

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 24, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza**

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dave Baker
 Dianne Burns
 Stephanie Saucedo
 Ila Thatcher-Geis

Commissioners Absent: Ondray Simmons

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager
 Jason Rojas, Parks Project Coordinator
 Johanna Kinard, Recreation Coordinator

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

Update on Parks Projects – Oral Report by Jason Rojas, Parks Project Coordinator

Jason provided a PowerPoint presentation with an update on new and upcoming renovations occurring at city parks which included:

- Thompson Park – new pour and play, two new playgrounds, horseshoe and corn hole pits with end of February as the targeted completion date
- Lompoc Aquatic Center – replacement of both competition and therapy pool heaters, replacement ceiling panels and motor, and a dehumidification system
- Ryon Park – replacement of playground and ADA fitness center, refresh four tennis courts and replacing the others with a pickleball court
- Centennial Square – general landscaping, adding irrigation, and a new monument sign
- College Park – construction targeted for July, with a 12-15 month period
- JM Park – replacement of concession/restroom building projected to begin in August
- Pioneer Park – new playground, adding fitness area, and renovating the baseball field
- River Park – refurbishing old RV camp sites
- Riverbend Phase III – exploring options for soccer fields, lighting and restrooms

Commissioner Burns asked the whereabouts of the soccer fields. Jason responded two collegiate soccer fields would be fitted. Commissioner Saucedo wanted to know if Lompoc

AYSO has been approached and Jason responded not yet as it is in the early conceptual stages to see what is feasible, but when there is forward motion than yes they will be. Commissioner Baker announced that Lompoc Girls Softball will be having their opening ceremonies and if the park were to be ready would be great. He also asked where the funding for Ryon Park playground is coming from in which Jason and Mario responded matching funds through a grant and CIP funds. Commissioner Baker asked if the concession stand at Pioneer will be renovated, in which Jason stated it is on the list but not as high priority. Commissioner Baker mentioned that the JM Park back stop is in need of repair. Mario replied that they are receiving quotes to see what can be feasible. Commissioner Ila asked why the River Bend Phase III is at a different location than the current soccer fields. Jason stated the current soccer area was intended for practice fields, with the other section the championship field.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 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:

4. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for Parks & Recreation Commission – Oral Report by Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks & Recreation Manager

Commissioner Thatcher-Geis nominates Dave Baker as Chair, and Commissioner Saucedo nominates herself as Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Commissioner Thatcher-Geis motions that Dave Baker continue as Chair, and Commissioner Saucedo as Vice-Chair with a second by Commissioner Burns. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mario Guerrero, Jr. reported on the following:

- Lompoc Valley Children's Christmas Season Parade was a success. The following morning Breakfast with Santa was held and was sold out.
- Track and Field Meet at Lompoc High School is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd
- The return of the youth basketball tournament is schedule for the weekend of March 4th
- The Jazz Festival was postponed to March
- Lompoc Valley Festival Association will not have a Spring Fest, but they plan on having the Flower Festival in June with a possibility of the parade returning
- The City of Lompoc will be celebrating its 135th anniversary, with an event calendar underway

Johanna Kinard reported on the following:

- Father Daughter Dance is booked out for the weekend of February 3-5
- Lompoc Youth Commission's TOTAL Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 24th
- Summer Employment Workshop will be held April 12th & 13th

Public Comment

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

- Commissioner Baker would like an event calendar for all upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 P.M. Commissioner Baker adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 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