

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
Chair Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

<b>Present:</b>	Chair Duncan	Commissioner Graybehl
	Vice Chair Uresti	Commissioner Gurrola
	Commissioner Daly	Commissioner Pommier
	Commissioner Fiormonti	

**Oral Communications** – None

**Approval of Minutes** – **Action:** Motion was made by Vice Chair Uresti, seconded by Commissioner Fiormonti to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – None

**Reports**

**1. Report on Council Actions from January 21 & February 4, 2020**

Director Moore updated the Commission on the Parks and Leisure Services items that went before City Council since the Commission last met. The items included:

**Authorization to Paint Interior of City Hall-** City Council authorized the painting of the southern portion of City Hall in conjunction with the Wall of Fame relocation from the Heritage Center to City Hall. Total cost of the project was \$5,125.

**Golf Course and OHV Park Quarterly Reports-** Each quarter the City Council receives a report on the operations at the Golf Course and OHV Park. October through December attendance numbers at the golf course were less than the previous year. The three month revenue total for the OHV Park was \$648 more than the previous year. New management began in October 2019 for the OHV Park.

**Wall of Fame Designations-** The newest inductees into the City’s Wall of Fame were announced: Linda Camarena, Joe Carrillo, Roberto M. de la Rosa, Jim Holly and Joe Ruiz, Jr. The ceremony will take place March 6 at 3:00pm in Centennial Park.

**Authorization to Repair Splash Pad at Fallen Heroes Park-** Repairs from Rain Drop Products to the controller and sensors at the Fallen Heroes Park splash pad was authorized by Council to commence. Work should be complete prior to the splash pad opening in the summer.

**Scheduled Matters**

**1. Skatepark Project-**

Director Moore informed the Commission that staff had received correspondence from Mr. Nate Smith who submitted a proposal to spearhead a fundraising campaign by holding competitions and possibly raffles in an effort to raise enough funds to concrete

in the two areas of the skatepark that currently are dirt. Mr. Smith was in attendance and was invited by the Commission to share some insight on his proposal. Mr. Smith spoke of the need for shade and would also try to raise money to come up with a solution to provide shade whether it be by a shade structure or trees. The question of whether the skatepark needs additional skating area was asked to which the answer was yes. More area would make it easier on smaller children as well as ease the coexistence between skaters and bicycle riders.

**Action:** Commissioner Pommier made the motion and Commissioner Daly seconded to recommend the skatepark improvement efforts commence under the lead of Mr. Nate Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

## **2. OHV Park Race**

Director Moore introduced the item stating that 2X Promotions is currently under contract with the City of Porterville to manage daily operations of the OHV Park. Over the years 2X Promotions has hosted numerous races at the OHV Park. Once again in 2020, they are planning on hosting a National Qualifier Racing Series at the facility. The event is slated for April 4 and 5 with a practice day on April 3, 2020.

Overnight camping takes place during these events which needs special authorization per the City's Municipal Code.

**Action:** Commissioner Fiormonti made the motion and Vice Chair Uresti seconded to recommend the national qualifying race be hosted by 2X Promotions at the OHV Park and to allow overnight camping. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. CDBG Park Improvement Funds**

Director Moore made a presentation on potential park improvement projects to be purchased by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds have to be spent in particular census tracts within the City. The specific areas in the City and dollar amount are yet to be determined. The dollar amount should range between \$80,000-\$200,000 and it appears that two potential project sites could be Fallen Heroes Park and Murry Park.

An exterior shade at Murry Park Pool is in the works to be purchased with some current and carryover funding. Other potential projects include concrete cornhole sets, a large picnic shelter, a standard size picnic shelter, mini picnic shelters, exercise equipment for adults and seniors, a giant play structure, a spinning carousel, a seesaw, artificial turf at Centennial Park or Fallen Heroes Park, and a band shell possibly at Murry Park. The overall thoughts of the Commission centered around seeing value in all of the projects presented as they would each benefit one age range or another.

**Action:** No action was taken.

## **4. Parks Maintenance Report**

Parks Superintendent Darren Maddox provided an update to the Commission on recent projects which included: the Americorps cleanup of the Veterans Park slough, the installation of two mini picnic shelters at Zalud Park, the local Clampers chapter providing a lot of volunteer labor at the Zalud House for some renovation projects, various tree trimming projects, the interior painting of City Hall and continued work on medians.

**Action:** Informational item

## **5. Leisure Activities Report**

Leisure Services Specialist Amy Graybehl reported on the Leisure activities. The items of discussion were: youth baseball registration begins February 7, the Jr. Pirates Track Club registration is underway, adult flag football wrapped up, adult open gym volleyball is now taking place Saturday evenings, the Youth Center has been busy doing a lot of craft projects, the military banner program application deadline just passed with 213 new honorees registered, and Red Cross classes will be offered by City staff upcoming.

**Action:** Informational item

## **6. Schedule Items for Future Meetings**

Director Moore mentioned a few items that will be included in the next agenda are an update on the department's priority projects, any new information on the skatepark fundraising efforts will be shared, and the CDBG Park Improvement Funds potential projects will be discussed further.

**Action:** Scheduling

## **7. Other Matters of Information**

Happy birthday wishes were expressed to Vice Chair Uresti, and Commissioner Pommier shared that if the upcoming Measure L passed it would provide new multi-purpose rooms in various elementary schools which could in turn potentially provide gym space for City sports and programs.

**Action:** Informational item

## **Adjournment**

Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director