



CITY OF MERCED

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

Minutes Recreation & Parks Commission

Monday, January 22, 2024

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk's Note: Chair HUITRON called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair HUITRON led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Member Walter Smith, Member Joseph Bauer, Member Valente Huitron, and Member Lehuanani Rodriguez

Absent: 2 - Member April Holloway, and Member Abraham Lopez

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed ROSE, a Merced Senior Inc Representative - updated the Commission on the activities and classes that are being provided and gave highlights on 2023 accomplishments.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

E.1. **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of November 27, 2023

REPORT IN BRIEF

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes from the meeting of November 27, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion approving and filing Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of November 27, 2023.

Clerk's Note: There was no discussion.

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: 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Huitron, and Member Rodriguez

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Lopez

F. REPORTS

- F.1.** **SUBJECT:** Review Youth Service Provider Quarterly Reports in Consideration of Each Providers Continued use of Youth/Community Centers.

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requesting review of quarterly activity reports submitted by Youth 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 provide services to youth through the Youth Center awarded to the Provider for the period between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

Reports received by: Challenged Family Resource Center and Lifeline CDC

Reports not included in agenda: Restorative Justice League and Boys and Girls Club

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN gave a brief overview on two youth providers reports, including Challenged Family Resource Center and Lifeline CDC. Mr. JENSEN informed commissioners that Lifeline CDC received keys to the McNamara youth center.

Challenged Family Resource Center Representative Monica ADRIAN provided more details to their quarterly report.

Restorative Justice League Representative Andre GRIGGS presented his quarterly report to commissioners.

Clerk's Note: This item was information only, no formal vote was taken.

- F.2.** **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 updates on facility restorations, sports enrollment, leisure class enrollment, zoo events, grants, a new master plan, and CP-42 progress.

Commissioner BAUER and Mr. JENSEN discussed funding for CP-42.

Clerk's Note: There was no formal vote taken, item was for information only.

G. BUSINESS**G.1.**

SUBJECT: Approving Request from the Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity for the Co-Sponsored Rental Rate for the Merced Senior Community Center for Club 67 Monthly Dances

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request for the co-sponsored rate for the rental of the Merced Senior Community Center by the Chance Dobbins Sr. Charity to host Club 67 monthly dances on one Friday per month.

RECOMMENDATION

Recreation and Parks Commission - Adopt a motion approving the request for monthly rentals of the Merced Senior Community Center for Club 67 dances at the co-sponsored rental rate.

Parks and Community Services Director Christopher JENSEN provided an overview of Club 67's mission and positive experience the department has had with collaborations in the past. The co-sponsorship will need to be renewed annually.

Chair HUITRON and Mr. JENSEN discussed dates and costs of co-sponsoring.

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: 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Huitron, and Member Rodriguez

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Lopez

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 clarification on Measure Y and the reason for combining Measure C and Y into one committee.

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 SMITH reported on attending the Martin Luther King Jr March and reported that it was very positive turn out.

Commissioner SMITH informed the commission of the upcoming movies at the theater for Black History Month, that will be showcasing history films everyday.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk's Note: The regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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

Aye: 4 - Member Smith, Member Bauer, Member Huitron, and Member Rodriguez

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Member Holloway, and Member Lopez