



# CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Minutes Recreation & Parks Commission

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Monday, March 25, 2024

5:30 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

**Clerk's Note:** Chair HUITRON called the Meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair HUITRON led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. ROLL CALL

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner SMITH arrived to the Regular Meeting at 5:33 PM.

**Present:** 5 - Member April Holloway, Member Walter Smith, Member Joseph Bauer, Member Valente Huitron, and Member Lehuanani Rodriguez

**Absent:** 1 - Member Abraham Lopez

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob SCOBEL inquired about bocce ball courts near the dog park, and if they would be cleared for use.

### E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**E.1.** **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of February 26, 2024

#### REPORT IN BRIEF

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from the meeting of February 26, 2024.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion approving and filing Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of February 26, 2024.

**A motion was made by Member Bauer, seconded by Member Rodriguez, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Holloway, Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Huitron, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

Absent: 1 - Member Lopez

## F. REPORTS

- F.1. **SUBJECT:** Senior Management Analyst, Jennifer Flachman will present on the use of Measure Y funds for the CalVIP Grant

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Senior Management Analyst, Jennifer Flachman, will give a presentation on the CalVIP Grant, a violence intervention and prevention grant, and how Measure Y funds are used to support the program and its relation to Parks and Community Services.

### RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

Senior Management Analyst, Jennifer FLACHMAN presented on the CalVIP grant. Ms. FLACHMAN provided insights on how the program operates, highlighting the three month cycles and referral system that is in place. Ms. FLACHMAN also presented that funding for the grant is being supplemented by the County, ARPA funding, and Measure Y.

- F.2. **SUBJECT:** Youth Service Provider Updates

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Youth Service Providers will provide updates.

### RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

Andre GRIGGS from Restorative Justice League provided a Youth Service Provider update and informed the commissioners that they were currently working with UC Merced and high school students to provide conferences in the area. Mr. GRIGSS informed the commission that they would be holding a conference on April 12th in Los Banos High School.

- F.3. **SUBJECT:** Merced Senior Inc. Board Updates

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Merced Senior Inc. Board will provide board updates.

### RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

Ed ROSE, a Senior Center representative, provided an update regarding the elections for their Board of Directors. Mr. ROSE also informed the commission that they would be participating in the Earth Day event as well as raffling a Mother's Day basket.

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Department Updates

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Director Jensen will provide department updates on the budget, services, events, and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's) to the Commission.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

Parks and Community Services Director JENSEN provided a department update including receiving funding for a master plan, updates to youth centers, updates to facilities, and department programming.

**G. BUSINESS****G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Schedule the Recreation & Parks Commission Annual Youth Service Provider Site Review

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Recreation & Parks Commission has established an ongoing interest in monitoring programming which takes place in facilities, owned by the City, and contracted to outside service providers. The Commission has also established the practice of an annual in person site review to help inform their recommendation to City Council to either renew or revise agreements with Youth Service Providers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information Only

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN and commissioners discussed times and dates to meet for youth service provider site visits. Commissioners HOLLOWAY and RODRIGUEZ will meet on April 18th, and Commissioners HUITRON, BAUER, and SMITH will meet on April 25th.

**G.2.**

**SUBJECT:** Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides members of the Boards/Commissions to request that an item be

placed on a future Boards/Commissions agenda for initial consideration by the Boards/Commissions.

Chair HUITRON requested an update on progress on CP-42.

Commissioner HOLLOWAY requested a recap on adult basketball, and

Commissioner BAUER requested more information on bocce ball courts.

**G.3.****SUBJECT: Commission Comments****REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Member(s) to make a brief announcement on any activity(ies) she/he has attended on behalf of the Commission and to make a brief announcement on future community events and/or activities. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body under this section.

Commissioner HOLLOWAY updated the commission on the new bathrooms at the parks.

Commissioner SMITH informed the commission of a Annual Egg Hunt he would be participating in during the weekend.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

**A motion was made by Member Holloway, seconded by Member Rodriguez, to adjourn the Recreation and Parks Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Holloway, Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Huitron, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Lopez

By:



Diana Olmos  
Recreation and Parks Commission Clerk

Approved By:



Valente Huitron  
Recreation and Parks Commission Chair