

## **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 – June 7, 2018 meeting.**

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE – Zalud Park court emails.**

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

**1) Report on Council Actions**

**VIII. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- 1) Zalud Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Usage – Re: Recommendation on usage for the east tennis court at Zalud Park.**
- 2) Parks Maintenance Report – Information and discussion.**
- 3) Leisure Activities Report – Information and discussion.**
- 4) Schedule Items For Future Meetings – Information and discussion.**
- 5) Other Matters of Information – Information only.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT to October 4, 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  
September 6, 2018**

Chair Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.  
Chair Rankin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Parks & Leisure Services Commission**

<b>Present:</b>	Richard Rankin, Chair	Carroll Land, Member
	Phillip Duncan, Member	Janet Uresti, Member
	Diane Graybehl, Member	
<b>Absent:</b>	Rocco Calantone, Vice Chair	Kieran Daly, Member
		Rachel Lucero, Member

**Oral Communications** – None

**Approval of Minutes** – **Action:** Motion was made by Commissioner Uresti, seconded by Commissioner Duncan to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2018, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – Zalud Park tennis/pickleball court emails from the public.

**Reports**

**Report on Council Actions from June 19, July 17 & August 7, 2018**

Director Moore gave brief updates on the following:

**Annual Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts** – The annual process of approving a resolution to continue maintenance of Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts and confirming assessments for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year.

**Authorization to Negotiate a Contract for OHV Park Management Services** – Council directed staff to negotiate a contract with Friends of Kern Open Space to manage the OHV Park for an additional twelve months.

**Request for Proclamation: Parks Make Life Better! Month** – Council presented a Proclamation to the department in honor of National Parks and Recreation month, also referred to as Parks Make Life Better! Month.

**Consider Charging Non-City Residents for a City Library Card** – Council directed staff to look into possibly charging non-city residents for a library card. The Council voted the item down after being presented information on that it would go against what the San Joaquin Valley Library System and the State Librarian consortium adheres to.

**Golf Course and OHV Park Quarterly Reports** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report is included in the agenda packet for the OHV Park and Golf Course.

**Consideration of Youth Experiencing Success (YES) Program Agreement and Request for Expansion** – An Agreement was signed by the Porterville Unified School District (PUSD) and the City of Porterville to continue offering the Youth Experiencing Success after school program. PUSD requested adding additional staff in alignment with a program expansion for the 2018/19 school year. City Council approved adding the additional staff and the corresponding budget adjustment.

**Establishment of Limited Term Clerical I Position Within the Parks and Leisure Services Department** – Council authorized the option for the department to add a Limited Term Clerical I position. This position would be assisting with general clerical duties in the administrative office, providing YES program assistance as needed, and performing some duties for the City’s Human Resources Division. It is still to be determined if this position will be full-time or part-time. Director Moore also mentioned that currently there was a recruitment for a full-time Parks Maintenance Worker I position.

### Scheduled Matters

- 1) **Zalud Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Usage**– This item came before the Commission on April 5, 2018. The Commission requested the item return to the Commission after summertime when more months had passed to observe the amount of usage at the courts. The east tennis court at Zalud Park had pickleball lines added to it during a court resurfacing project in 2017 making it dual-use. The two lighted courts at Zalud Park are the only two City-owned courts in Porterville.

Pickleball is currently played at Zalud Park using temporary nets on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is the fastest-growing sport in the U.S., with more than 2.8 million players and a 12% increase in the past year. The east tennis court has signs posted reserving the court for pickleball during these designated days. There have been an average of 14 pickleball players since its inception, with 20 being the highest attended session to date. On occasion, the west court has also been used for pickleball during highly attended sessions, using the tennis net and special tape to create a court.

Some of the regular pickleball players have requested that the City install permanent nets on the east tennis court. In other cities where pickleball is played, there’s a mix of permanent nets and temporary nets. Some cities have a box on the court in which a net is inside and available for check-out through an office.

Moore explained that the Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council who in turn would make the final decision. It isn’t a time sensitive issue so if the Commission chose to table the item they may do so. There are three local high school and Porterville College that have tennis courts. Flyers were posted at the Zalud Park court and information posted on social media to make the public aware of the meeting tonight. Two phone calls and around eight emails were submitted on behalf of this item.

David Russell of Porterville spoke. He’s a long-time tennis player at Zalud Park. He stated the two courts at Zalud are the only two courts open to the public as the school courts are locked up. He said both courts are often in use and he would like to see more courts rather than fewer courts. Commissioner Uresti asked if the PC courts were locked? Commissioner Graybehl asked if the PC courts required payment to play? Commissioner Land clarified that the PC courts were open to the public for a fee. Chair Rankin asked those in attendance if both Zalud courts were frequently in use when they were there to which the tennis players answered yes and that’s in the mornings. Commissioner Uresti asked Director Moore if grant money was available for new pickleball courts. Director Moore answered that staff is always looking for grants. The cost of new pickleball courts would be around \$125,000. Commissioner Duncan asked the tennis players if any of them had been denied access to any of the school tennis courts to which they answered that the courts are locked. Director Moore said the high school courts are all open when school is not in session and the public may just assume they are locked. Chair Rankin stated the problem in front of us is access to courts during the school day. Commissioner Uresti asked the tennis players if they’d be opposed to adding more pickleball designated times on the

east court at Zalud? Commissioner Land commented that possibly a high school arrangement could be made in which the public could be allowed on the school tennis courts for a partial timeframe in the mornings during school hours. Commissioner Land motioned to table the discussion to the next meeting. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action:** The Commission tabled the item and asked it be brought back

- 2) **Parks Maintenance Report** – Superintendent Maddox reported on the parks activities. Items reported on were: Playground maintenance, street median islands dead tree removal, Transit Center tree trimming, Tule River Parkway project with staff, PUSD Pathways and the Tule River Parkway Association, Henderson medians re-landscaping. Commissioner Land had a question on dead trees downtown on Garden to which Superintendent Maddox answered that those trees were still in the initial care of the contractors and haven’t been switched to the care of the City so they are responsible for replacement.

**Action:** Informational Item

- 3) **Leisure Activities Report** – Leisure Services Specialist Graybehl gave an update on recent and upcoming Leisure Services activities including: Summer Night Lights, Freedom Fest, Adult Flag Football registration, Youth Basketball registration, Paws in the Pool, Corporate Games, Golf Course specials, Music on Main, Museum Day Live and Pioneer Days.

**Action:** Informational Item

- 4) **Schedule Items for Future Meetings** – Director Moore added that the Zalud Park tennis/pickleball court item will be brought back.

**Action:** Informational Item

- 5) **Other Matters of Information** – None

**Action:** Informational Item

### **Adjournment**

Chair Rankin adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donnie Moore, Director

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