



## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, 6:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair Matt Friedlander, Vice Chair Tracy Barlogio, Commissioners Chad Young, Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Joshua Kopp

ABSENT: Commissioners Stephanie Schaefer, Barry Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa, Nicolas Avila, Sandra Campbell, Janet Palacio, Steven Perez

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no e-comments prior to this meeting and no one wishing to address the Park and Recreation Commission.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### AQUATICS UPDATE

Recreation Supervisor Nicolas Avila delivered an update on the Aquatics Program and introduced Recreation Services Coordinator Steven Perez who also delivered updates on the Aquatics Program.

Commissioner Dawson asked how grants are compared to previous years.

Recreation Services Coordinator Perez stated that if aquatics numbers continuously increase grants will increase and additional funding will be provided.

Commissioner Forbes asked what attributed to the larger pool of lifeguards this year.

Recreation Supervisor Avila stated it was the promotion of all positions, constantly reaching out to agencies, colleges, high schools and past lifeguards pushing the word to youth and younger family members all contributed.

Commissioner Forbes asked what is the adaptive swimming program.

Recreation Services Coordinator Perez stated it is one-on-one swim lessons for special needs or adjustments we need to take into consideration, the instructor will work with the student to

make sure they get the most of their swim lesson.

Chair Friedlander asked if there were special hours for any temperature related changes.

Recreation Services Coordinator Perez stated if the temperature goes over 100 degrees aquatics will get an additional crew, if staff is available and have an emergency opening.

Commissioner Forbes asked if weekends are included for the emergency openings.

Recreation Services Coordinator Perez confirmed weekends are included.

#### THE CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY (CPRS), DISTRICT 11, 2025 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS RECOGNITION

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa introduced Recreation Services Coordinator Janet Palacio who delivered the presentation and recognition.

Chair Friedlander asked what is the Park and Recreation Society, is it a non-profit organization and who runs it.

Recreation Services Coordinator Palacio stated that it is a statewide park and recreation organization. Park and recreation professionals run it throughout the state of California.

Chair Friedlander asked if advocating is part of the organization.

Recreation Superintendent Ochoa stated that it is, and it also supports legislation.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matter, presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, were approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the item:

#### MINUTES

The minutes of April 21, 2025, were approved as presented.

Motion: Barlogio

Second: Forbes

Ayes: All

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Kopp attended the Parks Grand Reopening at Hunt Park on April 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Commissioner Dawson attended a Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Box Springs Mountain Park on May 18, at Box Springs Mountain Park.
- Commissioner Forbes attended Breaking Bread Event at Bordwell Park.
- Commissioner Forbes, Vice Chair Barlogio attended the Riverside Live Steamers'

- Annual BBQ on May 13, 12-2 p.m. at Hunter Hobby Park.
- Vice Chair Barlogio and Commissioner Forbes attended the Riverside Community Services Foundation Gala on April 24, 5-9 p.m. at the MacArthur Residence.
- Vice Chair Barlogio also attended the Tamale Festival at White Park, the Insect Festival, Riverside Show & Go Car Show, Blue Zone Project Kickoff on May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Riverside Airport, and the Yoga Event at White Park.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Chair Friedlander would like an update on Arlington Park Pickleball courts.
- Commissioner Young would like an update on Fairmount Park lake dredging.
- Commissioner Johnson requested fencing update at Andulka Park.
- Commission Kopp would like a discussion on Graffiti prevention.
- Commissioner Dawson requested an overview of the 30x30 vision.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa shared announcements:

- Splash Pads will open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.
- June 11 - July 23, Summer Concerts in the Park, every Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. (No concert July 2)
- June 13 - August 8, Movies in the Park, Fridays beginning at dusk.
- June 2 - August 8, Summer Camps at various sites.
- June 2 - August 1, Summer Feeds program, at all parks and libraries.
- June 12 - August 1, Sailing Camp Program, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Izaak Walton Building at Fairmount Park.

Director Pamela Galera shared announcements:

- June 7, Sailing Program Regatta, 4-6:30 p.m. at Fairmount Park.
- Starting June 9, and throughout the summer, Sailing Program, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fairmount Park.
- June 26, Kicking off Fairmount Park Master Plan with a Community Meeting at the Fairmount Park Armory 5-8 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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