carried that the minimum wage adjustments from January 1 to June 30, 2023 be approved.

(2) **Review and recommend approval of revisions to Master Fees and Charges Schedule for 2022/2023 – Brian Beck**

Revisiting due to increase Aquatics Fees. Fees are going from \$52/\$50 to \$55/\$53. Recreation fees in Tulare are low compared to the fees in surrounding areas.

It was motioned by Chairperson Craig Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Manuel Caceres, and unanimously carried that the minimum wage adjustments from January 1 to June 30, 2023 be approved.

(3) **Administrative Items – Jason Glick**

Director Jason Glick went announced that the dog park was approved at the November Council meeting. Four Creeks will design the park and we should break ground some time next year. The Master Plan is moving forward. There was a recent workshop where a 15-year CIP, broken down by five years, was completed. The draft Master Plan will be completed in January and brought to the Commission, and should be wrapped up in March. Zumwalt Park construction plan is at 70 percent completion. Commissioner Craig Hancock requested that the Commission be allowed to see it once it is complete.

(4) **Recreation reports for October/November and Upcoming Events – Brian Beck**

Recreation Manager Brian Beck went over the October and November recreation reports. There was more softball participation in October than in the past, and continued into November. Afterschool Soccer had a great turnout. He highlighted that BEST club enrollment in October was at 997 as compared to 349 last year. Little Kickers, Pre-sports, and Super Sitters all ended in October. Basketball programs will start in January. The department has been working with the school district in regards to the B.E.S.T Club program and will be meeting with David Freitas soon. A brief overview of the Senior Center Thanksgiving meals was provided.

- (5) **Staff report on Park Maintenance Operations & Projects – Ivan Nicar**
Parks Maintenance Manager gave a brief overview of the reports. The Railroad Company Police did a cleanup in October, which prompted Parks to cleanup several areas including Bardsley underpass Centennial Park, and Blackstone Greenway. The Live Oak and Prosperity Sports Park Playground Project went to City Council for approval, and the department is moving forward with the project. The contract was awarded to MC GameTime.

In November, playground equipment was vandalized at Sunrise Park, Del Lago, and Bender. The well pump system was replaced at Elk Bayou Park, restroom lights at Cesar Chavez Park were upgraded, and performed a cleanup at Valley Estates and Montecito District. Ivan briefly discussed upcoming projects, including Prop 68 Grant, and Mulcahy Park.

VIII. ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST

Commissioner Lori Fishbough commended Parks Manager Ivan Nicar for promptly addressing the issue with dogs on the tennis courts and cleanup of the area.

Commissioner Mike Jamaica inquired as to the amount of vandalism this year and how it compares to last year. Manager Ivan Nicar answered that there is still about as much vandalism occurring.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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