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**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2021**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Steven Woods at 5:30pm.

**Members Present:** Steven Woods, Patrick Lozano, Rick Eastes, Shann Blue and Lisa Walsh

**City Staff:** Jeremy Rogers, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Alvin Dias and Kathleen Machado

**Guests:** Mary Jo Eastes and Brent Winn, representing Pickleball Visalia and Rodney Blaco, Kaweah Little League Softball

**1. Public Comment**

- Written documentation received from Jennifer Hanson on 3/5/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Stephen Stewart (Visalia) on 3/4/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Patricia Peterson on 3/8/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Wende Richards on 3/7/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Mike Heinzen (Visalia) on 3/7/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Glenn Dembroff (Visalia) on 3/7/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Debbie Patton (Visalia) on 3/7/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Millie Verhoeven on 3/6/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Brent Winn on 3/6/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Diane Post on 3/7/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Jill Dembroff (Visalia) on 3/8/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Johanna Coyne (USA Pickleball) on 3/8/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Pedro Herrera on 3/9/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Christie Arnold on 3/8/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Betty Glispey on 3/8/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Mary Jo Eastes on 3/9/21 pertaining to Agenda Item 4, Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park
- Written documentation received from Lisa Walsh on 3/9/21 pertaining to an article titled 'The Path Forward: Equity at the Center of City Park Investment'

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2. **Review and Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on 2/9/21**  
MOTION: Motion to approve as presented, carried 5-0 PL/SB
  
3. **Facility Use Contract Review and Recommendation Visalia Youth Softball Association and Kaweah Little League Softball – Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager**  
Recommendation to City Council: Approve the contracts with Visalia Youth Softball and Kaweah Little League Softball.  
MOTION: Motion to approve as presented, carried 5-0 PL/SW
  
4. **Requesting Additional Pickleball Courts at Plaza Park – Brent Winn and Mary Jo Eastes, Pickleball Visalia Representatives**
  - Commission would like Staff to conduct a Needs Assessment/ Court Audit
  
5. **Inclusive Playground Presentation – Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director**
  
6. **Update on City Council Reports and City Staff Announcements:**
  - **Recreation Programs/Events – Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager**
    - Visalia Senior Center and Whitendale Community Center flooring project update
    - Dia de los Ninos virtual event scheduled for 4/25/21
    - Visalia Little League Baseball facility use contract update
    - Senior Meal Program update
  - **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events – Alvin Dias, Parks & Facilities Manager**
    - Lincoln Oval Park gazebo removed and a sidewalk has been added
    - Playgrounds at Riverway Sports Park and Village Park temporarily fenced and closed for repairs. Working with Finance on funding to replace the playgrounds in the future.
    - Plaza Park arbor installations are done
    - Landscaping at the Santa Fe Roundabout is being put in
    - East Side Regional Park well feasibility update
    - Preparing restrooms in parks in anticipation of opening them up to the public
  - **Administrative Items – Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director**
    - Working with HR in bringing back one fulltime employee
    - City Manager Randy Groom will be retiring 9/1/21
  
7. **Commission Requests and Comments:**
  - **Visalia Community Enhancement Foundation Report – Lisa Walsh, Commissioner**
    - Holding random meetings throughout the year as time requires
    - Looking at opportunities for online fundraising
    - Recruiting new members
  - **Greenway Trail Naming Subcommittee – Patrick Lozano, Commissioner**
    - No meetings
  
8. **Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 13, 2021**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm  
MOTION: The motion carried 5-0 PL/SB

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathleen Machado,  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
City of Visalia, Community Services Department