



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**July 10, 2023 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Castaneda		Present	
Gregory Kelley		Present	
Carolyn Hudgins		Present	
Jim Castleman		Present	
Sheldon Blackwell		Present	
Judy Scott		Excused	

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.

Mickey Stoddard, City of Hanford resident, shared concerns about department operations.

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 May 8, 2023

Motion to Approve

RESULT: Passed

MOVER:	Castaneda
SECONDER:	Blackwell
AYES:	Kelley ,Castleman, Castaneda, Blackwell, Hudgins

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Parks Division Updates

The parks division updates were presented by Parks and Facilities manager Levi Winebrenner.

Ongoing/Seasonal Projects

- Ongoing median and park work
- Rotary Field renovation

Parks and Facilities Manager Winebrenner answered all questions.

B. Recreation Division Updates

Recreation Coordinator Kaitlyn Lusk presented the recreation division updates.

July

- 7, 10: Movies at the Plunge
- 14,28: Movie at the Park
- Week 6: Summer Camp; 50 enrollment (19 scholarship kids)
- Session #4: Swim Lessons Start (group & private, increased enrollment)
- 1,8,15,22,29: Yoga at Longfield (goal: 5, total: 19)

August

- 5, 12th : Kids in the Kitchen Ages 5-8
- 19, 26: Kids in the Kitchen Ages 9-13
- 5,12,19,26: Yoga at Longfield
- Tuesdays: Mobility and Strength for Seniors
- Jr Fire Fighters

The Plunge

- Life Jacket Rental Program: 20 child size, 10 youth size
- \$5 rental per session

Recreation Coordinator Kaitlyn Lusk addressed all questions from the commission.

C. Director's Updates

Director Albert presented the updates and addressed all questions.

June/July Updates

- Field Sports Advisory Committee (FSAC) – Request for field permit form, proposed field permit fee, cost recovery goal.
- Heroes Park – Received six proposals for the design. Evaluation team will score and rank proposals
- Reimagining Hidden Valley Park- Study session for Council on July 18th
- Hanford Boys & Girls Club – Renovation of the Coe Park Building. Target opening is late September/early October.

- Intent to levy LADS – July 18th Council meeting
- Walk-with-a-Doc –July 15th @ 9 am at Freedom
- Administrative Analyst - starts on July 24th

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Approval of the City's formal response to the 2022-23 Grand Jury Report on City of Hanford Parks

Director Albert presented the report.

City's Response to Finding 1

The need for more basketball courts in Hanford, especially north of Grangeville

- City agrees that more basketball courts are needed north of Grangeville.
- The City disagrees with the statement that the City needs more basketball courts due to a deficiency. Source data: NRPA Agency Performance Review. Hanford exceeds the number of basketball courts for like-sized cities.

Recommendation

- Consider adding one more courts north of Grangeville. Add one court to EFJ and possibly Freedom and/or HVP

City's Response to Finding 2

There are many basketball courts located in Hanford schools, they are unavailable for use to the public due to insurance and vandalism concerns.

- City concurs with Finding 2's statement . HESD is unwilling to open its outdoor basketball courts to the public due to concern over vandalism.
- The City concurs with Finding 2 to the extent that lack of access to school-controlled courts deprive the public of use of those facilities.

Recommendation

- A discussion should take place between the City and HESD on this matter.
- An analysis should be done by the City to determine the cost effectiveness of supplementing insurance in lieu of new courts

City's Response to Finding 3

There are many portable basketball courts in residential neighborhoods. The City is issuing warnings and citation to homeowners.

- City concurs with Finding 3 to the extent that there are basketball hoops in residential neighborhood and the City issues warnings and citations for right-of-way obstruction.

Recommendation to Finding 3

- The City is considering options, including a permitting system that would allow resident to erect basketball hoops within the public right-of-way.

When considering a permit program, the City will consider numerous factors:

- Public safety and convenience
- Accessibility
- Impacts to City Services

- Liability

The City will, per Penal Code Section 933.05 (b)(3), further assess a basketball hoop permit program within six months of the publication of the Report.

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

B. Longfield Center activity age restrictions

Director Albert presented the report.

During the June 20th City Council meeting, a question was asked regarding the age restrictions at the Longfield Center for various activities. The following age restrictions are currently in place:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Current Age Restriction</u>
Fitness Center	Age 18 and above and require membership
Pool Tables	Age 16 and above unless accompanied by an adult
Games	Any age
Drop-in Basketball	Any age

There was some discussion.

RESULT: (CONSENSUS)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Commissioner Kelley requested impact fees be added to a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Commissioner Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.