



## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM, Monday, August 9, 2021

Regular Meeting  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
400 N. Douty St.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commissioner Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name    | Title | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Joseph Castaneda |       | Present |         |
| Gregory Kelley   |       | Present |         |
| Cheyne Strawn    |       | Present |         |
| Carolyn Hudgins  |       | Present |         |
| Jim Castleman    |       | Present |         |
| Paul Rodarmel    |       | Present |         |

### FLAG SALUTE

Flag salute was led by Commissioner Kelley.

### 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.*

Dolores Alves, City of Hanford resident for over thirty years, expressed concerns about the criminal activity at Lacey Park she has also spoken to several neighbors Patty, Janet who have also expressed their concerns. Mrs. Alves stated that having the presence of the Park Resource officer has helped but is still an ongoing issue and is requesting that the arbor at this park be removed.

John Alves, City of Hanford resident, also expressed his concerns regarding the "safe haven" for this type of criminal activity at Lacey Park and supports having the park arbor removed. He is very grateful for the Parks Resource Officer Bursiaga and appreciates his hard work.

### **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.*

#### **A. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting held July 12, 2021**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Joseph Castaneda                                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jim Castleman                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn, Hudgins, Castleman, Rodarmel |

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **A. Introduction of the new Staff Members**

Director Albert introduced Levi Winebrenner as the new Parks and Facility Manager.

#### **B. Lacey Park Arbor**

Director Albert introduced Parks and Community Services Resource Officer Bursiaga. Officer Bursiaga explained all the efforts made to decrease the homeless population and criminal activity at Lacey Park.

There was some discussion.

There was some discussion among the Commission and Officer Bursiaga.

Director Albert gave the Commission an update on the reservations made at this park two in the last twelve months. Director Albert proposed some possible solutions to reduce criminal activity Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design CPTED.

Step 1:

Remove the roof of the arbor

Step 2:

Remove the tables cement and shelter completely

Director Albert explained, Lacey Park is the least visited park due to criminal activity. However, Lacey Park will be getting a new splash pad and field renovations and adding a fourth basketball court located on the Douty Street side.

There was some discussion.

Motion:

Redesign Park Arbor by removing arbor and foundation pad to reduce criminal activity and transient traffic. In addition, as a priority, add individual benches to replace the removed seating structure.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                             |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jim Castleman                                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Cheyne Strawn                                           |
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### C. Winter Wonderland Overview

Director Albert gave the Commission an update on the Hanford Winter Wonderland

#### Why?

Location, Hanford as a regional destination, Economic Development, Community Pride, and Something Different and New

#### Dates of Operation

November 20th through January 9th

Monday-Friday: 4pm-9:45pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12pm~9:45pm

\*School field trips, private parties and ice-skating lessons will be scheduled for non-public hours.

#### Target Markets

Primary: Kings & Tulare Counties

Secondary: Fresno & Kern Counties

\*Target Demographics: Families & Millennials

#### Partnership Agreement

##### City

Ice Rink Rental

Operational Staffing

Secure vendors

Provide overnight security

Decorations

##### Main Street Hanford

Fund marketing campaign

Secure sponsorship's

Fund live entertainment

Beer & Wine Garden (3 days/week)

### D. Hidden Valley Pond

Director Albert gave the Commission an overview of Hidden Valley Pond. The Commission tabled this item.

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               | <b>Next: 10/11/2021 5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Paul Rodarmel                                           |                                 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Cheyne Strawn                                           |                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn, Hudgins, Castleman, Rodarmel |                                 |

#### **E. Hanford Youth Football Field Usage**

Director Albert gave the Commission an overview on Hanford Youth Football field usage. There was some discussion. Ongoing issues on field usage one group uses Basin, and the other uses Rotary Field. Director Albert agreed to meet with all groups involved to come to a usage agreement for all groups.

### **DIVISION UPDATES**

#### **A. Parks Division Updates**

Senior Parks Maintenance Worker Willie Johnson updated the Commission on the Parks Division.

- \* Turf management at Quail Park
- \* Youth Athletic Complex Irrigation Repairs
- \* City Wide Street Tree Clean-up
- \* Homeless Issues in City Parks
- \* Carnegie Museum of Kings County Landscape Improvements

#### **B. Recreation Division Updates**

Supervisor da Silva updated the Commission on the Recreation Division.

##### **Ongoing**

- \* Aerobics, Water Aerobics, Lap Swim, and Zumba classes are still being offered monthly
- \* Softball Complex Tournaments are still active
- \* Hanford's 130th Birthday 3-day Celebration

##### **\* Carousel                      &                      Freddie the Fire Truck**

July 2021

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Riders: 1,865

Riders: 360

Total: \$3,730

Total: \$1,082

Total Riders: 2,225

Total Revenue: \$4,812

- \* Summer Day Camp Talent Show – Nine-week camp
- \* Food Truck Takeover six food trucks are active at this monthly event
- \* Water aerobics and Lap Swim runs through October
- \* Public Swim - Labor Day last weekend
- \* Adult Swim Lessons
- \* KJUG summer concerts in the Park September 1st & 22nd
- \* Indoor Volleyball Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Longfield Center

Commissioner Castleman requested T-shirts for the Parks & Recreation Commission to wear during special events. Director Albert addressed the request with giving the information on size and color to Clerk Contreras.

Commissioners had some questions that were addressed by Supervisor da Silva

### **C. Facilities Division Updates**

**Superintendent Shaw updated the Commissioners on the Facilities Division.**

- \* Public Works copy room floor - removed the old carpet and replaced it with LVT to match front office.
- \* Veterans Building termite damage repair
- \* Civic Auditorium facade repairs
- \* Hidden Valley Flagpole Solar Project
- \* Carousel Horses restored

Some discussion and questions were addressed by Superintendent Shaw.

### **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Commissioner Strawn, Rodarmel update on Parks Resource Officer Truck Director Albert gave an update on that item. Castaneda and Castleman commented on the Winter Wonderland Event. Chair Commissioner Kelley had a concern; about the fence being too low at Lacey Park. The height of the fence that surrounds the basketball courts is a safety issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Commissioner Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosamaria Contreras  
Administrative Technician