

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
March 28, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza**

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dave Baker
 Dianne Burns
 Stephanie Saucedo
 Ondray Simmons

Commissioners Absent: Ila Thatcher-Geis

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Mario informed the Commission that Jason Rojas, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator is no longer with the City of Lompoc and the position is posted on the website and will close on Friday. He then provided an update on new and upcoming renovations occurring at city parks which included:

- The Lompoc Aquatic Center will be closed due to Competition Pool heater being replaced and having to replace the gas regulator as it malfunctioned when replacing the Therapy Pool and Activity Pool heaters
- Thompson Park project completed
- Ryon Park – replacement of playground and ADA fitness center, refresh four tennis courts and replacing the others with a pickleball court. Hoping to break ground in 8-10 weeks
- River Park – refurbishing old RV camp sites
- Pioneer Park – new playground, adding fitness area, and renovating the baseball field
- Centennial Square – general landscaping, adding irrigation, and a new monument sign
- Library – all new landscaping, upgrade outdoor patio area and redo parking lot

- College Park – project with RHA, meeting with Planning to go over submittals, hoping to be on Planning Commission by June and be out to bid and awarded by the fall

Commissioner Burns asked who uses Pioneer Park. Mario replied Babe Ruth during their league and fall ball seasons. Commissioner Baker asked what the timeline was for the pickle ball courts and if the pickle ball users would be able to use LVMS tennis courts in the meantime. Mario replied there was no timeline as of yet, they are waiting to meet with the company that is awarded the project but hoping to break ground in May/June and be completed by September. He continued to say that the LVMS tennis courts are in bad condition but ran through the school district.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes for January 24, 2023 Special Meeting
3. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Reports
4. Accept Park Monthly Activity Reports

Public Comment

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

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Lompoc Parks and Recreation Sponsorship Program – Dr. T’s Softball Tournament Request – Mario Guerrero Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager

Dave Baker provided a background of the Dr. T’s Strike-Out Cancer Softball Tournaments he and his family have organized in the past to help raise funds for Lompoc citizens battling Cancer. He requested they be considered and awarded sponsorship to help offset the rental fees for the tournament to allow all funds raised to go directly to the dedicated family.

Public Comment

MOTION: Commissioner Simmons made a motion that Dave Baker be awarded the sponsorship to cover the cost of the Dr. T’s Strike-Out Cancer Softball Tournament, with a second by Commissioner Burns. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

6. Appoint two commissioners for an Ad-Hoc committee to assist in the review/rating of the design for College Park Playground Project – Mario Guerrero Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager

Commission appointed Commissioner Burns and Commissioner Simmons to assist in the review process for the College Park Playground Project.

Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Public Comment

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mario Guerrero, Jr. reported on the following:

- Thanked Johanna Kinard and Sue Slavens on a successful TOTAL Conference and also the School District for their sponsorship
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8th at River Park
- Track Meet will be held on April 23rd at Lompoc High School, with Kiwanis being a sponsor
- Summer Brochure should be released by April 30th. Hoping to start mailing out hard copies again once the new budget passes
- Form 700 is due by April 3rd
- Adult drop-in volleyball has returned since Youth Basketball ended with about 30 participants
- Budget workshop was March 16th. The main goals are Public Safety, Parks and Recreation and Community needs overall. Parks and Recreation Budget will hopefully be on the Council Agenda in May
- Lompoc Trails will be on the LVCHO Proclamation held on April 4th

Public Comment

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Baker informed Commission that he is a representative on the non-profit board for the City of Lompoc and always looking for ideas and suggestions to relay back that will help the City of Lompoc or Parks and Rec on obtaining grants allowed for non-profit groups only. He went on to say he is the President for LGSA and wanted to give a shout out to the Parks staff for their assistance with getting the fields playable after all of the rain we had. Lastly, he reminded Mario of his request for the Special Events Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 P.M. Commissioner Baker adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 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