



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**March 10, 2025 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

Led by Commissioner Kelly.

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.

No public comment.

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 February 10, 2025.

Minutes Approved.

Motion to Approve

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Judy Scott

SECONDER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Carolyn Hudgins

AYES: None

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Recreation Updates

Food Truck Takeover in Civic Park: Every Wednesday March - May from 11:00am - 2:00pm; Golden Lumpia 3/12/25
Father & Daughter (4/12/25) / Mother & Son Dances (4/13/25) from 6:00pm - 9:00pm; \$50 per couple, \$20 additional child

Recruitment for Seasonal PT Staff: Plunge and Special Events; closed and interviews scheduled for end of month

Spring Camp: 4/14/25 - 4/18/25 from 7:30am - 5:30pm; Enrolling now open scholarship funding

Egg Hunt: 4/19/25 10am - 2pm in Civic Park; Free event

Chair Blackwell: Asked if the Golden Lumpia for Food Truck Takeover was sponsored or selling?

Commissioner Kelly: Asked if flyers have been sent out to elementary school districts? Staff advised they just got back and will do it once situated.

B. Parks Updates

Projects/Updates: Freedom slides, 10th Ave clean up, Soccom main line Repair, YAC lights*, Weed Abatement

Plans Upcoming: Irrigation Start-up, Move to Routine services *(weekly)

Helping Hands 2025: February - Paint Lacey Restrooms (inside and out), Paint Shelter, Repaint trash enclosures and can holders, added fiber to play spaces

Park of the Month: Freedom Park - 16.7 Acres, Large green space, Inclusive play environment, small splash pad, Dog park, 3 preservable shelters, fitness space, walking path

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked what is the progress of the lights at Bob Hill lower east fields? Staff said the bulbs burned out and didn't work, and a vendor was recruited to quote electrical.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked if it was affecting the infield or outfield? Staff responded a little of both, and that leagues were updated about current conditions.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked if the upper field was impacted or the lower field? Staff stated the leagues are busy.

Vice Chair Scott: Stated that it is a little dark. Staff stated 4-16 lights per diamond, 1/4 of the lights are out on one field, and 2-3 lights are out in another field.

Vice Chair Scott: Asked about painting the light poles? Staff stated it may be \$20,000 - \$50,000 to do it correctly, which involves stripping the paint. Suggesting light replacement is estimated at about \$1 million.

C. Sports Facilities Updates

March 3rd - First day of the adult league

43 teams total, 8 teams on Mondays, 24 teams on Tuesday, and 11 teams on Co-Ed Thursdays

The projected cost for the season is \$9,880, which includes buying balls (\$800), chalk (\$100), paying umpires (\$6,880), and 7 jerseys for the first place teams in each division (\$2,100).

Projected revenue from entry fees after costs is \$10,545

Total of 215 games played for the mentioned season

To keep the interest of the teams, this will be the first season we will be offering the 1st place team custom jerseys.

Upcoming: tournament scheduled for the end of March; Hanford Youth Softball League officially started this week.

Vice Chair Scott: Asked how many teams of YSL? Staff stated they could find out

Chair Blackwell: Asked if there is a student umpire? Staff stated that Hanford Youth Board handles that.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked about the jerseys and if there's only one division? Staff stated there are 7 divisions total, but it is cheaper and will retain participants.

D. Director's Updates

Adoption of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP): Adopted 3/4/25 by City Council; Brad gave detailed plan of ATP and stated due to funding, they will start to implement the plans designs.

Upcoming Special Events: Echoes of Courage Parade 4/26/25; A Century of Memories 6/7/25

Walk with a Doc: 3/15/25 Freedom Park @ 9am

Winter Wonderland 2024/2025 Final Reports and Data

Reviewed CIP and Measure H process

Commissioner Hudgins: Asked how much do we pay for storage? Staff stated \$12,000 a year

Commissioner Kelly: Asked to present a detailed report at some point. Also said the sand did not look appealing. Staff advised they pushed the time to get it hard scaped, which delayed the appearance. Levi stated ice melting went into February and rains occurred so in a limbo state. There is a 3-4 day notice for the sod to arrive.

Commissioner Castaneda: Requested the flyer for the Echoes Parade. Staff advised they can assist and send through email.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked about utilizing Veterans for guest speakers. Staff advised there is no special services for the speeches as the whole event will be dedicated to them.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked if they were doing something in Corcoran? Staff stated we are not partnered with them.

Commissioner Castaneda: Asked about the hard scape and placing a mural in the middle? Staff stated it is a 40 x 100 ft space, and the design is not finalized yet. Was thinking of using logos, colored cement, etc. and will reach out to the public for input.

Chair Blackwell: Asked as revenue increases, will those funds stay in the Parks Department? Staff said in the past, council rolled over funds to reinvest back into the Parks.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Tree Pruning Request for 1474 Hayden Ave

Motion Passed; Heritage Tree - Pruning / Thinning of Tree

Motion to Approve

RESULT:	(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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: