



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**September 9, 2024 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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	

INVOCATION:

Led by Pastor Lori Niles

N/A.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Blackwell led flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Hanford City Council. 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. State law does not allow the Council to discuss or take action on issues not on the agenda, except that members of the Council or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights (Gov. Code sec. 54954.2). A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

Community member Odin Champi stated that he would like the Commission to reopen and review the current tree ordinance. Stated the placement of trees were laid over electrical and communication lines created safety hazards for public. Also mentioned the widening of 10th Ave and American Sycamore trees were put there. Restated the main point of his comment was urging the Commission to reopen the current tree ordinance for review.

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 Meeting Minutes for: August 12, 2024.

Motion to Approve

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

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Recreation Updates

Recreation Coordinators Brittany and Tash provided updates on recreation items. Presented Haunted House updates and dates on events, as well as the Trunk or Treat at Longfield Center, Winter Wonderland progress, and Renaissance Faire updates. Presented marketing strategies, dates and times of all events, and other details of events.

Commissioner Castaneda: stated that he has seen the curtain at Longfield and really likes the product and that it is a good addition to Longfield Center. Also asked about the Santa Experience, which Director Albert stated are in his updates.

Commissioner Santiago: questioned the sponsorship for the renaissance fair who and when that will be provided, Tash responded that we are awaiting on final approvals from sponsor. Director Albert also responded that the donor would like to remain anonymous and that it will cover the gate fees if sponsorship approved.

B. Director's Updates

Director Albert provided updates on:

- Heroes Park Outreach Meetings
- 8/22/24: All-Wheel (Skate) Park outreach meeting
- 9/5/24: General conceptual design outreach meeting
- Urban and Community Forestry Grant
- Major media event planned for late September/early October. Location: Hanford Softball Complex
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional urban forestry services is open
- Measure H
- Public outreach meeting is scheduled for 9/12 at 5:30 pm at the City Hall Training Room
- Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Community Engagement Events
- 9/25 Pop-up Event @ Fulton Cycle Works (209 N. Irwin) 3:00-4:00 pm
- 9/25 Community Open House @ Civic Auditorium 5:30-7:00 pm
- 9/26 Pop-Up Event @ Veteran/Senior Building 9:00-10:00 am
- 9/26 Pop-up Event @ Thursday Night Market Place 5:30-9:00 pm

Commissioner Kelley: asked by Civic Auditorium was not used for Hero's Park design outreach. Suggested that we use the Civic Auditorium to attract more public input and participation and make it easier for the public to access the meetings. Suggested we do meeting during Thursday Night Market. Director Albert responded by stating that the room sizes in the Civic Auditorium are large and that much space may not be necessary for these meetings, but took note and will try to implement in next outreach meetings.

Commissioner Rodriguez: asked who was the firm designing the ATP plan. Director Albert stated that it was a consultation firm called ALTA. He also stated that they are leading the project, marketing the project, and completing the outreach in coordination with the Dept. Commissioner Rodriguez also stated that he would like to see some project reference to see some work ALTA has completed. Director Albert stated that they were involved in several large infrastructure projects and can provide their website as reference to those projects.

Commissioner Scott: asked to see dates for ATP completion. Did mention the the measure H meeting was nice turn out for public to receive information, also did mention that she agrees with Commissioner Kelley that Thursday Night Market is a good time for public outreach.

C. Parks Updates

Parks Manager Winebrenner presented updates on Civic Park, and stated that irrigation repairs were underway in several park locations. Also presented his team's involvement with Winter Wonderland and that planning and preparations are

underway for that event. Presented the next Helping Hands update on the date and location.

Commissioner Kelley: wanted an update on the basketball netting at Lacey Park. Parks Manager stated that they are ensuring that when damaged they are replaced. A new netting is in the works that is safe and sturdy.

Commissioner Castaneda: stated all courts are up and running at Lacey and wanted more detail on Old Navy partnering with Helping Hands and provided kudos for the partnership.

Commissioner Hudgins: stated that if Levi wanted to increase volunteers for Helping Hands, Kohls stores have a good volunteer program.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Park of the Month

Parks Manager Levi Winebrenner provided updates on Encore Park. Provided information on the size, amenities, and type of park. Also showcased Dept staff that cares for this location.

No questions were provided by Commission.

B. Heroes Park Update

Director Albert provided updates on Hero's Park:

- Moved the fire station from Grangeville Blvd to 9th Ave.
- Extended the parking lot to provide access to more of the park, moved the skate park next to the fire station
- Reconfigured the pickleball complex and added two championship courts. Central Plaza: Possible location for ground lease retail food. Added back-of-house parking behind the amphitheater for stage production and artists. Added more trails to design.

Director Albert also provided an updated concept design drawing. Mentioned dogs being important in the concept and their popularity in other cities parks designs as well as the phasing of the projects completion.

Commissioner Kelley: asked the purpose of phasing. Director Albert stated that its common and that infrastructure is typically first and needs to be phased into the project.

Commissioner Castaneda: stated that dogs are important in these areas as well. That the central shopping hub is a good idea and will attract businesses to the park.

Commissioner Scott: asked if widening the street for bike paths for biking and walking will be incorporated, and Director Albert stated that trails are incorporated into the design and are present.

Commissoner Hudgins: asked if the park will be ADA accessible. Director Albert stated yes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No future agenda items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.