

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021**

Chair Uresti called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM, welcoming Commissioner Peña to her first meeting. Chair Uresti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**Oral Communications** – None

**Approval of Minutes** – **Action:** Motion was made by Commissioner Pommier, Seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – Porterville Angels Baseball Club

**Reports**

- 1. Tule River Parkway Association-** Tule River Parkway Association President, Cathy Capone, presented on the status of the adopted native plant gardens along the Tule River Parkway. She also reviewed the Association’s upcoming projects and potential activities to promote the parkway. Commissioner Pommier suggested coordination with the school districts to get students working on video projects that highlight the Parkway and adopted gardens.
- 2. Report on Council Actions June 15- August 17, 2021-** 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:

**Parks and Leisure Services Commission Meetings-** City Council approved the Commission’s request to take a summer hiatus during the months of July and August.

**Authorization of Agreement Renewal Between the City of Porterville and Porterville Unified School District for the Youth Experiencing Success (YES) Program-** City Council approved the recommendation from the Commission to authorize the Agreement renewal between the City of Porterville and Porterville Unified School District for the YES Program. The terms of the renewal is for an additional three years. YES is offered in all of PUSD’s elementary and middle schools.

**Resolution Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds-** City Council adopted a draft Resolution approving the application by the City of Porterville for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds. The City’s \$7,800,000 application is for the construction of a new park and community center on Fourth Street just south of Henderson. The City has received two site visits and follow up correspondence from the State regarding the application which is more than the previous application attempts. Grant awards are expected to be announced by the State in September 2021.

**OHV Park and Golf Course Quarterly Reports-** The quarterly reports for the OHV Park and Golf Course covering April- June 2021 were submitted to the City Council. The golf course is doing exceptional during COVID-19. The OHV Park saw an uptick in traffic during and after big races hosted at the facility because the events draw in new customers. There was a slight decrease in numbers in June compared to last year, likely due to the unusually hot summer.

**Zalud House Donation-** The local chapter of the Clampers plan to install a granite monument on the Zalud House grounds depicting its history. They will also be installing a hitching post near the main entrance.

**Preliminary Annual Engineer's Report of Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts and Setting a Public Hearing-** City Council: adopted a Resolution ordering the preparation of and Engineer's Report for the Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Districts for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year; a Resolution giving preliminary approval to the Engineer's Reports; and a Resolution declaring intent to levy and collect assessments, and conduct a public hearing.

**Landscape and Lighting District Annual Assessments-** The City Council conducted a public hearing on the 2021/22 assessments for Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Districts. The Council also adopted a Resolution ordering the continued maintenance of Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Districts, and confirmed the Engineer's Report and assessments.

**Engineer's Reports and Setting of a Public Hearing for Establishing Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Districts and Tax Assessments for Parcels Within Summit Estates II Phase 2, and Royal Oaks-** City Council adopted: a Resolution ordering the proceedings for the formation of Summit Estates II Phase 2, and Royal Oaks Lighting and Landscape Districts; a Resolution ordering the preparation of, and giving preliminary approval to, the Engineer's Reports; and a Resolution declaring intent to form the two districts, levy and collect assessments, and conduct a public hearing.

**Establishing Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts and Tax Assessments for Parcels Within Summit Estates II Phase 2 and Royal Oaks-** City Council conducted a public hearing on Summit Estates II Phase 2 and Royal Oaks, and adopted the draft Resolution approving the Engineer's Report and assessment method.

## **Scheduled Matters**

### **1. Porterville Angels Baseball Club**

The Commission reviewed the proposal by Porterville Angels Baseball Club and heard comments from the Club's Director of Operations, Patrick Nanamura. He explained the request for exclusive use of the Zalud Park south ball field and detailed the plans for facility improvements and maintenance. Commissioners Pommier and Daly spoke in favor of the player development opportunity and benefits of keeping sporting activities in town. Commissioner Gurrola noted that the proposed size of the baseball field would cut into the north field, rendering it obsolete.

**Action:** Commissioner Duncan made a Motion and Commissioner Pommier Seconded to recommend the proposal submitted by Porterville Angels Baseball Club.

**2. Commissioner Terms to Expire October 2021**

Director Moore explained that Chair Uresti, Vice Chair Duncan, Commissioner Daly and Commissioner Graybehl all have terms expiring after the October Commission meeting. All four individuals are wrapping up their first four-year term and are eligible to seek reappointment if desired to do so. Reappointment forms are available in the City Clerk's office.

**Action:** Information and discussion

**3. Military Banner Program Committee Member Vacancy**

Director Moore explained that the Committee formed in May 2021 with duties of reviewing policies and the integrity of banners as well as making recommendations for future locations of banners. The Committee has a designated position for a Parks and Leisure Commissioner. During its May meeting, the Commission selected Chair Uresti to serve on the City's Military Banner Program Committee with Commissioner Graybehl as an alternate. Chair Uresti now has a schedule that conflicts with the meeting times so the committee seat is currently vacant.

**Action:** Commissioner Pommier was selected to fill the vacancy on the Military Banner Program Committee Meeting with Commissioner Graybehl as the alternate.

**4. Prop 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Program Grant**

Director Moore framed the item explaining the intent of the Prop 68 Rural Recreation and Tourism Program Grant. Projects must create or renovate at least one recreation feature. Staff is performing community outreach efforts for required feedback for the city's residents. City residents submitted a great amount of survey responses providing a lot of valuable input. Two in-person opportunities for the community to provide feedback are upcoming as well.

Staff settled on the application's project to be additional multi-use arenas to complement current plans to build five multi-use arenas at the Heritage Center location. This multi-use complex of arenas would be unique to the valley and sure to draw many in from out of town.

Grant applications may be submitted for \$200,000-\$3,000,000. No match is required. The application deadline is November 5, 2021. Grant awards are expected to be announced Spring 2022. The City's application is for the full \$3,000,000.

**Action:** Informational item

**5. Budget Update**

Director Moore explained that the fiscal year 2021/22 budget was adopted by City Council in June. Despite the many challenges of the pandemic, the initial budget outlook for the new fiscal year is positive both for the City as a whole and Parks and Leisure Services.

**Action:** Informational item

**6. Parks Maintenance Report**

Parks Superintendent Maddox provided an update to the Commission on recent projects which included: playground improvements and installation of a mini shelter and upcoming swing shelter at Zalud Park; cornhole sets installed at Zalud Park and Fallen Heroes Park; projects tackled by the weed abatement crew, including the cleanup of the slough off of Jaye St.; and the damage done by a tree's fallen limbs at Murry Park.

**Action:** Informational item

**7. Leisure Activities Report**

Leisure Services Specialist Graybehl reported on the Leisure activities. The items of discussion were: Summer Night Lights activities; the City Pool schedule; staff participation

in National Night Out hosted by the Police Department; KJUG concert coordination and vaccination outreach efforts with Sierra View Medical Center; Recreation Afterschool Program at select Burton schools; the start of Fall Soccer season; upcoming Corporate Games; Pioneer Days Rib Cook-Off drive-thru on October 23; the new website launch on August 16.

**Action:** Informational item

**8. Schedule Items For Future Meetings**

Director Moore mentioned that an item on Parks and Leisure Services capital projects will be on the next agenda, as well as other items of information.

**Action:** Scheduling

**9. Other Matters of Information**

No matters were discussed.

**Action:** Informational item

**Adjournment**

Chair Uresti adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director