

LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ila Thatcher-Geis
Dianne Burns
Stephanie Saucedo
Ondray Simmons

Commissioners Absent: Dave Baker

Staff Present: Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks and Recreation Manager
Johanna Kinard, Recreation Coordinator
Jim Mindoro, Parks and Recreation Projects Coordinator

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update on Parks Projects – Oral Report by Jim Mindoro, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator

Jim Mindoro introduced himself as the new Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator for Lompoc Parks and Recreation. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on new and upcoming renovations occurring at city parks which included:

- Lompoc Aquatic Center – ceiling panel and motor replacement, dehumidification system improvement
- College Park – proposal bid scheduled for December 2023 and the estimated start of construction is slated for March 2024
- Ryon Park – replacement of playground and ADA fitness center, refresh four tennis courts and replacing the others with a pickleball court. Tennis court lights installed
- River Park – refurbishing old RV camp sites, new restroom and shower
- Pioneer Park – new playground, adding fitness area, and renovating the baseball field
- Centennial Square – general landscaping, adding irrigation, and a new monument sign which will be revealed at the City of Lompoc’s 135th birthday celebration on August 13th
- Anderson Recreation Center – installation of HVAC
- JM Park – replacement of restroom/concession stand facility

- Library – all new landscaping, upgrade outdoor patio area and redo parking lot (three phases)

Commissioner Burns asked what renovations will be completed at Pioneer Park. Jim responded new ball field, fitness area and playground. Mario also reported that the park will also have an EZFLO fertigation injection system installed to help abate gophers. Commissioner Simmons asked how the system works. Mario explained how there are critter repellants that aren't poisonous that are added to the system that repels gophers. Commissioner Thatcher-Geis asked if the skate community was contacted for their feedback regarding the upgrades to the Skate Park portion at College Park. Mario responded yes, there was a couple of features added based on feedback.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes for March 28, 2023 Special Meeting
3. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Reports

Public Comment

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Public Comment

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

STAFF REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mario Guerrero, Jr. reported on the following:

- Reported about the budget which included new positions, and more equipment to assist with Park maintenance including a field groomer.

Johanna Kinard reported on the following:

- The Easter Egg Hunt was held in April. Mother Son Luau in March with over 250 participants. The first of three Movies in the Park was held on June 10th. 4th of July was well attended at Ryon Park.

- Summer Drop In began the week of June 19th and has 70 children registered weekly. The camp is offered for eight weeks and ends on August 11th.
- Five teens between the ages of 13-15 are in the Volunteen program.
- Scholarships for youth and seniors are being offered through a CDBG grant which covers 100% of registration fees for any Parks & Recreation program.
- Track and Field Meet was held at Lompoc High School and had over 200 athletes participate.
- Jr. Giants has 203 children registered this summer.

Public Comment

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

5. Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Burns requested to serve on the subcommittee for Pioneer Park. Commissioner Thatcher-Geis and Commissioner Saucedo agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 P.M. Commissioner Saucedo adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 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