



MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, April 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commission Stoddard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Stoddard		Present	
Matthew Milnes		Present	
Patricia Lewis		Present	
Sarah Martinez		Present	
Karen Clancy		Present	
Joseph Castaneda		Present	
Gregory Kelley		Present	

FLAG SALUTE

Chair 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 **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Commissioner Stoddard opened public comment and stated that he contacted the City Attorney to see if the three minute time allotment time can be extended. It was determined that it cannot be extended and that public comment will be held to the three minutes.

Dennis Ham expressed concern about bicycle racks and asked who is responsible for the location and installation of bicycle racks in the downtown area. He also asked the Parking and Traffic commission, and Lisa Dock stated that it may be Parks and Recreation Department purview.

Commissioner Stoddard responded that the decision to install bike racks outside the Civic Auditorium was made by the City Council. Mr. Ham informed the Commission that two to four bike racks have been purchased, but not installed, pending a decision on the location. Parks and Recreation Commission will look into this to see who is responsible for the bike racks and their location.

Commissioner Stoddard responded to a citizen who was asked if public comment could be done after the Hidden Valley presentation. Commissioner Stoddard urged the public to speak in regard to this topic now, whether they are in favor or opposed to the recommendation of Hidden Valley.

Mark Pratt explained that volunteers gathered over a thousand signatures when this property (Hidden Valley) was going to be rezoned. The battle to keep this land as park use has been fought for many years. His constituents have created a plan draft and will present it to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The draft includes financial options.

Claire Fitiausi, resident of the City of Hanford. Visits Hidden Valley Park on a regular basis. She commented that there is not enough parking and not enough park equipment. She stated that two baby swings and two big kid swings are not enough. She is in favor of maintaining Hidden Valley Park as park space and developing it.

Grace Fitiausi, 11-year-old resident of the City of Hanford. She states that parks are very important to kids. She does her homework and makes new friends at parks and says that, more importantly, parks are where families and friends can gather together.

Michael Quinn, resident of the City of Hanford, stated that he has requested information from the Parks and Recreation Department on three separate occasions and has been unsuccessful in receiving the information. He has since asked the City Clerk for maps and acreage being used and defined as open space. He was given a synopsis of certain areas in the General Plan but not the breakdown. He believes the City of Hanford should have this information on record. He has also asked repeatedly where the money would go if the property is sold and who would benefit. Mr. Quinn noted that he collected signatures from the community, with 95% success rate, in favor of keeping Hidden Valley Park. He supports the retention of Hidden Valley Park.

Rose Shapley, resident of the City of Hanford, visited Hidden Valley's Dog Park today. She is concerned regarding "No Trespassing" signage in the area. Also, she is in favor of an indoor Rec facility, due to environmental toxicity. Commented on closure of the Veteran's building and how it has displaced activities.

Pamela Johnson, resident of the City of Hanford, commented that she supports the development of Hidden Valley Park as a community park.

Bob Ramos, resident of the City of Hanford, stated that this topic has been addressed, and there is no compromise. He believes that this property should be left as is, if it cannot be developed as park land. He stated that park land cannot be replaced. He recommended it go to a vote of the residents who live in the City of Hanford.

Lou Martinez, resident of the City of Hanford, believes that the community who speaks to the Commission should be allowed an opportunity to speak five minutes during public comment before anything is presented and five minutes after everything is presented. He stated that Hidden Valley Park should be kept as a park.

Nathan Odom, resident of the City of Hanford, expressed opposition to the sale of Hidden Valley Park and encouraged developing it as park land.

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.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Clancy
SECONDER:	Matthew Milnes
AYES:	Stoddard, Milnes, Lewis, Martinez, Clancy, Castaneda, Kelley

- A. Approval of Parks and Recreation Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018**
- B. Susie Chavez monthly staff report**
- C. Sports, Longfield Center, Aquatics/Skate Park, Facilities, Community Promo/Events**
- D. Parks Division Staff Report February/March '18**

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Appointments for New Chair and Vice Chair

Election for Chair Commissioner Motioned by Commissioner MILNES, second by Commissioner LEWIS to re-elect Commissioner Stoddard as Chair Commissioner.
Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

Election for Vice Chair Commissioner Motioned by Commissioner MARTINEZ, second by Commissioner KELLY to re-elect Commissioner Milnes as Vice Chair Commissioner.
Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

2. Recommendation on the proposed Hidden Valley Park Expansion Design

Parks and Recreation Director Miller reported that at their February 22 Goals and Objectives Meeting, City Council directed staff to present a plan for the development of a park on 4.37 acres west of Hidden Valley Park to the Parks and Recreation Commission, for their review and recommendations. He described the subsequent staff-developed conceptual layout.

The Commission reviewed the proposed plan and asked questions of staff.

Motion I by Vice Chair Commissioner MILNES, second by Commissioner KELLY, to retain the property and to approve the proposed plan as a Phase I build out, with the intention of going forward in developing the remainder into park land with future impact fees.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners MILNES, KELLY, MARTINEZ,
NOES:	Commissioners CASTANEDA, CLANCY, LEWIS, STODDARD
ABSTAINS:	Commissioners NONE
ABSENT:	Commissioners NONE

Motion II by Commissioner CLANCY, second by Commissioner KELLY, to approve the proposed expansion plan that would connect Rodgers Road to Cortner Street and develop 4.37 acres of the property into park land.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners CLANCY, KELLY,
NOES:	Commissioners CASTANEDA, MARTINEZ, LEWIS, MILNES, STODDARD
ABSTAINS:	Commissioners NONE
ABSENT:	Commissioners NONE

Motion III by Commissioner CASTANEDA, second by Commissioner MILNES, to recommend that City Council direct City staff to propose a design rendering of the full 18-acre parcel west of Hidden Valley and include a public meeting to discuss this issue.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners CASTANEDA, MILNES, KELLY, LEWIS, STODDARD
NOES:	Commissioners MARTINEZ, CLANCY
ABSTAINS:	Commissioners NONE
ABSENT:	Commissioners NONE

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Dias announced that the Arbor Day celebration hours changed from 12pm to 10:30am will take place in front of the Civic Auditorium.

Recreation Supervisor Da Silva reported that the skate park celebration 20-year Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 28th, 12pm-3pm, due to rain. The after party went on as planned approximately 75 people attended this event.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Castaneda attended the Easter Eggstravaganza in which he attended. He expressed his concern regarding attendance and would have liked to see more people attend this event.

Supervisor Chavez stated that in 2017, approximately 190 attended, and approximately 411 attended this year.

Commissioner Stoddard commented on the skate park and kids day event.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Stoddard adjourned the meeting at 6:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Contreras
Administrative Technician