

**MINUTES
HANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
February 8, 2016**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner WILLIS called the Regular Meeting to order in the Hanford Council Chambers, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California at 5:33 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

FORTE, SCHWARTZ, STODDARD, WILLIS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

SHOOP

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Director Miller
Park Superintendent Dias
Council Member Ramirez

- * Parks Superintendent Dias arrived at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Recreation Supervisor daSilva, Recreation Supervisor Chavez, Administrative Technician Venegas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may directly address the Commission at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. A maximum of five (5) minutes are allowed for each speaker.

Commissioner WILLIS opened the floor for any public comment.

David Beeman, Hanford resident asked for status on the city's Tree Ordinance and requested status on the Street Tree Permits that were reviewed and tabled by the Tree Commissioners at the October meeting. In addition, he asked for status on Street Tree Permits that were reviewed by Tree Commissioners. He stated the Tree Commission was disbanded by city council and these items were pending approval and/or recommendation from commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Miller stated the Tree Ordinance was presented and recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission; as well as approved by city council.

Parks Superintendent Dias asked Mr. Beeman if he remembered the location of the Street Tree Permits.

David Beeman stated he does not, but recalls the Street Tree Permits were related to the drought.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. For discussion on any item on the Consent Calendar, it will be removed at the request of any member of the Commission or any person in the audience and made a part of the regular agenda.

- A. Approved Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2016
- B. Approved updates of Sports, Longfield Center, Aquatics, Facility, Events and Promotions
- C. Approved updates of Parks, Sports Field, Median, Downtown LAD's and Urban Forest
- D. Approved updates of Teen Center, Skate Parks, Youth Services, Adult and Special Populations
- E. Approval of After Action Financial Reports

Motion was made by Commissioner FORTE, seconded by Commissioner STODDARD, to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	FORTE, STODDARD, SCHWARTZ, WILLIS
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	SHOOP

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Parks and Recreation CIP Presentation

Parks and Recreation Director Miller stated the city is in the process of creating the new two year budget.

Parks Superintendent Dias gave a brief review of the Capital Improvement Projects that the department will request to be included within the budget. He added, in reference to the graph sheet within the agenda packet the shaded areas relate to projects that will get funded during the years indicated. He stated there are no dollar figures to present at this time for these projects because the department is currently in the process of reviewing each project for the dollar figure.

2. Financial Report

Recreation Supervisor Chavez gave a brief update of the Teen Center, Youth Activities, Senior Center and Adult & Special Populations Financial Reports.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Supervisor da Silva gave a brief overview of upcoming events.

- The Longfield Black History Youth Celebration will take place on February 13, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. He stated Commissioner Willis approached him and introduced this event with the Parks and Recreation Director's approval this event was formed. He added this event will be formed with community sponsorship. The youth attending will have an opportunity to sign up for appropriate age division contest to win a prize. He invited commissioners and the public to attend the event.

- Black History Celebration Dinner and Dance at the Civic Auditorium on February 27, 2016 from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Tickets are currently on sale; price is \$25.00 per person.
- The Annual Spring Kids Fest will be held at Hidden Valley Park on March 19, 2016 from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Tickets are currently on sale; price is \$3.00 per sale and \$5.00 day of event.
- Currently accepting sign-ups for the Spring Adult Co-Ed and Men's Softball Leagues. Price per team is \$420.

Parks Superintendent Dias gave a brief overview of the January 2016 parks division maintenance.

Recreation Supervisor Chavez gave a brief overview of programs and events.

- Zumba for Adults and Boomers was created and is fully funded by grant monies from the Kings County Commission on Aging. She stated she was approached by the county regarding using grant money they received to apply towards a Boomer program. The discount coupon may be used during certain months in 2016 for the Zumba for Adults and Boomers, Senior Aerobics and Senior Water Aerobics programs.
- In the process of creating Ladies Salsa and Margarita Night.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner STODDARD stated several months ago he addressed to staff during the commission meeting of park benches removed from Coe Park. He asked for clarification as to why the city will not place the benches within the park.

Council Member Ramirez stated city council was informed that illegal activity was occurring within the park. The individual committing the illegal activity were stationed around the park bench area and council concurred to remove the park benches in anticipation to deter the illegal activity.

Commissioner STODDARD disagreed to the removal of the park benches and added parks should have park benches.

Commissioner WILLIS invited commissioners and the public to attend the Longfield Black History Youth Celebration Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m., Commissioner WILLIS adjourned the Hanford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty A. Venegas
Administrative Technician