



MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mickey Stoddard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Stoddard 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.*

Citizen Michael Quinn from Hanford commented on how he was disappointed about selling Hidden Valley Park. He discussed that the land has been there for a number of years and is part of the history of Hanford. He would be sad to see it go.

Citizen Rose Shapely from Hanford discussed her opinion about selling Hidden Valley Park. She also stated that she went over the cities budget book and recalls that the city is always in debt and why would the city acquire more debt.

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:	Matthew Milnes
AYES:	Stoddard, Schwartz, Milnes
ABSENT:	Willis, Silvester

A. Approve Minutes for November 14, 2016

B. Parks Division Staff Report February '17

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

D. Hanford Youth Services and Senior/Adult and Special Populations report attached

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Valley Oak Removal Request Update

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias provided background information for the Commissioners for review. Mr. Dias says the tree is healthy and does not have any damage to the roots. The tree does not need to be removed.

Motion to disapprove the removal of the tree.

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

B. Hanford Youth Athletic Association - Football League

Parks and Recreation Director Craig Miller wanted recommendations from the commissioners on how Parks and Recreation could work with the football league on how to share the Hanford Youth Complex without conflict between the two teams.

Motion to support staff on the decision on sharing the Hanford Youth Complex.

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

C. Recommendation to City Council Regarding Second Public Comment

The commissioners discuss that they should take the second public comment to the City Council.

Motion to consider City Council to add a second Public Comment on the agenda.

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

D. Proposed Adopt a Park - Tree Pruning

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias discusses business Champi would like to adopt Hidden Valley Park and prune trees at no charge to the city. In return they would like to have a sign with their business logo in the park.

Commission Stoddard discussed his opinion on maybe use a plaque or other options so the city is still in regulations on signage.

Commissioner Milnes discusses guidelines should be made for signage so the park is still in regulations.

Motion to move forward on the signage and the policy for adopting Hidden Valley Park.

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION

A. Youth Black History Celebration Financial Report

Recreation Supervisor Armando da Silva discussed the Black History Celebration Financial Report. He explained that Commissioner Catherine Willis generated \$1500.00 worth of funds for the event. The total expenses for the celebration were \$309.00. The event also had no extra cost for staff since it was during the work week.

B. Arbor Day Update

Parks Superintendent Alvin Dias discussed the upcoming event for the Arbor Day celebration at the JFK Community Gardens on April 7th at 10:30 A.M. in Encore Park. They will be planting 8 trees with students.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Stoddard commented on why Longfield Center, Pool Room, and the Computer Room were closed.

Parks and Recreation Director Craig Miller explained that they were closed due to vandalizing and gambling.

Commissioner Stoddard proposed to go to City Council again on Hidden Valley Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Blakemore
Administrative Technician