

**MINUTES
HANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
March 14, 2016**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner WILLIS called the Regular Meeting to order in the Hanford Council Chambers, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California at 5:31 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

FORTE, SCHWARTZ, SHOOP, STODDARD, WILLIS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Director Miller
Park Superintendent Dias

ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Ramirez

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. There were none.

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 February 8, 2016
- B. Approved updates of Parks, Sports Field, Median, Downtown LAD's and Urban Forest
- C. Approved updates of Teen Center, Skate Parks, Youth Services, Adult and Special Populations
- D. Approved updates of Sports, Longfield Center, Aquatics, Facility, Events and Promotions

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

AYES: SCHWARTZ, STODDARD, FORTE, SHOOP, WILLIS

NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Planning for Arbor Day 2016

Parks Superintendent Dias informed commissioners that Thursday, April 14, 2016 has been established for Arbor Day Tree Planting. The location selected is the City's Municipal Airport because previously several trees were removed from this location. He encouraged commissioners to participate in this event; as well as arrange and/or suggest of any groups that may want to help plant trees. He added, in the past commissioners were involved by assisting in arranging schools to transport students to the site to participate in planting trees.

2. Proposed Donated Memorial Bench

Parks and Recreation Director Miller stated Ms. Jennifer Ward is proposing to place a Memorial Bench at the Civic Park near the Carrousel in honor of her Grandfather Dick Hauck former City of Hanford Visitor Agency employee. He stated Ms. Ward is paying for the expenses as well as the bench. He informed Ms. Ward there are two types of benches that the city approves which are listed in the City's Street Scape Master Plan

* Council Member Ramirez arrived at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting at 5:40 p.m.

3. Financial Reports

Recreation Supervisor da Silva gave a brief update of the Longfield Black History Youth Celebration which was held on February 13, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. He stated this event was created by Commissioner Willis and due to her dedication and hard work she collected sponsorship donations totaling \$1,550. He stated 100% of the sponsorship donations collected were applied to purchase gift cards for children to participate and earn in the event's contests. The total of \$95.46 was spent from the Longfield budget to purchase pizza; the Hanford Chamber of Commerce donated and served popcorn, and The Rolling Cones donated and served ice cream for this event. A total of 78 people attended this special event and every child under the age of 16 years earned a gift card by participating in age appropriate contests. He stated the event was held during Longfield business hours saving cost on staffing. He stated this event was a successful event and thanked Commissioner Willis for the creation and participation in this event; as well as a special thank you to all the sponsors for their donations.

Recreation Supervisor da Silva gave a brief update of the Black History Celebration which was held on February 26 and February 27, 2016. He stated 139 tickets were sold at \$25 per person total revenue of ticket sales was \$3,475; program expenses was 5,186.58. This event was held in the Hanford Civic Auditorium.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Parks Superintendent Dias informed commission that City of Hanford was certified Tree City USA.

Recreation Supervisor da Silva gave a brief overview the Annual Spring Kids Fest to be held at Hidden Valley Park on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Tickets are for children 2 years to 12

years old and are currently on sale; price is \$3.00 per sale and \$5.00 day of event. He stated this year's event will have 9 food vendors at the location.

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

- Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son Date Night tickets are currently on sale. She stated tickets have increased for Mother/Son and is currently at 199 tickets sold; Daddy/Daughter Date Night tickets sold are currently at 162.
- Currently accepting Toddler T-Ball sign ups; the program is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 2, 2016 and will continue every Saturday for 6 weeks.
- Challenger Basketball is coming to an end this week. She stated Garcia Photography sponsored the t-shirts for each enrollee in this program. She stated Garcia Photography took photos of each child enrolled.

Parks and Recreation Director Miller stated in May 2015 Public Works Director Camara presented a six-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) plan to commission. He stated the Parks and Recreation Department began receiving calls from the public expressing concern as to why the city was removing the rubber surface from the playground at Freedom Park and replacing playground surface with Wood Fiber Chips. He stated he informed the callers that the playground surface was disintegrating and the city is in the process of replacing the playground surface with ADA compliant fiber chips and added the wood fiber chip material was selected to be installed due to the cost, maintenance and durability of the material. The project began on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 and once the complaints began arising the City immediately halted the project. Due to the number of complaints staff placed this item on the agenda to receive a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to be forwarded to the City Council.

Parks Superintendent Dias gave a brief description of the Wood Fiber Chip material.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner STODDARD asked for the status of park benches being replaced at Coe Park.

Council Member RAMIREZ stated the benches are scheduled to be replaced at Coe Park on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 or Thursday, March 17, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Commissioner WILLIS adjourned the Hanford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty A. Venegas
Administrative Technician