



MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, February 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Catherine Willis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Catherine Willis		Present	5:30 PM
Michael Stoddard		Present	5:30 PM
Jack Schwartz		Present	5:30 PM
Jeff Silvester		Present	5:30 PM
Matthew Milnes		Present	5:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Willis led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. A maximum of **five minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

There were no comments given.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller introduced Jeff Silvester and Matt Milnes, as well as Vice Mayor Sorensen who is serving as the Council representative.

ELECTION OF 2017 CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Schwartz nominated Mickey Stoddard. With no other nominations, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Silvester. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Willis nominated Jeff Silvester as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stoddard. The motion was approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF LEAH FORTE

Parks & Recreation Director Craig Miller presented a plaque to Ms. Forte and thanked her for her years of service on the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Schwartz
SECONDER:	Catherine Willis
AYES:	Willis, Stoddard, Schwartz, Silvester, Milnes

A. Parks Division Staff Report

B. Sports, Longfield Center, Aquatics/Skate Park, Facilities, Community Promo/Events

C. Hanford Youth Services and Senior/Adult and Special Needs Departments report attached

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Valley Oak Removal Request 1000 W Audubon RD

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias provided background information for the Commission's review and consideration. Mr. Dias recommended a Certified Arborist inspect the tree to determine if the tree should be pruned or removed and will bring back those findings to the Commission.

Motion to recommend that staff contract with a Certified Arborist to determine action.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Schwartz
SECONDER:	Matthew Milnes
AYES:	Willis, Stoddard, Schwartz, Silvester, Milnes

B. Arbor Day Celebration 2017

The Commissioners discussed potential dates for the Arbor Day celebration in March and April.

Motion to recommend April 7th as the date for the 2017 Arbor Day celebration.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Silvester
SECONDER:	Matthew Milnes
AYES:	Willis, Stoddard, Schwartz, Silvester, Milnes

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias stated that the City has applied for Tree City USA again.

Recreation Supervisor Armando Da Silva commented on the upcoming Spring/Summer catalog of recreation programs. The California Parks & Recreation Society will be having a dinner on Friday the 24th, and if any Commissioners are interested in attending they should let him know by tomorrow.

Recreation Supervisor Susie Chavez commented on the upcoming Family Night that will be at the Civic Auditorium on March 11th.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Willis commented on the upcoming Black History Celebration and the fun activities that will take place.

Commissioner Stoddard discussed the proposed changes to the General Plan and specifically the changes to the zoning to the property next to Hidden Valley Park.

Mayor Ayers noted that they are an advisory board and are welcome to attend a Council meeting and comment as individuals regarding the General Plan. Mr. Ayers encouraged the members to have others apply for the new positions on the Commission as well.

Commissioner Willis requested that they be notified of upcoming issues that will be discussed at future City Council meetings which may pertain to their recommendations or actions.

Commissioner Stoddard requested that their agendas have a second public comment added at the end of the meeting. City Clerk Jennifer Gomez gave the background as to the reason that it was removed. The consensus of the Commission was to put this on a future agenda for a recommendation to be made to the City Council.

Vice Mayor Sorensen recommended that Commissioner Stoddard meet with Community Development Director Darlene Mata in order to clarify any questions that he may have regarding how the amount of parks are determined or to receive additional details regarding the General Plan update.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stoddard adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gomez
City Clerk