



**Minutes**  
**Recreation & Parks Commission**

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Tuesday, May 28, 2024

5:30 PM

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioner Bauer called the Meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner BAUER led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Member Walter Smith, Member Joseph Bauer, Member Abraham Lopez, and Member Lehuanani Rodriguez

**Excused:** 2 - Member April Holloway, and Member Valente Huitron

**Absent:** 0

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

LeDedria COOKS informed the commission about a community event her organization, JPC GR, will be holding at Joe Herb Park on June 29th.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**E.1.** **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of April 22, 2024

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from the meeting of April 22, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a motion approving and filing Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of April 22, 2024.

**A motion was made that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Lopez, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Huitron

**Absent:** 0

**E.2.** **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Amended Annual Attendance Report

**ACTION: Adopt a Motion:**

- 1) Approve the Amended Annual Attendance Report

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

**Aye:** 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Lopez, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Huitron

**Absent:** 0

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1.** **SUBJECT:** Youth Service Provider Updates

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Youth Service Providers will provide updates.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

**Clerk's Note:** There were no Youth Service Provider updates.

**F.2.** **SUBJECT:** Merced Senior Inc. Board Updates

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Merced Senior Inc. Board will provide board updates.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

**Clerk's Note:** There was no Merced Senior Inc. Board updates.

**F.3.** **SUBJECT:** High Speed Rail Updates

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Parks & Community Services Director Christopher Jensen will provide ongoing updates as available on High Speed Rail as it relates to the acquisition of the Merced Senior Community Center and the McCombs Youth Center.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN provided an update regarding the High Speed Rail. Mr. JENSEN informed the commission that due to changes in contractors and an additional \$3 billion being awarded to High Speed Rail the process has been sped up. McCombs Youth Center and the Senior Center will be affected, but Mr. JENSEN informed the commission that vendors can work with High Speed Rail for relocation help.

**F.4.**

**SUBJECT:** 2024-2025 City Manager's Budget Report

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Director Jensen will provide an update on the City Manager's Budget Report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN provided an update on the 2024-2025 City Manager's Budget Report, he stated that it was only a projection. Mr. JENSEN gave an overview on the budget shortfalls, adjustments made, and Capital Improvement Projects.

**F.5.**

**SUBJECT:** Applegate Park Kiddieland Renovations Updates

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced has been contracted to renovate Kiddieland at Applegate Park. The scope of work includes a new train route, new train, an expanded fence line and new walking path from Rossotti Ed Zoo Cation Center to the black top and teal top courts.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Information only-no action required

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN provided updates on the Kiddieland renovations, including expanding the train trails, moving towards an electric train, and creating more shelters.

**F.6.**

**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 Christopher JENSEN provided a department update including summer programs, scholarships, a new Green Scout initiative, the sunset photo exhibition, a Juneteenth event, and Shakespeare in the park.

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

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of 2024-2025 Youth Center Lease & Service Agreements for Use of the Central Youth Center (27th & K Street), McCombs Youth Center & McNamara Youth Center by Youth Service Providers.

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff is seeking the recommendation of the Recreation & Parks Commission for the extension of current contracted Youth Service Providers for one additional year (FY24/25). Each center is currently in operation by contracted Youth Service Providers and each have expressed an interest in extending their use of the facility for fiscal year 24/25.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Recreation and Parks Commission** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Recommending approval of extending the lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Merced County & revising the City allocation of \$35,000 to \$25,000, for use of McCombs Youth Center and,
- B. Recommending approval of extending the lease agreement with the Restorative Justice League for use of the Central Youth Center and,
- C. Recommending approval of extending the lease agreement with the Challenged Family Resource Center for use of the Central Youth Center and,
- D. Recommending approval of extending the service agreement with the Lifeline CDC for use of McNamara Youth Center

**Clerk's Note:** Commissioners Bauer and Lopez both commented on how the site visits helped make decisions regarding youth center lease and service agreements.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Lopez, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Huitron

**Absent:** 0

**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.

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN requested that a request to rename the Merced Police Department South Station be added to a future agenda.

**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.

**Clerk's Note:** There were no commission comments.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Lopez, and Member Rodriguez

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Huitron

**Absent:** 0