



MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commissioner Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. due to some technical difficulties.

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 Chair 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.*

Public Comment from Mark Pratter, City of Hanford resident, comment was received via email and read by Chair Commissioner Kelley. He was unable to attend Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting due to unavoidable conflict.

"Good evening commission member. My name is Mark Pratter from Hanford. I am representing Save our parkland93230."

"Three major points. Based on council members discussions August 17, 2021 regarding the extension of Hidden Valley Park it looks like the council is opting for no more than a six-acre extension. This is totally unacceptable to our group and I believe it is unacceptable to the more than 400 people from all areas of Hanford who signed a ballot initiative petition to extend the park by 18 acres. It is my belief, based on discussions with more than 1,000 people, that the consensus of the community is that the park should be extended to 18 acres, even if it is not entirely developed into park and recreational space right away. The chief argument for this is the city will never again get this much city-owned land for parkland and should take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do the right thing for present and future residents."

"Second, the staff proposals for the maximum six-acre extension are essentially a sports complex and not a park green space or open space. This is not to say some sports facilities such as a basketball court or tennis court could be placed in that space but I do not believe it is the will of the community to have the entire extension space crammed with sports facilities. People have told me they want walking trails, grass and trees, not concrete and artificial turf. I understand that the city is trying to generate revenue to pay for the expansion. But the mix is almost entirely wrong."

"Finally, running a road through the park extension is unacceptable. The residents of Rodgers Road and other are opposed to this on safety grounds (speeding, vehicle accidents, noise). In addition, the road would ruin the aesthetics of any park space not to mention create a hazard for pedestrians and more air pollution. If the traffic element of the General Plan requires this, then it should be amended. Certainly there are other ways to accomplish north-south traffic flow than running Rodgers Road through the park."

"Thank you for your time and consideration."

There were no additional Public Comments.

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 August 9, 2021

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cheyne Strawn
SECONDER:	Paul Rodarmel
AYES:	Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn, Hudgins, Castleman, Rodarmel

DIVISION UPDATES

A. Park Division Updates

Parks and Facilities Division Manager Winebrenner update the Commission on the Parks Division.

- * Several call-outs for tree maintenance issues
- * Special Projects: Fertilizing at Parks, Train Station Clean-up to help out with the homeless issues, Courthouse square, and Civic clean out the shrubs and trees
- * Skate Park Memorial Bench completed

Commissioner Castaneda had a question on tree maintenance calls.

Commissioner Hudgins asked if there could be an enclosed water bottle dispenser and a shade structure.

Commissioner Castleman had a few questions regarding the trees located around the Civic Auditorium location. Vice-Chair Commissioner Strawn had a question regarding vehicles driving in parks green area. Two Post and Cable Projects will be taking place to restrict vehicles access at Coe and Centennial Park.

There were a few questions asked and addressed by Manager Winebrenner.

B. Facilities Division Updates

Superintendent Shaw updated the Commissioners on the Facilities Division.

- * Civic Auditorium facade repairs have been completed
- * Hidden Valley Park Lighting Project has been completed

Current Projects:

- * Longfield Weight Room
- * New IT Office flooring and painting
- * Freddie the Fire Truck Awning will be completed by September 14th

Vice-Chair Commissioner Strawn had a question on the Fire Truck Awning Bids.

Commissioner Castleman was concerned about the electrical box around the Civic Park area for the Blues and Roots Festival.

C. 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
- * Food Truck Takeover - End of this Activity
- * Indoor Volleyball Monday & Wednesday 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. at the Longfield Center
- * KJUG summer concerts in the Park September 21st (Last one)
- * Adult Softball Fall League - Coed & Men's/\$420 per Team/10 Game Season begins September 13th

* <u>Carousel</u>	&	<u>Freddie the Fire Truck</u>
August 2021		August 2021
Riders: 1,703		Riders: 452
Total: \$3,382		Total: \$1,145
Total Riders: 2,155		Total Revenue: \$4,527 FY: \$9,339

Upcoming Events

- * **42nd** Renaissance of Kings Faire
- * Adult Swim Lessons
- * Old Courthouse...Haunted 3rd floor
- * Winter Wonderland Updates
- * Hiring for Ice Rink Manager and Recreation Leaders I, II, and III

Vice-Chair Commissioner Strawn had a question on the Haunted 3rd floor and the accessibility.

Commissioner Castaneda asked regarding the tournaments (residential or non-residential) and entertainment for bringing in the holiday season.

Commissioner Castleman asked regarding the second Coordinator position and the positioning of special events with food trucks.

D. Special Recognition to Keller Motors for Their Food Truck Takeover Sponsorship

Recreation Supervisor da Silva gave special recognition to Keller Motors and their Food Truck Takeover Sponsorship.

E. Director Updates

Director Albert updated the Commission

- * Introduction to new Recreation Coordinator Kaitlyn Lusk
- * Awaiting notification on Prop 68 Heroes Park Grant Application
- * Working on EDA grant application for the People's Trail Project (\$4-5 Million)
- * Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Opportunity. Development of an Active Transportation Plan (ATP)
- * Winter Wonderland Planning and Coordination with Main Street Hanford
- * Applying for Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant Program for the acquisition and renovation of Soc Com. thirty-five acres of new parkland. (\$3 Million)

Commissioner Castaneda asked for an update on Prop 68 Grant and the Soccer Complex Grant.

Commissioner Castleman requested an update on Lacey Park, Basketball Courts, Splash Pad, and the concert held at Civic Park.

Director Albert explained that the RFP construction for the additional basketball courts would be released soon. It would include the replacement of the asphalt with concrete and add on another lit basketball court.

Bids for the splash pad at Lacey Park have been completed and the project will break ground in two to three months before breaking ground. Lacey Park Arbor, electrical outlet has been removed, and several people have been suspended from utilizing the park. The next step is to remove the tables. The last step will be to remove the arbor.

Commissioner Rodarmel asked if the Carousel and Freddie the Fire Truck was being sanitized in between riders due to COVID and other issues that might arise; and who oversees the parks in the Vineyard Estates and subdivisions. Director Albert directed staff to sanitize the Carousel and Freddie the Fire Truck to prevent any health issues that may arise.

STUDY SESSION

A. Athletic Field usage and Reservation Policy

Director Albert gave the Commission an overview on the Athletic Field usage and Reservation Policy

Purpose

- * Establish policies governing the use of City parks and fields.
- * To Ensure Hanford residents have first priority.
- * To incorporate "turf recovery period" to maintain safe, quality fields.
- * To collect fees for the use of fields, in support of their ongoing maintenance.
- * To ensure decisions regarding the use of City parks and field balance the interests of neighborhoods, sports organizations and the residents of Hanford.
- * To ensure that appropriate users are permitted on appropriate users are permitted on appropriate fields.

City of Hanford's Sports Complexes (YAC) 27.02 Acres

- * 4 Baseball fields
- * 2 Concessions/Restrooms
- * Basin (multi-purpose)
- * Rotary field

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Request from Brad Smith for a Street Tree Permit Approval to remove a Valley Oak Tree in the Public Right of Way.

Heritage Tree removal was denied by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 4]
MOVER:	Cheyne Strawn
SECONDER:	Paul Rodarmel
AYES:	Kelley, Hudgins
NAYS:	Castaneda, Strawn, Castleman, Rodarmel

Prune Valley Oak Tree - Brad Smith Street Tree Permit

The Commission has approved the Pruning by an arborist of the heritage tree located at 1000 W. Audubon Road at the owner's expense, Brad Smith.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Cheyne Strawn
SECONDER:	Joseph Castaneda
AYES:	Castaneda, Kelley, Strawn, Castleman, Rodarmel
NAYS:	Hudgins

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chair Commissioner Strawn suggested that the Ad-hoc Committee begin meeting again.

Commissioner Kelley requested more information on the Commissions going from seven Commissioners down to five Commissioners. Director Albert explained that City Council decided to decrease the Commissions to align with City Council's.

Commissioner Castaneda welcomed Kaitlyn Lusk as the new Recreation Coordinator and Levi Winebrenner as the Parks and Facilities Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosamaria Contreras
Administrative Technician