



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, September 12, 2022

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		Late	5:35 PM
Carolyn Hudgins		Present	
Jim Castleman		Present	

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Commissioner Kelley led the flag salute.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW STAFF

Director Albert introduced the new Administrative Technician Tasheenia Lawag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO KELLER MOTORS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP ON "FOOD TRUCK TAKEOVER 2022"

Recreation Supervisor Da Silva presented Keller Motors with a photo collage of appreciation for the Food Truck Takeover 2022 sponsorship.

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.*

Mr. Erik Gonzalez, a Seattle Washington resident, highlighted some of the work Urbanists Collective has done in Hanford and in surrounding areas. Mr. Gonzalez would like to reintroduce the non-profit organization to the community.

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 8, 2022

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

DIVISION UPDATES

A. Parks Division Updates - Parks and Facilities Manager Winebrenner

- * Enhanced Staffing - 5 part-time staff members has allowed for increased focus on parks primary duties.
- * Special Accomplishments - Multiple dead trees removed and major irrigation repairs.

Commissioners had questions that were addressed by Parks and Facilities Manager Winebrenner.

B. Recreation Division Updates - Recreation Supervisor Da Silva

UPCOMING

- * 2nd KJUG Free Concert at Civic Park on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.
- * Longfield Center Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday, September 24th at 11:30 a.m.
- * Softball Complex Weekend Tournaments - 2 Youth Softball and 2 Youth Baseball.

Questions were addressed by Recreation Supervisor Da Silva and Director Albert.

C. Director Updates - Director Albert

- * Study session with Council on the Civic Auditorium's renovation project on Tuesday, October 4th
- * Increase in vandalism, vagrancy and criminal behavior at park restrooms
- * Fresno State and Hanford High School Interns
- * Purchase of Balancing Act - Online community engagement software
- * Attending National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ on September 19-22

Commissioners had some questions that were addressed by Director Albert.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Location of Heroes Park

Director Albert provided commissioners with updates on Heroes Park and grants.

Sequence of Events

- * Awarded \$8.5 Million for acquisition and development of 40-Acre Heroes Park
- * Ongoing negotiations with property owner
- * Ongoing communication with the State
- * Seeking alternative site location
- * Approached adjacent property owner who is willing to sell
- * State's justification of site location change and need for community input

Next Steps

- * Community input meeting: September 29th at the Longfield Center
- * Submit site change justification to the State
- * Preliminary Title Report
- * Property survey
- * Appraisal of property
- * Sale of Purchase (Open Escrow)
- * Release Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional engineering and architectural design services

B. Grant Updates

- A. Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant
 - * Awarded \$177,952
 - * Install security cameras within parks
- B. Statewide Development and Community Revitalization Program (Prop 68 SPP)
 - * Awarded \$8,500,000
 - * Heroes Park (Phase 1)
- C. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWFC)
 - * Awarded \$1,903,395
 - * Heroes Park (Phase 2)
- D. Sustainable Communities and Strategic Partnership Grant
 - * Awarded \$224,423
 - * Active Transportation Plan
- E. American Rescue & Recovery Act
 - * Council appropriated \$772,000 for park projects
 - * \$572,000 for the new concession/restroom building at the YAC
 - * \$125,000 new fencing at the skate park/Plunge
 - * \$75,000 for public outreach, conceptual design, and cost estimates for Hidden Valley Park Expansion
- F. Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant (Prop 68 RRT)
 - * NOT FUNDED

There was some discussion and questions were answered by Director Albert.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tasheenia Lawag
Administrative Technician