

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2022  
City Hall Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Plaza**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:     Dave Baker  
  Stephanie Saucedo  
  Ondray Simmons

Staff Present:                     Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager  
  Shandee Vega, OSA III

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Lompoc resident Diane Burns expressed her concerns with the cutting of the eucalyptus trees near the Multipurpose Trail behind her house. She stated there is a hawk that nests in the tree and suggested waiting until fledging season to trim the trees.
2. Lompoc residents Eric and Gina Ruse moved to Lompoc in 2000 and stated they love waking up and watching the hawks in the trees. He is ashamed the trees are being cut and suggested they only be trimmed and will be getting the neighbors together to voice their opinions.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Thompson Park Conceptual Playground Design – Oral Report by Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks & Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr. presented design concepts of two options for the new playground at Thompson Park. He thanked Commissioner Saucedo for being on the ranking committee.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Report
3. Accept Park Monthly Activity Report

Public Comment

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion Regarding Amending Regular Meeting frequency/time – Oral Report by Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks & Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr. discussed changing the meeting frequency and time and stated any decision will have to go to City Council for approval, in which the handbook will need to be updated. After some discussion it was decided to have meetings bi-monthly on odd months at 7:00pm.

Public Comment

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Capital Project Ranking – Written Report by Mario Guerrero Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr., provided a report of the Capital Project ranking and thanked Commission for their recommendations on items of priority. He stated there will be another round of funding of around 4 million dollars which would open up everything on the list and commission would need to choose the top three to five items. Commission discussed amongst themselves what their priorities would be, and all were in favor of redoing Riverbend Park and updating JM Park fencing.

Public Comment

Ila Thatcher, a Lompoc Resident of eight years, stated there is a lack of resources for children and is surprised Parks and Recreation doesn't get more funding. She also agreed with everything Commission has said and chose.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Parks and Recreation Division monthly update - Mario Guerrero Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr. reported on the following:

- Thanked Kingsway Financial and the Chumash for being the main sponsors for the golf tournament. It was a great turnout with 61 participants
- Mother Son Luau will be held at the Rec Center on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- The 2022 Summer Activity Guide just hit the website

- A few camps being held this summer are Fire Camp and Summer Drop In
- Beattie Park lighting – building permit process currently takes a few months
- Will be going to Council on May 17<sup>th</sup> for a Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator position
- 13 updated spots at River Park are going out to bid
- June 6<sup>th</sup> will be going to Council for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July alternative. Pyro Spectaculars not comfortable with returning and no venue
- Between Ryon, JM, Pioneer and Thompson Parks over 1,000 gophers have been caught since January 1<sup>st</sup>
- AIDS Ride will be June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
- Flower Festival was held May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, reviewing parks report from event
- Thank you to Sue, Johanna and Chad on a successful Track Meet and Easter Egg Hunt

Public Comment

**COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:**

1. Commissioner Saucedo thanked Commission for allowing her to be on the Thompson Park Playground ranking committee. She stated she has been meeting with Recreation Staff to better understand their duties and thanked them for all of their hard unseen work.
2. Commissioner Baker stated he is on the newly formed non-profit committee and are in the beginning stages of setting priorities and boundaries and will allow the committee to apply for grants from business and groups that are unavailable as a City. He added Parks and Recreation is still needing two more Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Braxton adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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