

Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at City Council Chambers, City Hall, 707 W. Acequia. The meeting was called to order by Chair Filiponi at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ben Filiponi, Steven Woods, Shann Blue, Rick Eastes, Patrick Lozano and Lisa Walsh

Staff: Jeannie Greenwood, Jeff Fultz, Laurissa Roggenkamp and Kathleen Machado

Guests: Randy Groom, Greg Collins, Harold Meyers and Spencer Vandergriff

- 2. Review and Approval Minutes:** The regular meeting minutes of July 17, 2018, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Eastes, motion carried 4-0.

3. Public Comment:

Councilman Greg Collins commented on a presentation given at previous Visalia City Council meeting by the aquatics study group pertaining to building a competitive pool. Mr. Collins commented that a cost analysis could be done for \$30,000.

Harold Meyers, stated that he was at the Visalia City Council meeting to advocate for a community pool. Encouraged the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider the total costs and what is best for all citizens. He pointed out that Visalia City Council voted against funding the research.

Written Correspondence from Bill Houtt to Director Greenwood – Mr. Houtt attended the August meeting of the Waterways and Trails Committee to request the addition of a walking path within Oval Park. Director Greenwood informed Mr. Houtt that the Parks and Recreation Commission is the appropriate place to bring the request to. Director Greenwood brought to the Commission's attention the Master Plan for the Oval Park which includes a walking path. This project remains on the department's project list awaiting funding. The Commission did not request further action at this time.

4. Aquatics Wellness Center, discussion lead by Randy Groom, Visalia City Manager

Visalia City Manager Randy Groom discussed the directive from Visalia City Council to the Parks and Recreation Commission, regarding the proposed Aquatics Wellness Center. Council has tasked the Commission to review the proposal and provide a recommendation back to the Council. Mr. Groom encouraged the Commission to utilize the resource of City staff for research.

Commission Chair Filiponi stated that Director Greenwood had included a 'Build a Pool Conference' announcement in the meeting packet that she would like to send one City staff member and one member of the Commission.

Director Greenwood determined that two Commissioners will be attending the conference; Commissioners Blue and Eastes. Conference will be held on September 8th – 9th, Commissioners will report back to the Commission at the September meeting. Commissioner Eastes would like to know what services would be provided for the \$30k that the Aquatics Group requested from Council. Director Greenwood clarified that, per Councilman Collins, the \$30K study would conceptual diagrams, an opinion of construction and project costs, as well as a full revenue and expense analysis for the facility. Commissioner Lozano has requested that this topic be worked on with the Commission as a whole, versus creating a sub-committee. Chair Filiponi has tabled item for ongoing discussion, depending on how heavy future agendas are, there is an opportunity to have special meetings to discuss independently and dedicate time specifically for this item.

5. Review the proposed agreement between the City of Visalia and American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) for use of Riverway Sports Park and forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve the new agreement, Power Point presentation by Freddy Arias, Recreation Supervisor

Through a Power Point presentation, Recreation Supervisor Freddy Arias provided background of the use of Riverway Sports Park by AYSO beginning in 2007 and outlined proposed terms for a new contract dating August 2018 - November 2022. The main discussion was on the proposed rate for AYSO's use, 25% of the standard, Council approved rate, versus other users who pay 100% of the Council approved rate. Director Greenwood explained the reasoning for this which included the contribution of in-kind projects to maintain and/or improve the facility, AYSO's prior contributions such as \$100,000 to assist with construction of a concession stand and \$40,000 for soccer goals, and

the fact that AYSO is a recreational league service Visalia residents whereas many of the other groups play teams from out of Visalia who are not Visalia Tax Payers contributing to the maintenance costs of Riverway Sports Park. Spencer Vandergriff with AYSO was also present to answer questions from the Commission. After a brief discussion, the Commission voted to approve the proposed agreement between the City of Visalia and AYSO and to forward a recommendation for approval to the City Council once legal has reviewed and approved the agreement language.

Commissioner Lozano motioned that Commission recommend the Agreement with AYSO to Visalia City Council for approval, pending approval of City of Visalia legal counsel. Commissioner Eastes seconded the motion. All approved, and the motion was carried.

6. Annual Report on Youth Enrichment and After School Activities, Power Point presentation by Colleen Moreno, Recreation Supervisor.

Recreation Supervisor Colleen Moreno presented the Youth Enrichment Division Annual Report. Ms. Moreno described the numerous programs and special events offered by the Youth Enrichment Division during the 2017/2018 fiscal year. Her report included daily operations, average daily attendance records, and staffing.

7. Annual Report on Adult Sports, Programs and Classes, Power Point presentation by Freddy Arias, Recreation Supervisor.

Recreation Supervisor Freddy Arias presented the 2017/2018 Adult Sports, Adult Enrichment and Fitness Annual Report. Mr. Arias gave an overview of the responsibilities of the division, program attendance records, revenues and staffing. The Adult Sports Division oversees athletic facilities management, sports leagues, adult enrichment and fitness classes and special events.

8. Citizens Advisory Committee Public Opinion Survey, Power Point presentation by Jeannie Greenwood, Parks and Recreation Director

Director Greenwood presented an overview of results of the Public Opinion Survey conducted by the Citizens Advisory Committee CAC results that are related to Parks and Recreation. Surveys were conducted in the City of Visalia by quadrants. Data collected included demographics, citizens opinions of:

Their quality of life

Quality of a safe community

Quality of City public and community services (Police, Fire, Traffic Safety, Parks, Recreation)

Quality of City facilities, parks and trails; attendance of those facilities

Addressing homelessness in the City of Visalia

State funding for roads and traffic

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

Upcoming Recreation Programs and Special Events, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager -

Recreation Manager Laurissa Roggenkamp made the following announcements and updates:

Summer Programs Concluding

Fall/Winter Activities Guide has distributed, Fall registration has started

MHCC Grand Opening

Winter Ice Rink

Recreation Division Special Events

LDA will be presenting to Visalia City Council at 9/17/18 meeting

Upcoming Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events, Jeff Fultz, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager

Parks & Urban Forestry Manager Jeff Fultz made the following announcements and updates:

Measure N staffing nearing completion

2018 Make a Difference Day – October 27th the main event will be along St Johns Trail east of McAuliff.

Plaza Park Valley oak next to Arbor #1 and restrooms had some limb failure and will be removed soon. As drought continues trees are dying and needing to be removed. We will continue to see a decline in the larger Valley oaks.

Riverway Sports Park Phase 5 well is being installed

Director's Report on Administrative Items, Jeannie Greenwood Parks & Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Director Jeannie Greenwood made the following announcements and updates:

Park Ordinance Review is moving forward to be reviewed by Code Enforcement and the Police Department

Riverway Sports Park Phase 5 plans are being reviewed and then should be placed out to bid

Village Park Community Campus Garden is out to bid – ProYouth is working with the Department of Agriculture on this project.

2019 Visalia Senior Games – Cycling has been added to list of events, working with Southern Sierra Cyclists on event

South Side Community Center – Recreation staff have been meeting to develop estimates for O&M costs and potential revenue generation.

Proposition 68 grant opportunities

10. Commissioner's Requests & Comments:

Parks & Recreation Commission, Chair Ben Filiponi asked the commissioners to send emails to only Director Jeannie Greenwood or Parks and Recreation Senior Administrative Assistant Kathleen Machado.

Parks & Recreation Foundation, Commissioner Wood reported: The Fromage Frolic will be 9/22/18 and he will be attending the Visalia Teen Idol. Mr. Woods has filled out proclamation application for Visalia Love Your Parks Day on 2/25/19. Negotiations for an Agreement with the City are ongoing. The next meeting will be 8/23/18.

North Visalia Advisory Committee: Commissioner Lozano reported he was not able to attend the last meeting.

Waterways & Trails: Commissioner Filiponi reported: Parks and Recreation Director Jeannie Greenwood reported to Mr. Filiponi that the Committee is down to only four members. The City bike racks were discussed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Commissioner Woods, 2nd by Commissioner Blue, motion unanimous carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathleen Machado
Senior Administrative Assistant