

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Rich Rankin, Chair | Diane Graybehl, Member |
| Rocco Calantone, Vice Chair | Carroll Land, Member |
| Kieran Daly, Member | Rachel Lucero, Member |
| Phillip Duncan, Member | Janet Uresti, Member |

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

This is the opportunity to address the Commission on any matter of interest, whether on the agenda or not. Unless additional time is authorized by the Commission, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 1, 2018 meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VII. REPORTS – This is the time for staff informational items.

- 1) **Report on Council Actions**
- 2) **Arbor Day**

VIII. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- 1) **Tule River Parkway Phase III CEQA-** Information and discussion.
- 2) **Permanent Pickleball Courts-** Re: Making a recommendation on permanent pickleball courts at Zalud Park.
- 3) **Military Banner Program-** Re: Making a recommendation on the location of future banners.
- 4) **Parks Maintenance Report-** Information and discussion.
- 5) **Leisure Activities Report-** Information and discussion.
- 6) **Schedule Items For Future Meetings-** Information and discussion.
- 7) **Other Matters of Information-**Information only.

IX. ADJOURNMENT to May 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The mission of the City of Porterville Parks and Leisure Services Commission is to advise on the provision of excellent customer services to the citizens of the community, to enhance their quality of life by providing opportunities for the public enjoyment, inspiration, education, personal development and cultural enrichment, and to advocate for clean, safe, well designed parks and facilities.

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**PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 5, 2018**

Vice Chair Calantone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Calantone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Parks & Leisure Services Commission

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| Present: | Rocco Calantone, Vice Chair | Carroll Land, Member |
| | Phillip Duncan, Member | Rachel Lucero, Member |
| | Diane Graybehl, Member | Janet Uresti, Member |

Absent: Richard Rankin Chair
Kieran Daly

Oral Communications – None

Approval of Minutes – **Action:** Motion was made by Commissioner Land seconded by Commissioner Graybehl to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2018, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – None

Reports

1) **Report on Council Actions from March 6 & 20, April 3 2018**

Director Moore updated the Commission on the items that had gone to Council since the last Commission meeting:

Proclamations- A request for a proclamation to observe Arbor Day was on the April 3, 2018 City Council agenda.

Murry Park Pool Concession License Renewal- City Council approved the three-year pool concession license renewal with SM Transit.

WildPlaces Mural Maintenance Agreement Renewal- City Council reviewed this item April 3, 2018. Their action will be reported on at our meeting. The Commission's recommendation was to extend the mural maintenance agreement with WildPlaces for an additional five years.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grant for the Tule River Parkway- An informational report was given to City Council making them aware of the intent to partner with the Tule River Parkway Association on submitting a grant application. The grant will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project would include installing drought tolerant native plant demonstration gardens along the Tule River Parkway.

- 2) **Arbor Day-** Director Moore continued the report section with the Tree City USA program explaining that it is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is April 27, 2018. The City of Porterville has been distinguished as a Tree City USA for the past 25 years. Cal Fire has been notified of the event and usually attends to

take part in the ceremony. A City Council representative has also been requested to be on hand to present a proclamation. In addition, we are hopeful that some students will take part to assist with the tree planting.

A few of the past tree plantings have taken place at Veterans Park, the Skate Park, and along the Rails to Trails. The Parks staff has chosen a planting site at Murry Park for this year. The ceremony will take place at 11:00am.

Commissioner Land had a question regarding the per capita amount of money spent and how that budget was figured in and

Vice Chair Calantone had a question regarding the amount of water that would be needed to irrigate the demonstration gardens for the Tule River Parkway planting project. Director Moore noted that the initial items to be planted would require only 20% of the typical amount of water needed to irrigate a garden. Vice Chair Calantone recommended bottle brush, salvia, sorghum and starthistle plants for the gardens.

Action: Informational Item

Scheduled Matters

Tule River Parkway Phase III CEQA– Director Moore informed the Commission that funding is in place for the next phase of the Tule River Parkway from Main Street to Plano. This item is a routine matter regarding the environmental process. On April 17, 2018, there will be a public hearing at the City Council meeting to consider approving a Negative Declaration of environmental impact associated with the proposed extension of the Tule River Parkway. The review period is March 17-April 17, 2018.

Action: Informational item

- 2) **Permanent Pickleball Courts**– Director Moore gave the history of the pickleball courts and how they opened to the public last fall. There are lines for two pickleball courts on the east tennis court at Zalud Park. Currently, the pickleball courts are set up with temporary nets Wednesdays 4:30-7:00pm and Saturdays 9:00-11:30am. There are around 18 pickleball players on average that attend Saturdays and 12 Wednesdays. One of the consistent players volunteered to set up and takedown the courts each day. The pickleball players only have the two days to play at the moment as the other days of the week the nets are not set up.

The pickleball players are requesting the City put in permanent nets on the east courts. Commissioner Uresti asked about the amount of play the tennis courts get used to which Director Moore answered that it didn't appear there were too many times which both tennis courts were in use at the same time. Vice Chair Calantone asked if there had been any conflicts with either the tennis or pickleball players. Director Moore said that on occasion pickleball players would wait until the tennis players on the west court were finished and then set up a makeshift court on that court to eliminate them having to wait to play on one of the two pickleball courts.

Commissioner Uresti asked if the permanent pickleball courts were installed if they could be removed and Director Moore said that would be possible but would do some damage to the courts causing the need for some repairs.

Commissioner Calantone and Land conveyed that since the original intent of the courts were for tennis the courts shouldn't be transformed to pickleball permanently. Director Moore shared that the temporary pickleball nets are labor intensive causing the department to pay staff to go

out and set up and takedown, or make sure the volunteer takes care of handling it. Commissioners Duncan and Uresti said that these are the only two pickleball courts in the City thus it would benefit the public by permanently offering the sport to them and it would also save on the cost currently having to pay staff. There was some discussion on if the local high school and college tennis courts were available to the public to which the response was that they were. One other option would be to reserve the pickleball courts for more than the two current days but that would require more days for staff and/or volunteers to set up and takedown the nets. Director Moore stated that some cities have a box at the courts where the public can check out temporary nets but that system is subject to vandalism. Other cities have a checkout system out of their office. The difficulty with both of these options is that the nets are tough for people to set-up by themselves the first time they attempt to do so.

Vice Chair Calantone suggested observing the pickleball play when the weather gets hotter. Commissioner Land gave input that he knew of some consistent tennis players that have been playing for many years on one of the courts. Commissioner Graybehl asked when the pickleball courts were painted which was last spring but pickleball wasn't played for the first time until September. Director Moore clarified that the pickleball courts were able to be used anytime but required someone having their own net. Commissioner Duncan said that he would really like to see permanent pickleball courts since there were currently none and there are ample tennis courts within the City open to the public. He asked the possibility of having pickleball only courts be built. Director Moore said staff looked into the cost and at this time doesn't have funding to build pickleball courts. Moore encouraged the Commissioners to get input from tennis and pickleball players.

Action: Staff will monitor play on the courts and bring an item back to the Commission this fall.

- 3) **Military Banner Program** – Director Moore updated the Commission on the program. With the 129 banners being added in May, the total number of banners will be 242. There's room for 54 on Main Street between Morton and Olive so that leaves 75 needing a new designated area which equals 38 lightpoles being that there are two banners per pole. Commissioner Land asked if the one batch of banners could be displayed for a portion of the year and then a different batch could be displayed a different portion of the year. Staff commented that logistically this method would prove to be difficult. Vice Chair Calantone suggested that it would be apropos to have the banners be displayed around Veterans Park. Commissioner Uresti liked the idea of the banners follow the parade route down Main Street.

Commissioner Duncan asked what staff recommended. Leisure Services Specialist recommended for this year the banners should remain close to Main Street due to this year's applicants believing their banners would be in that area. Commissioner Duncan expressed that while doing his walking he didn't see many on Second Street. He asked if these were to target walkers or drivers. Superintendent Maddox liked the Henderson to Morton on Main and then on Olive from 3rd to D Street.

Commissioner Land asked if adding new poles would be an option. Superintendent Maddox expressed his concern of vandalism with the hardware related to new poles. Director Moore explained the logic behind the options displayed on the map the Commission was reviewing. Moore said Henderson to Morton on Olive was part of the parade route, Second Street was newly renovated, Olive between 3rd and E Street was a busy thoroughfare and Main south of Olive was continuing the current stretch a little further on Main.

Commissioner Land added that the public could pay the fee for the new pole as part of the banner fee with a prorated fee.

Action: Commissioner Uresti made a motion to have the new 2018 banners be displayed on Henderson to Morton on Main, Olive on 3rd to D St. and Main south of Olive for any still needed. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Commission also recommended in 2019 banners be displayed around Veterans Park.

- 4) **Parks Maintenance Report** – Superintendent Maddox reported on the parks activities. Items reported on were: greens aerated at the golf course, trees cut off North Cottage St., installation of disc golf course at Murry Park and Arbor Day upcoming April 27 at Murry Park.

Action: Informational item

- 5) **Leisure Activities Report** – Leisure Services Specialist Amy Graybehl reported on the Leisure activities. The items of discussion were: Wall of Fame, Kids Fest, Egg Hunt, City and County Track Meets, Arena Soccer, Youth Baseball, Music on Main and registration for swim lessons, summer day camp and youth volleyball.

Action: Informational item

- 6) **Schedule Items for Future Meetings** – Director Moore added that there will be an item on the budget and an item at some point on planning for a new library.

Action: Informational item

- 7) **Other Matters of Information** – Director Moore thanked Commissioners Duncan and Graybehl for attending Kids Fest.

Action: Informational item

Adjournment

Vice Chair Calantone adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Moore, Director

Chair