

**MINUTES
HANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING SESSION
July 18, 2016**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner WILLIS called the Special Meeting to order in the Hanford Council Chambers, 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California at 4:01 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

FORTE, SCHWARTZ, WILLIS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

SHOOP, STODDARD

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Director Miller
Park Superintendent Dias
Council Member Ramirez

ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Mizote, 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.

- * Council Member Ramirez arrived at the Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting at 4:03 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION – GRAND JURY REPORT AND RESPONSE TO FREEDOM PARK

Parks and Recreation Director Miller gave a brief update of the Freedom Park rubber matting project stating upon hearing public outcry concerning the Hanford Parks and Recreation Department removing the rubberized matting and jack-hammering the concrete around the Freedom Park playground; Kings County Grand Jury stepped in and proceeded to investigate the impending matting replacement to be ADA Compliant. Assistant City Attorney Mizote stated the purpose of this meeting is to review the city's Response to Grand Jury and to obtain from commission a recommendation to city council and/or request to modify the Response to city council.

Motion was made by Commissioner WILLIS, seconded by Commissioner FORTE, to recommend the City Council to submit the Response as written to the Kings County Grand Jury. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 p.m., Commissioner WILLIS adjourned the Hanford Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty A. Venegas
Administrative Technician