



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 18, 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, Commissioners Thomas Forbes, Kevin Dawson, Mark Jones, Matt Friedlander, Oswaldo Puerta

ABSENT: Vice Chair Stephanie Schaefer, Commissioner Barry Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora, Kyle Rafeal, Jessica Ochoa, Mayra Ocampo, Veronica Gutierrez, Sandra Campbell

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

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Commissioner Friedlander 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

ACTIVITY GUIDE REBRAND AND HANDWRITING CONTEST

The Park and Recreation Commission received a presentation from Recreation Services Coordinator Veronica Gutierrez who shared insight on rebranding of the Activity Guide and the handwriting contest that was part of the new design.

ADOPT-A-PARK/VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UPDATE

The Park and Recreation Commission received a presentation from Park Superintendent Kyle Raphael who provided information on the Adopt-A-Park program and all the events that the Volunteer program served.

PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028

The Park and Recreation Commission received a presentation from Administrative Services Manager Mayra Ocampo who provided information on the City-Wide Budget Process and an overview of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-2027, and 2027-2028.

BOOK OF WORK REVIEW

The Park and Recreation Commission received a presentation from Director Pamela Galera regarding the 2026 Book of Work. Director Galera provided an update on the progress made toward completing the identified goals and initiatives.

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 April 29, 2026 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission approved the absence of Commissioner Friedlander from the April 29, 2026, Special Meeting.

The Park and Recreation Commission approved the absence of Commissioner Johnson from the April 29, 2026, Special Meeting.

- Motion: Puerta
- Second: Forbes
- Abstain: None
- Ayes: Forbes, Dawson, Jones, Friedlander, Puerta
- Absent: Schaefer, Johnson

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

REVISED PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 a future meeting.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dawson attended:

- The Community Meeting for the City Planning Exercise for the new General Plan.

Commissioner Forbes attended:

- May 9, Cinco de Mayo Celebration from 12 to 8 p.m. at Villegas Park.
- May 13, Mayors Senior Forum at University Heights Middle School.
- May 14, Riverside Community Services Foundation 3rd Annual Gala from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at 1913 Adams Street, Riverside, CA 92504.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Oz suggested for future agenda item:

- Getting Senior Swim programs back to Shamel Pool.

Chair Young suggested for future agenda items:

- An update on the well that irrigates the Fairmount Park Golf Course.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa shared announcements:

- May 19, Live Steamers' Annual City of Riverside Dignitaries BBQ, 12-2 p.m. at Hunter Hobby Park.
- May 23, Arlanza Boxing Show from 1-6 p.m. at Arlanza Community Center.
- May 28, Blossom Brunch, 10 a.m. to Noon at the La Sierra Senior Center.
- May 29-30, Recreation Division Part-Time Employees' In-Service Event, 3:30-8 p.m. at La Sierra Community and Senior Center.
- June 1 through August 3, Summer Camps begin.
- June 1, Senior Programs and Recreation Swim begins, at all pools.
- June 5, Movies in the Park begins, every Friday at dusk.
- June 17, Concerts in the Park and Drone Show beginning at 6 p.m. at La Sierra Park.
- June 24, and every Wednesday thereafter, Concerts in the Park 6-9 p.m. at Fairmount.
- July 1, Drone Show after Concerts in the Park 9 p.m. at Fairmount Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant