

**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Chair Uresti called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM,

**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 Vice Chair Duncan, Seconded by Commissioner Fiormonti to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – None

**Reports**

**1. Report on Council Actions September 7, 21 and October 5, 2021**

Director Moore briefed the Commission on the following items that went before City Council.

**Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Program-** Council directed staff to take the item back to the Commission to focus only on projects at the Sports Complex and Veterans Park.

**Music on Main Street Fall 2021 -** City Council authorized Music on Main Street events to take place in Centennial Park- Fall 2021. Parks and Leisure Services provides logistical support for the concert series co-sponsored by the Porterville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Porterville.

**Pioneer Days -** City Council authorized Parks and Leisure Services to host Pioneer Days October 22-23, 2021, in a modified fashion. The youth pageant will take place at Centennial Park for ages 3-14 on October 22. The Rib Cook-Off will take place October 23 at the Sports Complex in a drive-thru fashion. No other events will be held in conjunction to Pioneer Days this year to ensure safety is at the forefront.

**Authorization of Street Closure for Music on Main Concert Series** – Authorization was given to close Cleveland from Main to the alley just east of Centennial Park during Music on Main evenings. The street closure will provide space to host food trucks, vendors and other types of booths.

**Authorization to Purchase Used Water Truck for City Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park through State Parks OHV Grant Funds.** – City Council authorized the Parks and Leisure Services Director to negotiate the purchase of a used water truck for the City’s OHV Park using State Parks OHV Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

**Agreement Between City of Porterville and Porterville Angels Baseball Club for Use of Zalud Park South Ball Diamond** – On October 5, 2021, City Council approved the

Commission's recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Porterville Angels Baseball Club for exclusive use of the Zalud Park south ball diamond for three years.

**Veterans Day Run & Walk** - City Council approved the annual Parks and Leisure Services Veterans Day Run & Walk to be held in-person prior to the Veterans Day Parade.

- 2. Military Banner Program Committee-** Committee Member Pommier updated the Commission from the Committee's meeting on September 7, 2021. The Committee reviewed Honorary Memorial Wall policies from other cities. The other Scheduled Matter was the process in which banners would be assessed for integrity purposes and when the banners would be retired. The need to start thinking about expansion for future banner locations was also discussed briefly.

### **Scheduled Matters**

- 1. Centennial Park Mural Agreement Renewal**

Director Moore introduced the item. The ten-year Agreement between the City of Porterville and the Porterville Mural Committee (PMC) for the 'Time Marches On' Mural in Centennial Park expires November 2021. Any repairs, costs and expense will be PMC's responsibility. This includes PMC adding a protective coating as needed that will aid in preservation efforts. PMC agrees that it will keep the property walls clean and free of graffiti. PMC further agrees to immediate repairs within reasonable time for any damages or graffiti to the mural so that the mural remains in good condition. PMC is proposing that the Agreement be extended another ten years.

**Action:** Vice Chair Duncan made a Motion and Commissioner Fiormonti Seconded to recommend the the City renew the ten-year agreement with the Porterville Mural Committee for the Centennial Park Time Marches On Mural. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Prop 68 Per Capita Grant Program**

Director Moore stated that this item has gone before the Commission twice. At the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting, Council thoroughly discussed the item reviewing the Commission's recommendation, and bringing up some ideas of their own. Eventually, the Council directed staff to take the item back to the Commission to solely focus on projects within the Sports Complex and Veterans Park. These two facilities rarely are eligible for grant funding.

Moore went on and showed a Powerpoint presentation on some potential projects the Commission has previously discussed, as well as a few new ones. The projects and updated estimated costs were:

Sports Complex Practice field lighting (area covering snack bar east to ditch)- \$600,000  
Sports Complex Perimeter lighted trail- \$418,000 (solar lighting), \$1,642,000 (paved trail)

Challenge Fitness Course- \$195,000

Pump Track (skateboards, bicycles, scooters)- \$175,000

Mini Pitch lighted arena soccer field with artificial turf- \$180,000

Large picnic shelter- \$168,000

Band shell- \$215,000

Sand volleyball courts (2)- \$90,000

Skatepark: exterior viewing shade, concrete addition, and minimal solar lighting- \$177,000

Fitness equipment- \$165,000

Moore said there's potentially other trail funding that will be available for the Sports Complex perimeter lighted trail. Commissioner Pommier mentioned the maintenance and cost required to keep up quality sand volleyball courts. Commissioner Peña added that she was in favor of the Challenge Fitness Course, or something similar for Veterans Park as it is such a heavily used Park. Moore explained that the Commission was to vote on their top three projects. Scores would be tallied with top priority being worth 3 points, second priority 2 points, and third priority 1 point.

The Skatepark project came out on top, followed by the pump track. Mini Pitch, Challenge Fitness Course, and Sports Complex practice field lighting all tied for the third place project of the Commission. Moore will take those projects in order to the Council on October 19, 2021.

**Action:** Information and discussion.

### **3. Capital Projects Update**

Director Moore explained that what will be covered in a Powerpoint presentation is a list of the higher profile City Council adopted capital improvement projects for Parks and Leisure Services that have funds scheduled for the current 2021/22 fiscal year. The projects were:

City multi-sport arena complex (\$1.45 million, CDBG)

Tule River Parkway Phase III construction (\$1.99 million, CMAQ/Measure R-ATP)

Murry Park pavilions 1 & 2 renovations (\$35,000, General Fund Reserve Deferred Maintenance)

Library site selection and acquisition (\$500,000, Risk Management Insurance)

Butterfield Corridor Design: West North Grand to Porterville College/Tule River Bridge, Porterville College to Yates (\$820,000, Measure R-ATP)

Olive Street medians rehabilitation (\$50,000)

Henry Street Park (CSET)

**Action:** Information and discussion.

### **4. Parks Maintenance Report**

Parks Superintendent Maddox provided an update to the Commission on recent projects including: installation of a bench at Veterans Park, a bench swing that is soon to be installed, vandalized new playground equipment at Zalud Park, golf green aeration, and a hitching post installed by the Clampers at the Zalud House.

**Action:** Informational item

### **5. Leisure Activities Report**

Leisure Services Specialist Graybehl reported on Leisure Services activities. The items mentioned were: Corporate Games, Music on Main, Pioneer Days Pageant, Veterans Day Run, Halloween Home Decorating Contest and Fall Soccer.

**Action:** Informational item

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

No items were mentioned.

**Action:** Scheduling

**7. Other Matters of Information**

Leisure Services Specialist Graybehl added that on November 6, 2021, there will be a nature walk/run at the Tule River Parkway.

**Action:** Informational item

**Adjournment**

Chair Uresti adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director