

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2022
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza**

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dave Baker
Dianne Burns
Stephanie Saucedo

Commissioners Absent: Ondray Simmons
Ila Thatcher-Geis

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager
Johanna Kinard, Recreation Coordinator
Alma Lopez, Office Staff Assistant II

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Introduction of newly appointed Commissioner Burns

Newly appointed Commissioner Dianne Burns introduced herself. She is representing District 1. She is eager to be a part of the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Reports
3. Accept Park Monthly Activity Reports

Public Comment

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on Parks Projects – Oral Report by Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks & Recreation Manager

Mario Guerrero, Jr. discussed some of the renovations being completed at city parks and facilities. These items include:

Thompson Park - Playground being replaced and new concrete. Completion timeline mid-January.

Ryon Park - Playground/fitness area; new pickleball courts in place of some tennis courts; lights for existing tennis courts.

Pioneer Park – grant funded for initially playground/fitness area but recently increased to include baseball field renovations. Both staff and Lompoc Babe Ruth have met on what the needs are.

College Park – currently a survey is online with two different designs ending on 11/11/22.

River Park – newly renovated campground underway. Estimated completion early spring.

Lompoc Aquatic Center – Replacement of heaters in late Dec./Jan. Over 30 roof panels also slated to be replaced.

Commissioner Burns asked where the renovated baseball field was. Mario replied at Pioneer Park.

Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 everyone who attended. He also stated that budget workshops are coming up and he would like to encourage youth sports groups input.
- Youth basketball has over 330 kids registered.
- Turkey Trot will be held on Nov. 20th at River Park.
- Lompoc Valley Children’s Christmas Season Parade will be on Fri. Dec. 2nd, following with the Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 3rd at the Dick DeWees Community & Senior Center.
- Resolution Run on Jan. 1st at River Bend Park
- Make a Difference Day was a huge success and was held on Oct. 22nd. He wanted to also acknowledge the parks staff on their completion of Phase 1 of the City Hall renovation.

Public Comment

1. Lesa Keasler on behalf of Lompoc AYSO would like to know if there has been any discussion on any River Bend Park updates. Mario replied that City Council was presented a CIP and will be getting updated quotes for cost of field improvements. Mario also shared a previous volunteer driven partnership that helped with improvements at Thompson Park. Commissioner Burns asked what type of issues does the park exhibit? Lesa replied it needs flat safe ground. Currently there are gopher holes, moles and their overall concern is safety. She is upset with the response being the funds are not there. She did thank parks for their part in supplying dirt.
2. Dorine Fabing also spoke on behalf of AYSO and requested an update that was previously requested that staff, City Council and AYSO meet about prioritizing River Bend. Mario stated he will follow up with mayor. Commissioner Baker replied that he can understand how AYSO may feel that their needs aren't being met or eligible for grants that other parks are, but he would recommend that they attend the upcoming budget workshops and actively participate in making a change.
3. Jason Rose with Lompoc Little League asked about the status of JM fence repairs due to safety concerns and asked if there were any concession updates. Mario Guerrero followed up and reported that the concession is in the process of being replaced with construction slated for July/August with an 8-month lead time which would include the bathrooms.
4. John Hernandez with Babe Ruth would like to thank Mario, Dave Baker and Jason Rojas for attending the meeting they had regarding the renovation of Pioneer. He also appreciates parks for their help with issues and seed.

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Saucedo would like a master plan and would also support a meeting with Lompoc AYSO. She also asked for an update of Westvale Park.
2. Commissioner Baker shared that he participated in Make a Difference Day and that he met with Commissioner Burns. He also attended a Babe Ruth meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:49 P.M. Commissioner Baker adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 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