



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Recreation & Parks Commission

Monday, April 22, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 3 minutes. State law prohibits the Board/Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made by one motion of the Board/Commission, provided that any Member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately.

- E.1. [24-368](#) **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of March 25, 2024

REPORT IN BRIEF

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from the meeting of March 25, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion approving and filing Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of March 25, 2024.

F. REPORTS

- F.1. [24-369](#) **SUBJECT:** Youth Service Provider Updates

REPORT IN BRIEF

Youth Service Providers will provide updates.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

- F.2. [24-370](#) **SUBJECT:** Merced Senior Inc. Board Updates

REPORT IN BRIEF

Merced Senior Inc. Board will provide board updates.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

- F.3. [24-386](#) **SUBJECT:** Community Park 42- Merced Regional Sport Complex Update

REPORT IN BRIEF

Community Park 42 is under development and poised to provide Merced a new regional sports complex. The site includes over 30 acres of park space planned for 3 phases of construction and various activities, namely mixed-use fields dedicated to soccer and football. A project report on funding, design, partnerships and timeline will be given to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

- F.4. [24-387](#) **SUBJECT:** 2024 Adult Basketball Season Updates

REPORT IN BRIEF

Updates on adult basketball supports, partnerships, fees, and season will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

- F.5. [24-390](#) **SUBJECT:** Bocce Ball Courts Updates

REPORT IN BRIEF

History of Bocce Ball and status in Merced

The City of Merced is home to several regional parks including the Merced Dog Park. The Dog Park includes a host of amenities including a Bocce Ball Court. Bocce ball, or Bocce, is a time-honored sport that has been played for centuries in parts of Europe. It is commonplace to see groups of people playing bocce in the park. In recent years, bocce has gained popularity in the US and sets are widely available sporting goods stores or online.

Bocce Ball Courts

Regulation bocce courts are elongated rectangles and have a raised barrier around the edge. They are filled with permeable turf, decomposed granite, or compacted dirt. The game can be played in groups, pairs or as an individual. Depending on the surface, courts typically require little maintenance and are typically tended to by players or Bocce Clubs.

Bocce Ball Rules

The game is played with a series of Bocce Balls that each team uses to score

points. The game starts when the smaller ball called a Pollino is thrown onto the courts, usually the back $\frac{1}{4}$ of the court. If the team that first throws the jack fails to get the Pollino into the prescribed zone, the second team gets to throw out the Pollino. Each team rolls their Bocce Ball onto the court, much like bowling, and tries to get as close to the Pollino as possible. Teams can knock the competitors Bocce out of the area to keep them away from the Jack. Points are scored by the team who gets their Bocce balls closest to the Pollino.

Update

At the request of the Recreation & Parks Commission, staff communicated the maintenance request with our Parks Maintenance partners in Public Works. The Parks staff were able to pull and spray all weeds and water down the course to level it out more evenly. It is encouraged that players bring a rake or heavy bristle broom to brush the court before and after their use. Attached is a recent image of the cleaned-up Bocce Ball Court. We would like to thank our Parks Staff for their ongoing support of the community's recreational needs and interests.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only-no action required

F.6. [24-371](#)

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

G. BUSINESS

G.1. [24-367](#)

SUBJECT: Review Youth Center Program Quarterly Reports Submitted to Report Program Efforts to Commission in Consideration of their use of the Facility as a Service Provider.

REPORT IN BRIEF

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

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

G.2. [24-365](#) **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.

G.3. [24-366](#) **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.

H. ADJOURNMENT