

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
830 S. Blackstone St.
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 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, Nick Sherwood, Eric Farrenkopf, Mike Jamaica, Armando da Silva, Lupe Mendoza, Manuel Caceres

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Beck, Ivan Nicar

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Armando da Silva.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A concern was raised during this section. It can be found under "Items of Interest".

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Commission minutes of August 13, 2024 regular meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Sherwood, seconded by Commissioner Farrenkopf, and unanimously carried to approve the August 13, 2024 minutes as amended.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

(1) Triumphant Church request of Sierra/Cascade and Bill Thompson room – Carlos Martinez

Pastor Martinez is requesting to continue using the Sierra/Cascade room and is requesting to use the Bill Thompson room effective this month as well. They would like to use the Bill Thompson room for children's classes. He gave a brief update on their search for a new building. They are still hoping to find another building they can use long term. It was moved by Chairperson Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Caceres and unanimously carried to approve the use of the Sierra/Cascade and Bill Thompson room for six months.

(2) **Administrative Items – Brian Beck**

Assistant Community Services Director Brian Beck informed the Commission that the recruitment for the Community Services Director closes October 20, 2024. He spoke on Zumwalt Park and the work being put into amphitheater to make the concerts successful. Tickets for the concerts can be purchased through Spade Entertainment. Zumwalt Park will still be available for use by the public. It is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of the year. While the concerts happen, the contractor will be working on the dog park. The homeless shelter was on the agenda for council at a recent meeting and passed so the department is currently working on the term sheet with an operator for a homeless shelter.

(3) **Attendance, Recreation, and Cost Recovery Reports, Upcoming Events – Brian Beck**

Softball registration numbers continue to grow under Michael Capote's program. Our afterschool programs are a bit tricky now due to the school district ELOP offering their own afterschool sports and programs, resulting in lower numbers for ours. The way we run our afterschool program may change next year.

Presports numbers are high and has a waitlist. Some of our youth programs have had a title change but are essentially the same type of classes as before. Adult Zumba and Yoga programs were added because it was requested on the Master Plan. We will continue with Letters to Jack Skellington and Letters from Santa this year.

There are two dates coming up for the fishing derbies: December 7th for the Trout Fishing Derby and December 14th for the Elk's Fishing Derby for kids with special needs.

(4) **Parks Division Monthly Report for Report – Ivan Nicar**

The Parks Department is now maintaining about 408 acres of landscape and ground. Currently are in the middle of hiring three new staff. Parks Maintenance Manager summarized the October monthly report which included maintenance, projects completed, and upcoming projects.

Commissioner Lupe Mendoza commented on the new lighting system at our Parks, specifically Live Oak Park, and that it lights up the field very well.

VII. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Hancock read a letter from a citizen that resides in the Del Lago community. In the letter, the citizen requested the geese be removed from the area due to concerns of damaging the landscaping, and excessive duck feces. The concerns in the letter will be forwarded to Code Enforcement and Animal Control.

Commissioner Mike Jamaica inquired about the Yoga program and Taichi. Assistant Community Services Director Beck address his questions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Craig Hancock at 7:20 a.m.