



# CITY OF MERCED

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

## Minutes Recreation & Parks Commission

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Monday, August 26, 2019

5:30 PM

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair CARDONA called the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### C. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Ralph Morris, Member Eric Moore, Norma Cardona, Yesenia Curiel and Justin Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Valente Huitron

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Clerk's Note:** There were no speakers.

**Clerk's Note:** Business items G.1. and G.2. were requested to be discussed prior to the Consent Calendar, Item G.2. was discussed before G.1.

**A motion was made by Chair Cardona, seconded by Member Moore, to move Items G.2. and G.1. before the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Morris  
Member Moore  
Chairperson Cardona  
Vice Chair Curiel  
Member Anderson

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Huitron

### G.2.

**SUBJECT:** Request by the Merced County NAACP for the Co-Sponsored Rental Rate for the Merced Senior Community Center on October 13, 2019 for its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a request for the co-sponsored rate for the rental of

the Merced Senior Community Center by the Merced County NAACP to hold its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on October 13, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the request to rent the Merced Senior Community Center by the Merced County NAACP on October 13, 2019, at the co-sponsored rental rate.

NAACP Co-Chairman Kenneth ROBERTS, Merced - spoke on the NAACP 57th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet event.

**Clerk's Note:** Incorrect date listed on the admin report. Date of event is October 12, 2019.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Member Morris  
Member Moore  
Chairperson Cardona  
Vice Chair Curiel  
Member Anderson

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Huitron

**G.1.**

**SUBJECT:** Starry Night Homeless Remembrance Project

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

Considers a location for the Starry Night Homeless Remembrance Project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Recreation and Parks Commission** - Adopt a motion approving a location for the Starry Night Homeless Remembrance Project.

Director of Parks and Community Services Joey CHAVEZ gave a presentation on the proposed Starry Night: Homeless Remembrance Project.

Commissioners and Mr. CHAVEZ discussed location and maintenance of the art project.

Member MOORE made a motion to blanket the City with Starry Night artwork.

**Clerk's Note:** The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Member Morris  
Member Moore  
Chairperson Cardona  
Vice Chair Curiel  
Member Anderson

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Huitron

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR

**E.1.** **SUBJECT:** Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of June 24, 2019

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of June 24, 2019

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion approving and filing the Recreation and Parks Commission Minutes of June 24, 2019

**Clerk's Note:** Incorrect date listed on the minutes in the adjournment section. Should reflect July 22, 2019.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Member Morris  
Member Moore  
Chairperson Cardona  
Vice Chair Curiel  
Member Anderson

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Huitron

## F. REPORTS

**F.1.** **SUBJECT:** Update and Discussion on Parks & Community Services Department Activities

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Update and discussion on Parks & Community Services Department summer and recreational activities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For information only

Director CHAVEZ discussed the Prop 68 grant application, summer activities and upcoming Movies in the Parks events.

Supervisor REID gave updates on the completed swim lessons program, upcoming Flag Football league and a research project the seniors will be participating in with UC Merced.

**Clerk's Note:** Items G.1. and G.2. were pulled to be discussed prior to the consent calendar.

**G. BUSINESS****G.3. Request to Add Item to Future Agenda**

Vice-Chair CURIEL asked to add an item on the results of the Recreation and Parks Department surveys conducted at the Movies in the Park events.

Chair CARDONA requested to add an item to a future agenda for training on developing goals and objectives for next year, providing input on an annual report, and scheduling Commissioner's park tours with Director Joey CHAVEZ no later than October.

**G.4. Commissioner Comments**

Vice-Chair CURIEL asked for an annual department report that would go to the Commission and then to the Council.

Vice-Chair CURIEL asked if a calendar of senior activities could be included in the agenda packets. She also asked if it was possible to provide a number of summer staff and volunteers. She suggested conducting satisfaction surveys to show a rate of change for programs, such as ages served and trends.

Member MOORE commented on the standing items he had on the old agendas: CP-42 and a future community center. He obtained via a public records request, information about CP-42, the Merced Sun-Star building and the City of Merced Redevelopment Agency.

**Clerk's Note:** The standing items were removed from the new agenda format. The items will be added to the agenda when discussion is necessary.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Clerk's Note:** The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

**A motion was made by Member Moore, seconded by Chairperson Cardona, to adjourn the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Morris  
Member Moore  
Chairperson Cardona  
Vice Chair Curiel  
Member Anderson

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Member Huitron