



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Barry Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa, Jordan Maus, Randy Barragan, Sandra Campbell

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Colin Markovich from Senator Sabrina Cervantes' office presented a Certificate of Recognition in honor of Riverside Connect's 50th Anniversary.

PRESENTATIONS

REID PARK CHEER RECOGNITION

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa formally congratulated the Reid Park Cheer on a job well done and thanked them for representing the City of Riverside with energy and pride. Also presented recognition to Coach Amber Graham.

RECREATION DIVISION SPRING EVENTS UPDATE

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa presented the Recreation Division Spring Events update.

Commissioner Barlogio asked how many of the parks have an Advisory Board/Committee, and what do the Advisory Board/Committees provide.

Recreation Superintendent Ochoa stated that there are 9 advisories. Not all parks have one. Advisory Boards/Committees provide guidance and fund raise for events.

PATTERSON PARK UPDATE

Project Manager Jordan Maus delivered an update on Patterson Park.

Chair Friedlander asked if the grass areas of the park are going to be natural grass.

Project Manager Maus stated it will be natural grass.

Commissioner Kopp asked if the rubberized track is the same material used on the playgrounds.

Project Manager Maus stated that it is different material.

Commissioner Dawson asked what would be done with the old equipment.

Project Manager Maus stated some items will be retained by Parks Division for reuse. Everything else will be taken off site and demolished.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the department has staff members that are certified for playground equipment inspection.

Project Manager Maus stated the department does have certified staff.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the new lighting is dark skies compatible.

Project Manager Maus stated the lighting will all be adjusted and focused to reduce the light pollution into adjacent properties.

Commissioner Dawson asked what the life expectancy of the rubberized track and the rubber around the playground equipment was.

Project Manager Maus stated that the standard warranty is 8 to 10 years for both.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of May 19, 2025, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission approved to record the absence of Commissioner Schaefer from the May 19, 2025; regular meeting as excused.

The Park and Recreation Commission approved to record the absence of Commissioner Johnson from the May 19, 2025; regular meeting as excused.

Motion: Barlogio
Second: Forbes
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT

Board of Ethics Vice President, Luis Hernandez delivered the review of the Code of Ethics & Conduct.

After discussion a motion was made to accept the review.

Motion: Barlogio
Second: Kopp
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Barlogio attended:
 - The PRCSD Employee Service Awards on Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Pool opening at Hunt Park on Wednesday, June 9th.
 - The first Concert in the Park on June 11th, at Fairmount Park from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Young attended:
 - The first Concert in the Park on June 11th, at Fairmount Park from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Schaefer started attending swim lessons at Shamel Park Pool.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Commissioner Dawson would like a report on water contact such as drinking fountains and splashpads.
- Commissioner Dawson requested a report on fire protection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Pamela Galera shared announcements:

- More aquatic programs are offered due to the hiring of more lifeguards. At this time there are three additional heated pools and major improvements to Shamel and Arlington pools.
- Concerts in the Park has kicked off every Wednesday, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Movies in the Park has kicked off every Friday, beginning at dusk.
- Grand reopening of new playgrounds are being continued.
- Fairmount Park dredging continues.
- Fairmount Park has a Community Meeting on June 25th at the Armory beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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