



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes

Recreation & Parks Commission

Monday, October 27, 2025

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair HUITRON called the Regular Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair HUITRON led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Member Joseph Bauer, Chair Valente Huitron, Member Marisa Lewis, and Member April Holloway

Absent: 3 - Member Walter Smith, Member Sabrina Abong, and Member Dina Gonzalez

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk's Note: There were no public comments.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. SUBJECT: Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of September 22, 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from the meeting of September 22, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Approving and filing the Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of September 22, 2025

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

Aye: 4 - Member Bauer, Chair Huitron, Member Lewis, and Member Holloway

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Member Smith, Member Abong, and Member Gonzalez

F REPORTS

F.1.

SUBJECT: Parks and Community Services Department Updates**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Director will provide Parks and Community Services updates from the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

Clerk's Note: This item was for information only, there was no action taken.

Director of Parks and Community Services Chris JENSEN introduced a new staff member and discussed future positions opening in preparation of CP42, the recent approval for additional funding for the CP42 South project, and details of a possible grant for a new park. He also discussed the various volunteer activities, event and sports sponsorships, special events, and shared details of various new projects held at the Applegate Zoo, Bob Hart Square, Vang Pao Park, and the High Speed Rail.

Steve HOAGLAND, President of CPRS - shared details of the advocacy opportunities in the community.

F.2.

SUBJECT: Review Youth Service Provider 1st Quarter Reports in Consideration of their use of City Recreational Facilities.**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Staff are providing the quarterly reports submitted by Youth Service Providers to report program efforts to the Recreation and Parks Commission in consideration of their use of each facility. These quarterly reports reflect the efforts made to program in the Youth Center awarded to the Provider.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

Executive Director Andre Griggs reported on Restorative Justice League's quarter report, informing on different statistical values such as participation numbers and operational hours, and its overall positive impact in the community.

Clerk's Note: This item was for information only, there was no action taken.

F.3.

SUBJECT: Report on Grant Award from Central Valley Opportunity Fund in an Amount Not To Exceed \$27,000 to the City of Merced to Fund the Replacement of the Clock in Bob Hart Square.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Staff report on grant award and crowd source funding opportunity awarded by Central Valley Opportunity Fund to replace the clock in Bob Hart Square.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Information Only- No Action Required

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the new grant policy where a certain threshold will allow grants to be considered internally and the future purchase of a new clock for downtown.

Clerk's Note: This item was for information only, there was no action taken.

G. BUSINESS

G.1.

SUBJECT: Request to Add Item to Future Agenda

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides members of the Recreation and Parks Commission to request that an item be placed on a future Recreation and Parks Commission agenda for initial consideration by the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Clerk's Note: There were no requests to add future items to the future agenda.

G.2.

SUBJECT: Commission Comments

REPORT IN BRIEF

Provides an opportunity for the Chair and/or Commissioner(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.

AH. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

A motion was made by Member Lewis, seconded by Member Holloway, that this Regular Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Bauer, Chair Huitron, Member Lewis, and Member Holloway

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Member Smith, Member Abong, and Member Gonzalez