

**LOMPOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2024
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
 Shandee Vega, OSA III

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Mario Guerrero provided an update on the following projects:

- The bid was awarded for the HVAC project at the Anderson Rec Center with work beginning in April
- Mandatory walk through with 8-10 contractors at the River Park Campgrounds project which closes March 26th
- The contractor has the intent to proceed with the playground/fitness area at Pioneer Park. Hoping to have the RFP go out by the end of the week for the poles and 20ft netting
- The Aquatic Center roof panel project will begin in April dependent on confirmation from the contractor
- JM Park will break ground in June or beginning of July
- Working with the contractor on the next steps or options for the resurfacing of Ryon Park Pickleball Courts
- The merry-go-round at Beattie Park is out of order. Staff is looking at other alternatives due to the equipment breaking often and hoping to have that completed within the next month

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

3. Accept Recreation Monthly Activity Reports
4. 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:

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 Thatcher-Geis made a motion that Dave Baker be awarded the sponsorship up to \$1,000 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. Lompoc Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Program ~ Lompoc Police Department’s 1st Annual Battle of the Badges Fundraiser Request – Mario Guerrero, Jr., Parks & Recreation Manager

Mario provided the information to Commission for the Battle of the Badges event as a representative wasn’t available to attend. Commissioner Saucedo asked if the event will conflict with the Battle of the Badges in Santa Maria. Mario replied he wasn’t sure. Commissioner Baker would like to support the event but would like to request a representative come back to Commission to get more information on the event.

Public Comment

MOTION: Commissioner Burns made a motion that the Lompoc Police Department be awarded the sponsorship up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of the Battle of the Badges Fundraiser, with a second by Commissioner Thatcher-Geis. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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:

- Provided draft event calendar to Commission. Still waiting on confirmation on some event dates
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held at River Park on March 30th
- The Kiwanis Track Meet will be held at Lompoc High School on April 28th
- The Golf Tournament will be held on May 31st at Mission Club Golf Course and helps raise funds for scholarships
- Commission should be receiving an email to complete form 700
- Parks and Recreation Commission Joint Council meeting will be held on April 2nd at 6pm
- Shout out to the Parks Department on getting the ball fields ready and playable after the rain
- Mike Espino, Recreation Supervisor is retiring and a lunch will be held on March 29th at the Dick DeWees Center with details to follow
- Asked Commission if they wanted to change the date for the next meeting or have staff as Mario would be out of the office. They replied to have staff attend in his absence

Public Comment

COMMISSION REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND MEETING REPORTS:

- Commissioner Saucedo wanted to give a shout out to the Public Information Officer for her Social Media posts and keeping residents informed
- Commissioner Thatcher-Geis thanked Dave Baker and Dr. T for keeping their tournament local
- Commissioner Baker updated Commission on the Lompoc Community Benefit Foundation and mentioned they received their first grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 which assisted with the Lompoc Police Explorers. He asked Commission to keep an eye out for grants that a non-profit can apply for so Parks projects can be completed when the money becomes available.
- Commissioners discussed some Joint Meeting topics to bring to Council

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 P.M. Commissioner Baker adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 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