



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
5:30 PM, Monday, October 10, 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		Excused	
Gregory Kelley		Present	
Cheyne Strawn		Present	
Carolyn Hudgins		Present	
Jim Castleman		Present	

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Commissioner Kelley 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.*

Paula Massey and Carlos Hudgins, City of Hanford residents, expressed comments and concerns regarding the Coe Park restroom closure and the negative impacts of it.

Dennis Ham, City of Hanford resident, has concerns about the proposed Heroes Park location. Mr. Ham feels that the money can be better spent on Hidden Valley Park.

Bob Ramos and Andrea Barone, City of Hanford residents, are unhappy with the proposed Heroes Park location and suggested that the location be moved elsewhere.

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.

1. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting held September 12, 2022

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

DIVISION UPDATES

A. Parks Division Updates - Parks and Facilities Manager Winebrenner

- * Staffing Progress
 - * Senior Maintenance Worker interviews
 - * Two Maintenance Worker openings
- * Winter / Fall transitions
 - * Splash pads closing
 - * Less mowing/edging
 - * More tree work
- * Pending Projects: Youth Activity Center (YAC) lighting, replacement fence at Skate Park/Plunge and security measures at miscellaneous parks.
- * Recent Projects: Alley cleanup, prep for Winter Wonderland, clean-up after events

Concerns arose regarding park restrooms, park safety and the skate park water fountain. There was discussion and all concerns were addressed by Parks and Facilities Manager Winebrenner.

B. Recreation Division Updates - Recreation Supervisor Da Silva

- * KJUG Free Concert October 5th

UPCOMING

- * National Night Out on October 11th
- * Haunted House at Old Kings County Courthouse on October 27th-30th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00/per person each night.
- * Softball Complex Weekend Tournaments - Two youth softball and two youth baseball.
- * Renaissance Faire Financial Report - Expenses: \$11,210.92, Revenue: \$14,312.96 and

Total profit: \$3,102.04.

Questions were addressed by Recreation Supervisor Da Silva.

C. Director Updates - Director Albert

- * Addressed some concerns that arose during public comment.
- * Park safety measures, park restrooms, signage
- * Attendance at annual NRPA conference
- * Council's direction on Homeless: temporary closure of Civic Park restrooms & removal of Courthouse arbor on westside.
- * Purchase of Balancing Act - online community engagement tool.

Director Albert answered questions from commissioners.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Location of Heroes Park - Community Input

Director Albert shared the feedback received from the Heroes Park Community Input meeting.

- * Original site vs. Proposed new site
- * Heroes Park Master Plan overview
- * Community Input meeting turnout and feedback.
- * Park design could take 12-14+ months.
- * Additional community input will be gathered for design process.

There was discussion and all questions were addressed by Director Albert.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-Chair Commissioner Strawn - Longfield Fitness Center Member Statistics

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.