



**SUMMARY MINUTES
Joint Work Session
VISALIA CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA
Monday, April 26, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.**

City Council

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

Chairperson: Robert Mijares - present
Vice-Chair: Lesa Mann - present
Commissioner: Carla Calhoun - present
Commissioner: Russ Desch - present
Commissioner: Jeff Boswell - present
Alternate: Travis Griffith - absent

5:10 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.

Rob Cox, W. Vassar Ave., presented a letter to Council regarding North Visalia Advisory Committee requests for improvements to the Oval Park.

INTRODUCTIONS

WORK SESSION ITEMS

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

Review of Parks and Recreation Commission's top 3 goals for 2008-10:

Commissioner Mann reviewed Goal #1 for advocating Healthy Lifestyles by implementing non-smoking in parks; requiring healthy snack and food choices at all city recreation venues; and providing city-wide fitness programs.

Commissioner Desch reviewed Goal #2 for revitalizing Oval Park. The following public comments were received: Carlos DeVida, owner of an auto shop in Oval Park spoke about aggressive individuals who are becoming demanding and creating a nuisance. Andre Galada, owner of an insurance store spoke about conditions becoming worse in the Oval Park in relation to prostitution and drugs. Bill Huott, member of North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee spoke about changing the energy of the park and offered suggestions. Councilmember Nelsen commented on his commitment to change the element of the Oval Park. Councilmember Shuklian commented that the responsibility of the Park rests with the Council.

[Track 2](#)

Commissioner Calhoun reviewed Goal #3 advocating environmentally friendly practices at all Parks and Recreation venues. Councilmember Shuklian requested recycling containers be placed on the golf course.

[Track 3](#)

2. Overview of Parks and Recreation Department Operations and Maintenance. Presentations by Jeannie Greenwood, Recreation Manager and Jim Bean, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager (45 minutes).
 - Recreation Division Programs
 - Park Division Operations
 - Urban Forestry Division Operations
 - Building Division Operations

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Jim Bean, Parks and Urban Forestry Division Manager, reviewed park division operations, urban forestry division operations, and the building division operations. Councilmember Shuklian commented regarding the Park Ranger Program and the Landscape and Lighting Districts.

Jeanne Greenwood, Recreation Division Manager, discussed the recreation division programs. Councilmembers discussed senior programs, the recreation brochure, and the Rawhide contract.

3. Overview of Current 2008-10 Capital Improvement Projects Program. Presentation by Vince Elizondo, Director of Parks & Recreation (15 minutes).

Item postponed and not discussed.

6:45 p.m.
Adjourned

Adjourn Joint Work Session of the Visalia City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission and convene Special Meeting of the Visalia City Council (see separate agenda).

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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