



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, Barry Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora, Margie Haupt, Kyle Raphael, Jessica Ochoa, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jordan Maus, Ryan Gibson, Jovan Fontenot, Veronica Cortez, Sandra Campbell

Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and 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.

PRESENTATIONS

WHEEL FUN RENTALS

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa delivered a presentation on Wheel Fun Rentals, a potential concessionaire that may provide pedal boats, bikes and other rentals at Fairmount Park.

VILLEGAS BOXING CLUB

Recreation Supervisor Jonathan Rodriguez delivered a presentation on the Villegas Boxing Club, sharing updates on the Youth and Armature Boxing Program.

Recreation Supervisor Rodriguez introduced Recreation Services Coordinator Veronica Cortez who presented awards to participants.

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Deputy Director Margie Haupt delivered an Arts & Cultural Affairs Quarterly update.

TIM STRACK PARK DEVELOPMENT

Project Manager Jordan Maus delivered an update on Tim Strack Park.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE/FIRE PREVENTION

Park Superintendent Kyle Raphael introduced Park Supervisor Ryan Gibson who delivered a presentation on Defensible Space and Fire Prevention.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of June 16, 2025, were approved as presented.

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

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

DISCUSSION CALENDAR**NAMING REQUEST FOR THE BORDWELL PARK GYMNASIUM IN HONOR OF LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER ADRIAN DELL ROBERTS**

Deputy Director Noemi Lopez began discussion and introduced a video clip to highlight Adrian Dell Roberts' remarkable service. Recreation Supervisor Jovan Fontenot continued discussion and requested a recommendation to name the new Bordwell Park Gymnasium in honor of Adrian Dell Roberts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were twelve residents wishing to address the Park and Recreation Commission on Item #9 - Naming request for the Bordwell Park Gymnasium in Honor of Long-Time Community Leader Adrian Dell Roberts:

- Bishop Jon S. Harris, Ward 1 – Supports
- Russel Ward – Supports
- G. Asberry, Woodcrest – Supports
- Harold Ross – Supports
- Darel Hansen, Ward 4 – Supports
- Michelle Carpenter, Ward 1 – Supports
- Sam D. Knight, Sr. – Supports
- Dale Kinnean, Ward 2 – Supports
- Emilio Ramirez – Supports
- Kayla Booker, Ward 1 – Supports
- Karl Leonard Hicks, Orangecrest – Supports
- Aja J' En Carracao – Supports

A formal letter from the County of Riverside Supervisor Jose Medina from the First District was submitted and passed to all Park and Recreation Commissioners to review in support of naming the Bordwell Park Gymnasium in Honor of Adrian Dell Roberts.

After public comment and discussion, a motion was made to recommend naming the new gymnasium at Bordwell Park in honor of long-time community leader Adrian Dell Roberts.

Motion: Forbes
Second: Barlogio
Abstain: None
Ayes: Young, Forbes, Dawson, Schaefer, Kopp, Johnson, Barlogio, Friedlander
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

REVIEW OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND ROLES

Director Pamela Galera delivered a review of the Park and Recreation Commission Structure and Roles.

Staff will provide the following comments/recommendations from the Park and Recreation Commission to the Governmental Processes Committee:

- Park and Recreation Commission has a good attendance record .

Any other comments/recommendations can be submitted to Sandra Campbell via email by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, for submission to the Governmental Process Committee.

After discussion a motion was made to accept the Standardizing Governance Framework

Motion: Forbes
Second: Johnson
Abstain: None
Ayes: Young, Forbes, Dawson, Schaefer, Kopp, Johnson, Barlogio, Friedlander
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Johnson attended:
 - July 29, Fairmount Park Golf Course Community Meeting at Fairmount Golf Course Clubhouse.
- Chair Friedlander attended:
 - August 7, Patterson Park Groundbreaking Ceremony at Patterson Park.
- Commissioner Dawson attended:
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- Commissioner Schaefer attended:
 - Free Swim Days at Bobby Bonds Park Pool and Sippy Woodhead Pool.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

- Chair Friedlander requested an update on upgrades to Carlson Dog Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Deputy Director Noemi Lopez shared announcements:
 - Extended Aquatics Program through August 28 – Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m. at Hunt, Villegas and Reid Pools, and Shamel Pool is added on Saturday, 5-8 p.m.
 - August 28, Bordwell Park Gym Groundbreaking from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Bordwell Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Chair Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant