



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**August 12, 2024 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Blackwell.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Absent:
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joseph Castaneda Parks and Recreation Commissioner Carolyn Hudgins Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelley Parks and Recreation Commissioner Judy Scott Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sheldon Blackwell Parks and Recreation Commissioner Santiago Rodriguez	

INVOCATION:

Led by Pastor Thomas King

Invocation was led Pastor Thomas King

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

Jim K.- Hanford resident. Stated that he would like to see more walking trails in the City. Stated that 50 trees at the Softball Complex are dead and do not look attractive to the fields, requested they be removed and replanted. Provided congratulations towards the new Earl F Johnson playground. Director Albert with permission from Chair Blackwell to address public comment. Director Albert stated that Dept was awarded a grant that will allow us to replant the dead trees at SB Complex and that we currently are designing a trail plan through the ATP grant.

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.

No consent items were voted on.

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Recreation Division Updates

Staff provided updates on events: EFJ Grand Opening, Summer Day Camp, Plunge, Renaissance Faire, and Sporting Permits. Stated that summer camp had 361 enrolled, nine weeks of camps offered, and provided over \$8,000 to scholarships for summer camps and swim lessons. Provided an update on the hours for the plunge swimming facility and what those hours are going to be in the cooler months from September to October. Staff presented the Renaissance Faire is in collaboration with C- squared productions, there is an entry of \$5, and that the Dept is increasing efforts to increase marketing of the event. Staff presented the new sports field permit and the process.

B. Parks Division Updates

Parks staff presented updates for field renovations at the Basin at YAC as well as the cleaning efforts of the staff for the airport runway. Presented the next date for the helping hands event.

C. Director's Updates

Director Albert presented Winter Wonderland update: stated what is going to be purchased (ice rink, skates, skate racks, zamboni, rink). Stated that he and the staff are currently seeking sponsorships. Presented the Satna Experience as a new attraction. Provided updates on YAC Concession and Restroom building: stating that project will be delayed one year due to electrical switch gear needing to be relocated. Presented an update on USFS Urban and Community Forestry Grant: stated that grant is awarded and contract is executed, will issue an RFP soon for forestry services, and that a national recognition media event will be held sometime in September with the goal being to plant 600 trees downtown, Heros Park, and Softball Complex.

Commissioner Hudgins showed appreciation for staff efforts at Juneteenth event. Stated the event turn out and how staff were helpful. Commissioner Castaneda asked about the dead tree at Civic Park, Director Albert stated that a new one is going to be purchased and it will be fake for Winter Wonderland. Commissioner Kelley showed staff support for the Summer programs wrapping up and scholarships being important to community.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Park of the Month: Presented by Levi Winebrenner

Park of the month was softball complex. Parks Manager presented the acres, joint use agreement with COS and High School District, and the groups that utilize that space. Presented the staff that cares for that park. No questions were presented for staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Castaneda asked Dept if they could receive presentations before the meetings. Director Albert stated that he could provide staff reports for the items on the agendas when agenda goes out the Friday before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended at 6:45pm.