



## SUMMARY MINUTES

### VISALIA CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA  
Monday, April 25, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

#### City Council

Mayor: Bob Link  
Vice Mayor: Amy Shuklian  
Council Member: Warren Gubler  
Council Member: Mike Lane  
Council Member: Steve Nelsen

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Chairperson: Robert Mijares  
Vice-Chair: Lesa Mann  
Commissioner: Carla Calhoun  
Commissioner: Travis Griffith  
Commissioner: Jeff Boswell  
Alternate: Benjamin Filiponi  
Alternate: Robert Doi

5:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### [Track 1](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council/Parks and Recreation Commission. The Council and Commissioners ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. The Council/Commissioners cannot legally discuss or take official action on items that are introduced today. In fairness to all who wish to speak, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your street name.

Roland Soltesz, S. Mooney, complimented the Parks & Recreation Department for their services during tough budget times and spoke about the amenities of Riverway Sports Park

### INTRODUCTIONS

All members were present and self introduced.

### WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. Role of the Commission and Review of Current Parks & Recreation Commission Goals. Presentation by Robert Mijares, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman (30 minutes).

Robert Mijares, Commission Chairman, reviewed the role of the Commission, and each Commission member expanded on one of the Commission's goals for 2010-12: 1) advocate for healthy lifestyles; 2) community sense of place; 3) Advocate "green" sustainability; 4) Collaborate with other public entities and groups; 5) advocate for city recognition.

2. Overview of Parks & Recreation Department (45 minutes):

- a. Current Trends & Issues (Vincent Elizondo, Director of Parks & Recreation)

Vince Elizondo, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed emerging trends and issues, including volunteerism, expanding financial opportunities, partnerships and collaboration, and park security and safety.

#### [Track 2](#)

- b. Parks & Urban Forestry Operations & Maintenance (Jim Bean, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager)

#### [Track 3](#)

Jim Bean, Parks & Urban Forestry Division, presented an update on operations and maintenance including sub-contracted services, park ranger services, urban forestry program, volunteer projects, playground replacements, new parks, renovated parking lots, trails and other amenities.

c. Recreation Programs (Jeannie Greenwood, Recreation Manager)

[Track 4](#)

Jeannie Greenwood, Recreation Manager, discussed the programs of the Recreation division and introduced recreation staff members. The Recreation Division is responsible for adult sports, youth sports, athletic facility management, aquatics, special event, senior services, youth and teens, tiny tots, and marketing. Greenwood reviewed the variety of sports programs available in the City and the number of participants during 2010.

Council discussed the ridership of the Loop Bus and also the status of the BMX Park. Greenwood responded to council questions.

**Closing Comments** – Vice Mayor Shuklian recommended another joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commissioners regarding the General Plan Update. Mayor Link encouraged the Commissioners to attend the public meetings in July regarding the General Plan Update to discuss where future parks will be in the City of Visalia. Councilmember Nelsen encouraged volunteerism.

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

Meeting  
adjourned  
6:40 p.m.

- Monday, May 2, 2011, 4:00 Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session - City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, May 16, 2011, 4:00 Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session - City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 6, 2011, 4:00 Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session - City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk.