



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Chad Young, Vice Chair Stephanie Schaefer,
Commissioners Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Joshua Kopp,
Oswaldo Puerta

ABSENT: Commissioners Matt Friedlander, Barry Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora, Jessica Ochoa, Alisa Sramala,
Sandra Campbell

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

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Vice Chair Schaefer led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no e-comments received prior to the start of the meeting and no one wishing to address the Park and Recreation Commission at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matter(s), presented to the Park and Recreation Commission on the consent calendar for consideration, was approved by one motion affirming the action appropriate to each item:

MINUTES

The minutes of March 16, 2026 were approved as presented.

Motion: Dawson
Second: Forbes
Abstain: None
Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Kopp, Puerta, Schaefer, Young
Absent: Friedlander, Johnson

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

PROPERTY ACQUISITION – APN 207021006

Discussion delivered by Principal Project Manager Alisa Sramala.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ellen Baer spoke regarding the vacant land.

Following discussion, a motion was made to support the acquisition of vacant land and to receive the report for file.

Motion: Schaefer
Second: Kopp
Abstain: None
Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Kopp, Puerta, Schaefer, Young
Absent: Friedlander, Johnson

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER NAMING

Discussion delivered by Superintendent Jessica Ochoa

Following discussion, a motion was made to support community engagement regarding the naming of the Cesar Chavez Community Center and receive the report for file.

Motion: Puerta
Second: Dawson
Abstain: None
Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Kopp, Puerta, Schaefer, Young
Absent: Friedlander, Johnson

STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

Commissioner Dawson suggested to add to Section 5-d, Election of officers shall conduct a pre-election during the month of February, Section 5-f, Ranked Choice Voting. Chair Young suggested to remove street trees from Section 1-a, and to revise Section 3-a by replacing one year and replacing it with two years and one day. Also, 6-h, change Robert Rules of Order to City Council Rules of Procedure.

After discussion a motion was made to update the Standing Rules of Order with recent suggestions, send copy of City Council Rules of Procedure to the Commissioners and bring item back to the May 18, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Dawson
Second: Forbes
Abstain: None
Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Kopp, Puerta, Shaefer, Young
Absent: Friedlander, Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Forbes attended:

- April 20, The Boards and Commission Recognition Reception 5 p.m. at the Greer Pavilion
- April 24, Bordchella 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Stratton Community Center

Commissioner Kopp attended:

- March 21, Eggstravaganza 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ryan Bonaminio Park

Chair Young attended:

- April 20, The Boards and Commission Recognition Reception 5 p.m. at the Greer Pavilion
- April 25, 150 Years of Music Concert at Fairmount Park

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Oz suggested for future agenda item:

- Getting Senior Swim programs back

Commissioner Dawson suggested for future agenda item:

- The Book of Work overview
- Security steps of undeveloped area of Islander Park follow-up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Noemi Lopez shared announcements:

- May 1, Registration for swim lesson begins
- May 9, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 12-8 p.m. Villegas Park
- May 14, RCSF 3rd Annual Gala, 5:30-9 p.m. 1913 Adams Street, Riverside, CA
- May 23, Arlanza Boxing Show, 1-6 p.m. Arlanza Community Center
- May 28, Eldertainment-Blossom Brunch, 10 a.m.- Noon, Villegas Community Center

Deputy Director Anthony Zamora shared announcement:

- The California Coastal Conservancy awarded 6 million dollars for improvements to Martha McLean/Anza Narrows Park

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant