



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**January 13, 2025 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

Presented by Pastor Kirk

FLAG SALUTE:

Led by Chair Blackwell.

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 residence.

Douglas from hoop shoot connection stated staff were great.

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.

None present.

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Recreation Updates

December 15th – Winter Wonderland Breakfast with Superheroes (included breakfast, ice skating and photos with Superheroes):

62 Attendees (a little more than last year), Great feedback from attendees, January 10th – Last day of Winter Camp, 47 Children enrolled (typically get 25-35 children enrolled for Winter Camp), 7 Hanford Children received scholarship funding

Planning:

Parent & Child Dances (planning for March), Food Truck Takeover, Easter Egg Hunt

B. Parks Updates

Projects / Updates: Industrial Dist, Cortner Wall, 3rd Ave clean up, Parking Blocks, Tree/Branch Removals

Plans Upcoming: Winter Wonderland Breakdown

Helping Hands 2025: January 2025 Quail Run Park - Moved to 1/18/25 / Aligned with Martin Luther King National Day of Service, Back to the starting point, Rose thinning, weed abatement playground soft fall backfill

Redwood Park/ Basin

Park of the Month: 3.4 Acres all green space, Primarily used as a Dog Park, Joel Barba – North Parks Route

C. Director's Updates

Addition of a Full-Time Sports Coordinator: Austin Payne selected for position

Update on the YAC Restroom/Concessions Building: Received funding to add one stall to each restroom, cement under bleachers. Demo scheduled for July and should open 3/1/25.

Urban Forestry Grant: Award for professional forestry consulting services is on the January 21st City Council meeting. These services include the tree inventory, canopy assessment, operations and policy review, community engagement, and the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Winter Wonderland: Concluded yesterday. Both drone shows were popular with a total of 10,600 people attending.

Storytime with Santa went well on Christmas Eve.

Longfield Toy Giveaway: The annual event occurred on December 21st. Longfield staff, the Traffic Kingz and Queenz, and the Breakfast Lions organized and operated another successful event.

Fall Field Permit Cycle: Youth sports organization are reconciling the field hours used from July 1 to December 31, 2024.

Chair Blackwell: Asked for update on federal fund grant? Director replied updated them on when Trump held money up, waiting for further.

Vice Chair Scott: Racquetball in north? Staff replied Measure H added northern courts in CIP list in the budget for upcoming years.

Vice Chair Scott: Asked about budget for Measure H? Brad presented oversight board and council meeting will could ** as an open meeting.

Chairperson Rodriguez: Asked if there is any impact on ATP? Brad replied no.

Chairperson Castaneda: Appreciates error on side of caution for grant. Asked what's going into the equipment? Staff replied newer restaurant equipment and will be revamped as of 3/1/25.

Chairperson Castaneda: Asked what days do you meet **. Staff replied every other Wednesdays.

Chairperson Castaneda: Asked if we break even, will we have paid all major expenses? Brad replied interment year.

Chairperson Castaneda: mentioned the homecoming parade, look into bringing that back.

1. Director's Updates

Addition of a Full-Time Sports Coordinator – Austin Payne has been selected as the new Sports Coordinator.

Responsibilities include management and operations at the Hanford Softball Complex, field permits, and concessions.

Update on the YAC Restroom/Concessions Building – The project received additional funding which will add one stall to each of the restrooms. New asphalt access and cement pads under the bleachers have also been added. Demolition is scheduled for July and the new building will open by March 1, 2025.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Parks and Community Services: Overview of the Active Transportation Plan Administrative Draft

Commissioner Hudgins: Requested a hard copy. Resend Link of ATP

B. Parks and Community Services: Overview of the Measure H Ten-Year Expenditure Plan

C. Tree Permit Request-2308 Mussel Slough

Motion to Amend

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelley
SECONDER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Judy Scott
AYES: Joseph Castaneda, Carolyn Hudgins, Gregory Kelley, Judy Scott, Sheldon Blackwell

Chairperson Kelly motioned to remove tree and be replaced at the expense of the homeowner.

D. Heritage Tree Pruning Request- 605 Douty Ave.

Motion to Approve

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joseph Castaneda
SECONDER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelley
AYES: Joseph Castaneda, Carolyn Hudgins, Gregory Kelley, Judy Scott, Sheldon Blackwell

Chairperson Kelly: Motioned to approve tree pruning at 605 Douty Ave

Motion was approved

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: