

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2022
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza**

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dave Baker
Chris Braxton
Ondray Simmons

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager
Danny Lara, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Johanna Kinard, Recreation Coordinator

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for November 22, 2021 Special Meeting
3. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Reports
4. Accept Park Monthly Activity Reports

Public Comment

MOTION: Commissioner Braxton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with a second by Commissioner Simmons. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lompoc Youth Sports Organization Workshop

Mario opened the discussion by starting off with an announcement that there are two vacancies that are currently open on the Parks & Recreation Commission that are needed from Districts 2 & 3. He then provided an overview regarding the needs at Parks with sports groups. He went on to say this year it was suggested that a group meeting amongst Park & Recreation commissioners, staff as well as the youth group organizers take place to discuss the needs and advocacy for each groups unmet needs. Commissioner Baker emphasized the need for each group to advocate at City Council meetings and stated that he is also available to use as a

liaison between staff and users. Both Commissioners Braxton and Simmons were in agreeance and pleased that the meeting was happening tonight. The following list of organizations had representation and shared about their programs and what their unmet needs were:

Lompoc AYSO – Dorine Fabing, Lesa Keasler, and Nina Seay
Announced that they had 850 kids registered and were pleased with the success of the season for being post COVID. Would like for the fields at River Bend to be better maintained and also marked so that it is easier to know which fields is which. They also would like a plan in place for gopher abatement as the gopher holes are a danger. Would like to see that there be a grant opportunity for River Bend in the future.

Lompoc Little League/Lompoc Youth Football – Jason Schaffer
Provided an overview of their program; season is going as planned. Would like for Parks to continue to focus on the fields at Ryon and JM parks. Opening day is set for March 5th. Would like for there to be a system in place for accountability when issues are reported to City staff. Commissioner Baker suggested that users utilize the system that is already in place on the City website. He also stated the fences are in dire need of repair and there are termites at both score booths. He also asked why JM Park did not get selected for the grant. Mario explained how the point system works and what ranks higher. Jason also would like for the cell phone company who damaged the field during football season be liable.

Lompoc Babe Ruth – Larry Jacinto and John Hernandez
Reported that registration has started for their season. Requested clarification on the billing invoice that they received. Opening day is set for March 12th. They would like for the sprinklers to be repaired. They also would like for the sign at Lizarraga to be re-painted, the asphalt at JM to be repaired and also for security lights by the doors.

Lompoc Girls Softball Association – Dave Baker
Recruiting for coaches for their upcoming season, and registration was strong. Feb 19th is their opening day. He went on to say the electrical in the building needs attention as well as some field repairs on the grass line and first base line. Would like to know how the fields at LVMS can be maintained as they are unsafe for the older girls to play on.

The floor was then opened for more discussions about field maintenance and upcoming special events at Ryon Park for the months of April, May and June for two carnivals and AIDS Life Cycle. Mario shared that Jr Giants is set to begin in June and will work with other user groups on shared fields. Dave Baker suggested that staff create a clear updated map for users to know which fields are which at River Bend and post on an information board. The group agreed with that suggestion. Mario also addressed the need for rest on the fields in order to be able to meet the needs of all the groups and shared Lompoc doesn't shut down in

between seasons like other areas making it difficult to maintain properly. He did share that there is a plan in place for the fields to be maintained and ready for all seasons. He is hopeful with the surplus in revenue that there will be more staff hired as well as equipment purchases that will benefit and aid in the overall maintenance of all City parks. Danny Lara explained how the current lack of staffing has been difficult and requested that when an issue arises that the presidents of the board be in communication directly with him to ensure that it is being handled. He also asked for keys when locks are being changed after their seasons end. Mario finished the discussion with upcoming changes and improvements that are in the works. Commissioner Braxton also concluded by pushing for more groups to show up and speak at City Council meetings and Commissioner Baker also shared there is a monthly update for all parks maintenance posted online as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Public Comment

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Division monthly update - Mario Guerrero Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager
 - Johanna Kinard reported on the upcoming Father Daughter Dance, the Lompoc Outdoor Community Market, Easter Egg Hunt and the Track and Field Meet. She also shared the Activity Guide has gone digital and is online at the City of Lompoc website.
 - Mario Guerrero, Jr. reported on the recent closure and announced that planning is underway for the Golf Tournament. He also reported the AquaPlay remains closed until further notice. He shared there will be a training opportunity for lifeguarding at the pool.

Public Comment

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Braxton suggested a booth at the Lompoc Outdoor Community Market for outreach about the Parks & Recreation Commission vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 P.M. Commissioner Braxton adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lompoc City Council Chambers, at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Baker, Chair

Mario Guerrero Jr., Secretary