



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 21, 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 Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Stephanie
Schaefer, Joshua Kopp, Barry Johnson

ABSENT: Commissioner Chad Young

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa,
Jonathan Rodriguez, Sandra Campbell

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Beaumon, City Attorney's Office

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Wenzel, member of the Riverside Historical Society, spoke about and distributed information regarding the removal of the Fairmount Park Union Pacific #6051 Steam Locomotive.

PRESENTATIONS

JULY IS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH – “BUILD TOGETHER, PLAY TOGETHER” and
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Director Pamela Galera delivered a presentation on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department highlights and introduced the video “Build Together, Play Together”.

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS UPDATE

Recreation Supervisor Jonathan Rodriguez delivered an update on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Youth & Adult Sports.

PICKLEBALL COURTS UPDATE

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa delivered updates on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Pickleball Courts.

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 each item except for the Minutes of June 16, 2025. Item removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 16, 2025, were removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

Motion: Dawson
 Second: Kopp
 Abstain: Forbes
 Ayes: Dawson, Schaefer, Kopp, Johnson, Barlogio, Friedlander

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission approved to record the absence of Commissioner Johnson from the June 16, 2025, regular meeting as excused.

Motion: Barlogio
 Second: Forbes
 Abstain: None
 Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Schaefer, Kopp, Johnson, Barlogio, Friedlander

DISCUSSION CALENDAR**VERBAL UPDATE ON THE RIVER DISTRICT**

Director Pamela Galera delivered an update on the River District, highlighting that the City of Riverside has embarked on an effort to 'Put the River back in Riverside'.

Following discussion, a motion was made to receive report for file.

Motion: Shaefer
 Second: Forbes
 Abstain: None
 Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Schaefer, Kopp, Johnson, Barlogio, Friedlander

COMMUNICATIONS**UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Friedlander attended:

- Fairmount Park Community Meeting at the Fairmount Park Armory.
- Summer Concerts in the Park/Volunteer Recognition.
- Chair and Vice Chair Training at Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall.

Commissioner Forbes attended:

- Fairmount Park Community Meeting at Fairmount Park Armory.
- Backpack Giveaway at Bordwell Park.

- Community Softball Game – (Dell vs. Jeanie) at Bordwell Park.

Commissioner Dawson attended:

- Fairmount Park Community Meeting at Fairmount Park.

Vice Chair Barlogio attended:

- Summer Concerts in the Park/Volunteer Recognition.
- Chair and Vice Chair Training at Art Pick Council Chamber, City Hall.
- Enjoyed viewing the Mt. Rubidoux Firework show.
- Senior Swim and Open Swim at Hunt, Arlington and Islander pools.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Commissioner Dawson requested to receive a presentation on the Fairmount Park Union Pacific #6051 Steam Locomotive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Noemi Lopez shared announcements:

- July 23, final Summer Concert in the Park from 6-9 p.m. at Fairmount Park.
- July 23, free swim from 1-3 p.m. at Shamel Park Pool.
- Three more Movies in the Park beginning at dusk on Fridays.
- Eldertainment Series: July 31, Ice Cream Social/Game Night from 2-5 p.m. at La Sierra Senior Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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