



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**August 11, 2025 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Blackwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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 Rodrigez	

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Blackwell 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.

None

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 July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes - Corrected

Motion to Approve

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

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Sports Complex Updates

Sports Coordinator Austin Payne gave a breakdown of the recent softball tournaments and the recreation adult league.

B. Parks Updates

Parks Updates by Parks Manager Levi Winebrenner

- Projects/ Updates:
- Base duties
- Backflow replacements Downtown
- Carnegie mulch
- PAL building weed abatement
- YAC construction – Anomalies
- Softball Pump progress
- Plans Upcoming:
- Base duties

July 12

YAC Complex – All three parts

Parking lot planters, fence lines, tree work

August 9 Airport clean up

Clean up the wash station

Open spaces around hangers

Cleared runway lights buffers

Next Event: Sept 13 – Location TDB

Park of the Month

Skate Park Plunge

- 1.8 Acres – Pool complex, Skate Park and Parking, 17 trees & landscaping
- Seasonal Pool usage, year-round skate park usage
- Weekly Visits
- 50-100 off season, 400-900 summer
- Improvements/ Issues
- Major renovation 10 yrs
- Slide pending repairs – possibly this next offseason
- Leak pending repair
- Skate Park fence reno 2 yrs ago

C. Recreation Updates

Recreation Manager Adam Ramos provided the recreation updates.

Plunge

- Over 13K community members visited the Plunge this season.
- Private Party Rentals for August: all weekends sold out.
- 250 Children completed swim lessons: Ages 3-12
- 85 Active Lap Swimmers
- 3 Successful Movies at the Plunge Events Averaging over 200+ people in attendance per movie.
- Upgrades to facilities: iron rod fencing was repaired, chemical expenses decreased, new eye wash station replaced, new Plunge mural, updated signage throughout facility, iron rod fencing painted, added 20+ new deck lounge chairs for customers.

Summer Camp

- August enrollment sold out
- 428 new children enrolled, with over 85 children attending from other areas.

D. Director's Updates

Directors Updates were given by Director Brad Alber

Department Reorganization Updates

- Heroes Park Design – Currently at 70% of design. Ongoing environmental studies. Groundbreaking scheduled for June 2026.
- Urban and Community Forestry Grant – The tree inventory has been completed and under review. The On-Call Arborist RFQ will be released this week. Tree planting will begin in October.
- The Plunge – Staff will present a study session to the Council on September 16th regarding the Plunge repairs, improvements, and long-range evaluation. Staff will seek approval of urgent repairs to the leaking circulation pipes, completion of repairs to the slide and slide pool, and assessment and recommended repairs to the mechanical room.
- Hanford Softball Complex – In October, staff will present the current tournament fee structure, concession operations, and the 2/3 renovated fields at Hanford HS.
- Park Resource Officer Program – During the October 13th Commission meeting, HPD will provide an annual report on the Park Resource Officer Program including calls for service, violations, arrests, and safety concerns.

There was discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Kelley requested Parks Resource Officer crime reports/leash laws.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Blackwell adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.