

**Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Calhoun at 5:35 pm.

Present: Carla Calhoun, Ben Filiponi, Shann Blue, Peter Thomas, and Justin Sweet

Absent: Jason Kent and George Shelton

Guests: Gary Alvarez, President of Visalia Girls Softball

Staff: Vincent Elizondo, Jeannie Greenwood, Jeff Fultz, Freddie Arias, Laurissa Roggenkamp, and Brenda Miernik

- 2. Review and Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 18, 2015.** Commissioner Calhoun called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Blue moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Filiponi seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 5-0

- 3. Public Comment:** None.

- 4. Review Design Alternatives for Riverway Sports Park Phase V.** Mr. Elizondo said that on September 21, the Visalia City Council will consider a staff recommendation to award a design contract for the development of construction documents for the final phase of the Riverway Sports Park. The proposed contract will be awarded to the HLA Group for an estimated cost of \$400,000. He said Phase V is for a four field- lighted softball complex including a new concession/restroom facility and additional permanent parking spaces. He said the only outstanding design question is whether the outfield lines should accommodate both adult and youth play, or just youth play.

Mr. Elizondo presented the following background information on past actions taken by both City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- At the May 3, 2010, City Council meeting, Council approved funding (\$1.7 Million) for Phase III-IV of the Riverway Sports Park as part of a broader discussion on all City wide CIP projects. The Council also approved a motion to reduce the size of the softball fields at Riverway for youth play only; approved 4-1 (Shuklian, no).
- At the May 17 City Council meeting, Council voted 4-1 (Shuklian, no) to refer the design and policies related to the future softball field complex at Riverway to the Parks and Recreation Commission. At that time, some Council members expressed concern about the presence of alcohol and inappropriate language if adult softball used Riverway for games. Some Council members stated this is the current culture at Plaza Park (current home of adult softball) and this same culture would be brought to Riverway.
- At the June 15 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the commissioners tabled this item “until a future date, when funding has been allocated to begin concepts for a softball complex.” Mr. Elizondo said that date has arrived and now the question is what size the fields should be built.
- Mr. Elizondo said he attended and made a presentation at the adult softball team managers meeting on September 1, 2015, to discuss the Riverway Phase V design issues. He outlined the importance of the upcoming meetings to be held by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council. He encouraged softball enthusiasts to attend these meetings to provide support for the adult sized fields, or to provide written communication.
- Mr. Elizondo met with the President of the Visalia Girls’ Softball Association on September 4, 2015, to discuss the design issues and encouraged the President and his Board to attend the City Council and Parks and Recreation meetings as well to represent their best interests.

Mr. Elizondo said the City does not issue permits for the use of alcohol at Riverway Sports Park and, historically, it has been alcohol free.

Mr. Elizondo said the HLA Group, landscape designer for the Riverway Sports Park, has provided the following information to the department: If the facility were designed for adult play (300’), there would be 150 parking stalls, and if designed for youth play (225’) there would be room to allow pre-game warm-up areas and 200 parking stalls.

Mr. Elizondo stated City staff is recommending the softball field complex be designed for adult play (300') in order to provide the maximum multi-use flexibility of the facility. Furthermore, City staff recommends that girls' softball be given priority use of the fields, and priority use of the concession facility. City staff also recommends that the facility be available for adult league play during the summer and fall months in an alcohol free environment.

Mr. Elizondo introduced Mr. Gary Alvarez, President of Visalia Girls' Youth Softball. Mr. Alvarez said these fields have been needed for a while, especially the lighted fields. He said without the lights games are restricted due to Daylight Savings changes. He said teams are forming right now for the fall ball season and tournaments. He said the way the staff is proposing the design is great, and Visalia Girls Softball has portable fencing necessary for play.

Mr. Elizondo stated Visalia Girls' Softball is played at Whitendale Park, which is a small park in a residential neighborhood. He said parking does not meet the demand of the park during weekend games.

Commissioner Filiponi said he was concerned about when the fields would be closed for maintenance. Mr. Elizondo said these fields would follow the same cycle as that of Riverway Sports Park. He said these fields will probably not be ready for use until 2018.

Commissioner Calhoun asked for clarification - the Plaza Park fields will not go away. Mr. Elizondo replied that the fields would still be available but there might be a future discussion on what to do with them. He said these fields would allow the City more multi-use purposes.

Commissioner Blue asked if there is only one youth softball organization and one adult association. Mr. Alvarez replied yes.

Ms. Greenwood stated that National Little League has talked about establishing a girls' softball program in the past.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to approve the City staff recommendation as presented. Commissioner Blue seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 4-0

- Annual Report on Youth Enrichment Programs.** Mr. Arias stated he has been with the department as a Recreation Supervisor for three years and this has been an exciting year. He said the Youth Enrichment division is dedicated to providing quality programs, services, and classes to the youth of Visalia. Programs offered include six after-school programs, day camps, seasonal specialty camps, and community wide special events. Programs offered are aimed at connecting with children and families.

Mr. Arias said his staff includes Mr. Sanchez, Recreation Coordinator, an hourly Recreation Assistant, 2 hourly Program Assistants, and 35-50 hourly Program leaders.

Mr. Arias reported on the following programs:

After School Activities (ASA) - Hurley ASA, KinderCare, Manuel Hernandez Community Center ASA, Oak Grove ASA, and Shannon Ranch ASA. He said snacks, homework, enrichment activities, sports, field trips, and more are offered.

	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013
ADA	178	166	143
Revenues	365K	340K	275K

	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013
School Year	70	48	30
Summer	120	78	85

Manuel Hernandez Community Center Drop-in Program – this program is free to children 6-17 years of age. Arts & crafts, homework, computer lab, dance, cheerleading, sports and more are offered. The hours are Monday through Friday, 2:30to 6 pm.

The LOOP Bus – this program is free to children 6 to 17 years of age and consists of safe transportation from neighborhood sites to community center activities. It operates during the summer and ridership has skyrocketed again this year. The idea for the bus originated from the Gang Task Force. Through group discussion they identified the need of children to have access to safe places to play and transportation to get there, so the bus program was implemented and has been very successful.

	2015	2014	2013	2012
	70	42	31	11

Summer Lunch Program – this program is funded by USDA, and administered by Food Link. 5,275 meals were served this year at Whitendale Community Center/1,700, Anthony Community Center/444, and Manuel Hernandez Community Center/3,131.

Kids Club Day Camp – These camps are offered during VUSD breaks at Thanksgiving (3 days), Winter break (3 weeks), Spring break (1 week), and Summer break (9 weeks). Themes include field trips, arts & crafts, and recreation activities, with lunch and snacks provided. The 2015 field trips included Chaffee Zoo, San Luis Obispo,

Vista Del Lago, Adventure Park, Morro Bay, Cat Haven, Island Water Park, swimming days, and 2 presenters at the Center. The average daily attendance for 2014-15 was 92, for 2013-14 it was 82, and for 2012-13 it was 50.

2015 Specialty Camps – These camps ran for 5 days, 3-4 hours per day, at the Anthony Community Center and the Rawhide Room. Camps included a daily snack and some provided shirts and a photo. The themed camps were Culinary Camp, Jr. Policy Academy Camp, LEGO Camp, and Science Camp.

Yearly Participation		
2015	2014	2013
397	368	270

Visalia Youth Committee – 2015 was the first year this program was offered. A partnership was formed with the Parks & Recreation Foundation and there are currently 12 committee members. They are working on plans for the Holiday Ice Rink in December.

Dance Classes – Programs are offered for ages 3 to 16 years of age and include Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Modern dance, Ballet Folklorico, and family Rumba. Fall 2014-Summer 2015 had 380 participants, fall 2013-Summer 2014 had 393 participants, and fall 2012-Summer 2013 had 287 participants.

Martial Arts – Classes offered were Karate and Judo Club. These classes had the following participants.

	2015	2014	2013
Karate	730	614	576
Judo Club	219	197	N/A

Special Events – These programs include the Winter Trout Derby, the Father/Daughter Dance, the Eggstravaganza, the Dia Del Nino, the Catfish Derby, Teen Idol, and the Holiday Recital. The fishing derby’s had over 300 participants and the Father/Daughter Dances, held March 7 and 8 had 933 participants. The theme in 2015 was “The Rockin 50’s.”

Mr. Arias said the goals for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- Continue to offer quality services and programs to the community,
- Expand the already popular Father/Daughter Dance to accommodate more guests,
- Focus on implementing a 3rd KinderCare program,
- Continue the growth of the Visalia Youth Committee,
- Develop programs and classes for teens,
- Develop partnerships within the community to help foster special events
- Continue to offer family friendly programming to the community, and
- Expand classes to offer more evening and weekend classes.

Commissioner Calhoun stated she is pleased that the Visalia Youth Committee has been revived. She asked if an alumni event might be forth coming. Mr. Arias said that has not been discussed but he would like to have presenters at the meetings to discuss their experience with the program. He said the program began in June and he would like to see it more established; but he would consider it in the future.

6. Annual Aquatic Program Report. Ms. Roggenkamp said the aquatics division is dedicated to providing the community with quality programs that emphasize fun and safety. The 2015 season was great, serving 6,864 community members and increasing overall participation by 41% from the previous summer. The program utilizes the four Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) high school pools. Each winter the department works with the Athletic Directors to schedule shared usage of the high school pools.

Ms. Roggenkamp said her staff consists of Eric Ferreira, Coordinator, 1 program assistant, 2 pool managers, 4 head guards, and 23 life guards; 2 are Certified Water Safety Instructors. She said swim teams have 3 head coaches, 17 assistant coaches (6 per team), and 3 Swim Team Board Presidents, volunteers who organize and manage swim meets.

Ms. Roggenkamp said the department has certification classes for Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructors. Lifeguard participation for 2014 was 31 with revenue of \$4,650/participation for 2015 was 27, with revenue of \$4,050. Water Safety Instructors participation for 2014 was 3 and revenue was \$575. For 2015 participation was 4, and revenue was \$750. She said this class has struggled somewhat because no one signed up in 2013.

Ms. Roggenkamp said the Visalia Area Swim Team (VAST) swim year round and they rent pools from the City for practices. They swim at Mount Whitney and El Diamante High Schools; they rented 3 times in 2014, and the revenue was \$522. In 2015 they rented 3 times and the revenue was \$2,385. The days and times were Monday through Thursday for 2 hours per day.

Ms. Roggenkamp reported the following specialty classes.

	<i>Swim Team Readiness – Spring</i>		<i>Water Aerobics</i>	<i>50+ Water Walking</i>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Participants	39	21	12	14	18
Revenue	\$1,560	\$840	\$300	\$280	\$380

Ms. Roggenkamp said Swim Team Readiness classes are for younger children (6 to 9 years of age) who already know how to swim and want to focus on the back stroke, free style, and the butterfly stroke. She said the decrease is due to offering the class later in the year but she is hoping to recover the numbers over the next few years.

Ms. Roggenkamp said the 50+ Water Walking class is held Tuesday and Thursday mornings before swim lessons and the numbers have come up since last year. The members work on endurance and stamina. She said Water Aerobics is new this year and was well-received. The class was also offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Redwood High School.

Ms. Roggenkamp said on-going classes for the department are diving and water polo. Diving registrations have gone up and down over the years but it seems to balance around 30 participants. Participation for 2014 was 41 with \$1,230 in revenue. In 2015 participation was 28, with revenue of \$840. Water polo had a huge spike in participation this year with 61 participants versus 49 in 2014. Revenue in 2015 was \$2,440 and last year it was \$1,960. She said for many of our participants this is their first experience with the game as VUSD water polo classes don't usually begin until High School.

	<i>Swim Stroke Clinic</i>		<i>Aquatics Adventure Camp</i>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Participants	21	8	30	30
Revenue	\$700	\$280	\$2,250	\$1,800

Ms. Roggenkamp said the Swim Stroke class is geared toward swim team members looking to improve their stroke, flip turns, and dives. There was a strong decline in participation this year and she attributed it to the change in the timeframe. In order to accommodate the high school water polo teams, the class was held in the evenings instead of during the day. She said this issue will be discussed in future meetings with VUSD.

Ms. Roggenkamp stated the Aquatics Adventure Camp is very popular. Students learn paddle boarding, snorkeling, and kayaking. The class is held at Golden West High School because it has the zero-entry gutter. Participants are limited to 30 because of safety and it can only be offered one time due to scheduling with VUSD.

Ms. Roggenkamp said there was a 4.32% growth this year in swim lessons, and from 2013 to 2015 there was an 18% growth. She said the private swim lessons increased the time instructors spent in the one-on-one sessions. One parent reported that her child learned more in two weeks in our session than in a previous all-summer program elsewhere.

Ms. Roggenkamp said public swim nearly doubled in participation this year. This program is held at Redwood High School and is a Monday through Saturday, from noon to 3 pm. She said the growth was due to numerous day camps bringing 20-30 kids daily to join us. She said the parents and schools knew that our lifeguards were trained and their kids were safe. Free swim sponsors also increased our participant level. Sponsors this year were Walmart, A&W, Parks & Recreation, and Carter Pump.

	<i>Swim Lessons</i>		<i>Public Swim</i>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<i>Participants</i>				
Session 1	226	235	2,136	4,126
Session 2	220	244	<u>2,817</u>	<u>5,598</u>
Session 3	208	228		
Session 4	<u>224</u>	<u>209</u>	<i>Revenue</i>	\$2,817
<i>Total</i>	878	916		\$5,598

Revenue \$50,105 \$55,223

Highlights:

Increased number of private lessons.
 4.32% growth in participation.
 Overwhelming positive feedback.

Highlights:

Community day camps.
 Public Swim Sponsorship:
 2014 – 1 sponsor
 2015 – 3 sponsors
 June 13 – Walmart Supercenter, June 27 – A&W
 July 11 – Parks Make Life Better Month, July 25 – Carter Pump

Ms. Roggenkamp said Dive-In Movies increased in participation this year. This program was sponsored by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors as part of their Step-up Program with Summer Night Lights. Radio station Hitz 104.9 broadcast live from the event and provided free games and prizes. Ms. Roggenkamp said the numbers are lower this year due to an electrical storm which interrupted the swim and the movie was canceled.

Ms. Roggenkamp said the swim team program is unique to Visalia. The City is associated with the Central Valley Recreational Swim League (CVRSL), and we have 3 teams: the Buccaneers, the Seahawks, and the Waves. It's been goal of the department, for the last few years, to streamline our program to be simpler for parents. She said the process consisted of identifying every child involved by their address and then comparing it to the school they attended, and aligning the swim practices to the school they attend. Each Athletic Director was informed of the alignment and that City teams could feed into the High School Team they will attend. Another result is that each team practices at only one high school except for the Buccaneers who practice at two schools.

Ms. Roggenkamp noted that this year 252 Visalia swimmers qualified for CVRSL time trials.

Dive-In Movies

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Participants	1,141	1,072
Revenue	\$1,530	\$1,530

Swim Teams

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Buccaneers	184	193
Seahawks	158	193
Waves	<u>130</u>	<u>151</u>
Total	472	537
Revenue	47,345	52,996

Ms. Roggenkamp said the aquatics program has some challenges and they are as follows:

- Pool space – City programs utilize the four high school pools and working with VUSD, balancing our needs and theirs, is daunting. She said some of our program needs are difficult to accommodate.
- Staffing – The department experiences competition for employees from other facilities.
- Certification Courses – The department trains lifeguards for other agencies.

Ms. Roggenkamp goals for 2015 include continuing to grow participation in all programs, to continue the partnership with Tulare County Board for Dive-in Movies sponsorship, to provide additional adult courses, and to obtain sponsors for more free public swim days so that every Saturday is a free swim day. She asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Blue asked who teaches the Swim Team Readiness class and if this class is offered prior to the hiring process. Ms. Roggenkamp replied that a head lifeguard teaches the class since they are WSI Certified, along with a few staff members. She said the class is held prior to hiring, and hourly hiring and releasing of lifeguards has to take place within a certain timeframes. She said it is the same with Swim Stroke class. Mr. Blue asked how often the Swim Stroke class was held. She said it was 4 days, a different stroke every day. He asked if it was possible to do the classes on Saturday. She replied yes. Commissioner Blue offered to come and assist the coaches.

Commissioner Blue said the swim teams are doing well, but said there still isn't enough swimmers for a fourth team. Ms. Roggenkamp agreed that it is still in the works.

Commissioner Blue asked if she experienced many families moving from team to team. She replied yes, if the kids lived closer to a particular school they wanted to go there to practice but they were loyal to their teams.

Commissioner Calhoun said she appreciated Ms. Roggenkamp's dedication to swimming lessons and would like to see that as part of the goals.

Ms. Roggenkamp stated she is almost at capacity with lesson programming at this time, especially with limited pool access. She said she could really maximize classes with more pool availability.

7. Senior Games Update. Ms. Greenwood stated the inaugural Senior Games will take place on October 21 through 25, with 9 sports including archery, horseshoes, men's slow pitch softball, tennis, bowling, golf, pickleball, table tennis and a 5k & 10k road race. Senior Games has eleven age divisions in individual sports in 5 year increments, and 6 age divisions in team sports up to age 75 and over.

Ms. Greenwood said the process began by the department reaching out to potential partners and soliciting assistance via press releases. She said her staff members consist of 10 people and she knew it would take many more for this program to be successful. Some of the committees covered sponsorships and marketing, social events, awards, opening ceremonies, hospitality, and registrations. She said she served as the Games Director, and Mr. Glick served as the Athletic Chairman and worked with the 9 Sports Commissioners. Ms. Weatherford, in our business office, served as the Registration Chair and Ms. Lambert served as the Marketing and Sponsorship Chair. Ms. Roggenkamp is working with our Opening Ceremonies Chair and Mr. Sanchez is working with the Volunteer Coordinator. Mr. Ochoa and Mr. Arias are working on the logistical support at Riverway Sports Park.

Ms. Greenwood stated there will be a health and vendor fair on Wednesday, October 21, from 1 to 4 pm. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 4 pm, with a parade of Athletes in the promenade area. Council Member Gubler will offer a welcome to the event and there will be a spokesperson from Kaweah Delta Healthcare District, the principle sponsor of the event. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.

Ms. Greenwood said events will begin on Thursday, some covering two days. On Friday there will be a social from 7 to 9 pm at Garden Street Plaza with hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment. There will also be a PowerPoint presentation for everyone's enjoyment. Saturday the games will continue, and there are some games finishing up on Sunday. The games will end at Riverway Sports Park with a Tug of War game.

Ms. Greenwood said the marketing plan was extensive for the Senior Games. The department joined the Senior Games Association and benefited because they have been very supportive of the event. We received a lot of feedback, some saying we should offer different games. She said the types of games offered were chosen by the department's ability to facilitate them, but is considering the information.

Ms. Greenwood said a partnership has been formed with the Times Delta, in which we have purchased and received in-kind print media from them. Valley Voice and the Fresno Bee have also been supportive of the event. She said the department has purchased small radio packages in the Fresno-Visalia and Madera- Hanford areas. Univision is on board for television and the department is considering a small package of ads. There is a website just for the games, visaliaseniorgames.com, and it is available on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We did a direct marketing to special interest groups, which means every bowling alley, archery club, or store between Madera and Bakersfield was researched on Google, and was sent an event flyer.

Ms. Greenwood said sponsorships have been obtained and Kaweah Delta Hospital District is a principle sponsor with a \$7,500 contribution. The department has not obtained a gold sponsor but we have been contacted by Humana as a possibility. Cal Water and the Downtown Rotary Club are bronze medal sponsors (\$1,000). There are several blue ribbon sponsors (\$500), and we will accept white ribbon sponsors who donate time or a service/ product that will help promote and support the development of the Visalia Senior Games. The department is also offering advertising in the games program magazine. Ms. Greenwood said that so far the department has raised \$15,650. She said the program magazine includes games and rules, a schedule of events, and driving directions to the venues. Jostens, a local book publisher, will donate 400 copies of the magazine free of charge.

Ms. Greenwood said that registration has been open for about a month and closes on October 8. We currently have 117 athletes registered as follows:

Opening ceremony – 64, 5-10k run – 9, archery – 3, bowling – 5, table tennis – 24, softball - 1 team, pickleball – 98, horseshoes – 3, tennis – 10, golf – 7, and the Friday night Social – 47.

Ms. Greenwood said there is a planning committee meeting tomorrow. She said City staff is currently purchasing supplies and equipment, preparing packages for vendors, and assigning volunteers where needed. Following that meeting the volunteer coordinators meet and they will schedule a series of follow up meetings. Once registration closes the department will be combining age divisions and restructuring our tournament formats to accommodate the actual participants.

Ms. Greenwood said when the games end the department will create an on-line participant survey so we can capture feedback from the registrants. The department will also seek feedback from the Planning Task force for their opinions and thoughts, and City staff will meet to go over notes and the events.

The department has received many phone calls asking for soccer and other events that were not offered, and we have learned that men's and women's soccer is a big event in California, primarily women's. Track and field is also another popular sport, if we can gather the resources and a facility. Women's volleyball is very popular. Another consideration is for exhibition sports that encourage local seniors who may not be athletes to come out and participate, such as bocce ball, corn hole, and bridge. Ms. Greenwood said another draw to the games is sanctioning the sport through a national organization, i.e. pickleball is sanctioned through USA Pickleball where athletes can gain points with the organization.

Commissioner Calhoun asked if the age divisions were typical based on other senior games in California. Ms. Greenwood replied that they are, and the department was strongly advised by the state to advertise by division and combine later.

8. Review Projects for Make a Difference Day. Mr. Fultz said Make a Day is Saturday, October 24, from 8:30 am to noon. Some of the projects are Lisendra Ponding Basin, Tiffany Ranch (pocket park), Packwood Creek (Tulare & McAuliffe), and Constitution Park. There will be chip spreading and some other projects will be added if more volunteers come. He said to contact Ms. Tracy at 713-4384. Ms. Lambert is going to post the information on our website and groups are welcome also.

9. Update on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements.

- **Upcoming Recreation Programs & Special Events.** Ms. Greenwood reported the following.
- The brochure was distributed through the mail, and programs began September 1.
- The Teen Idol competition is this coming Saturday, September 19 at 6 pm, at the LJ Williams Theatre.
- Corporate Games registration is closed. Last year 14 teams signed up and this year there are 16 teams. The games start the end of September and run through the early part of October.
- The department is going to present an Enchanted Ice Garden this year. It will be an ice rink at Garden Street Plaza, beginning December 20 for about 10 days. There are party packages and special event nights, and the Youth Committee is partnering with us on the project.

Commissioner Calhoun noted that was a good idea for that space.

- **Upcoming Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs & Special Events.** Mr. Fultz reported the following:
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at Oval Park for the new fencing project on the east side of the park.
- Rotary Park has received funding for the installation of three pieces of exercise equipment that was donated by the Rotarians. The equipment should be in by the end of November and the park has a new sign.
- The Foundations playground project at Oval Park is on-going.
- The pickleball courts have been painted at the Plaza Park tennis courts, and a gate for access. A storage container for the use of the players equipment is being installed.
- The Urban Tree Foundation and CSET are working on the Modoc Trail at Ferguson and Giddings. Planting and wood chips are being installed.
- The department received a request a few months ago regarding lighting in the restrooms at Blain Park and it has been installed.
- **Director's Report on Administrative Items.** Mr. Elizondo said there is nothing to report.

10. Commissioner's Requests & Comments:

- **Community/Aquatic Center Ad Hoc Committee.** Commissioner Blue said the committee met last week and they reviewed the RFP. He said they are going to focus on the Community Center aspect with a possible separate location from the pool. He said the Blue Ribbon Committee and the Citizen's Advisory Committee were at the meeting and they reviewed funding possibilities and put together some priorities to forward to City Council.
- **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.** Ms. Greenwood announced that, after 8 years, Bill Dillberg has resigned as the chair of the Senior Advisory Committee. She said he has been pursuing his photography and he is very involved with the Arts Consortium. She said the mural project is currently on-going.
- **Parks & Recreation Foundation.** Ms. Greenwood said she attended the meeting and received the iPad and free-standing kiosk that they purchased for the department. She said it would be a great addition to the department.

Commissioner Calhoun asked about a concert that was recently held at the Oval Park. Ms. Greenwood noted there was a Pops-in-the Park event held in the park last Friday. She said it was not as well attended as they would have liked. She said parking was confusing and not close to the venue.

- **Waterways & Trails Committee Report.** Commissioner Filiponi said he did not attend the trail tour that was scheduled. He said they were meeting at the Modoc Trail and were going to visit a couple of other areas. The Committee is currently working on the Bike Master Plan.
- **North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee.** Commissioner Thomas said they met last Thursday and they expressed thanks to Mr. Fultz for sending out a press release about the on-going construction at the Oval Park. He said the committee has requested portable toilets to be placed at Oval Park. The committee also discussed the Oval Village and they would like to partner with the College of the Sequoia to acquire a concept for the area. He said they want to have a contest with a prize for the best concept. The committee was given a traffic update.

11. Adjourn to the Regular Meeting, October 20, 2015, at the Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Street, Visalia, CA.

Commissioner Blue moved to adjourn and Commissioner Kent seconded the motion.

MOTION

Motion passed 4-0

Brenda Miernik,
Senior Administrative Assistant