



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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, Mark Jones,
Matt Friedlander, Oswaldo Puerta, Barry Johnson

ABSENT: Commissioner Oz Puerta

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Margie Haupt, Noemi Lopez, Anthony Zamora,
Sandra Campbell

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Susan Wilson, City Attorney's Office

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Hunt, a Riverside resident and applicant for the Park and Recreation Commission, greeted the Commissioners and attended the meeting to observe the Commission's meeting process.

PRESENTATIONS

BROWN ACT TRAINING

Assistant City Attorney Susan Wislon delivered a presentation on the purpose of the Brown Act, new requirements under SB 707, and the Commission's responsibilities under the City's Sunshine Ordinance.

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BI-ANNUAL UPDATE

Deputy Director Margie Haupt presented an update on their events held throughout the City and shared recent recognitions received by Arts and Cultural Affairs Division.

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 May 18, 2026 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Park and Recreation Commission approved the absence of Commissioner Johnson from the May 18, 2026, regular meeting.

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

DISCUSSION CALENDAR**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT**

Board of Ethics member Tola Perkins delivered a presentation on the Annual Review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct, as required by Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.110.

Following discussion, the Commission had no recommendations for amendments at this time. Motion was made to receive and file report.

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

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

Commissioner Forbes, Commissioner Johnson and Chair Young all attended:

- May 27, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Employee Recognition Reception, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Villegas Park Banquet Room.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Chair Dawson suggested for future agenda items:

- Information regarding property formerly leased by the Department located near Canyon Crest Drive and Blain Street.

Commissioner Johnson suggested for future agenda item:

- Updates on Fairmount Park Golf Course Improvements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Galera shared announcements:

- Staff are working on improvements to the drainage system and repairs to the well at Fairmount Park Golf Course.
- Projects under construction:
 - Bobby Bonds Park Library and Skateboard Park
 - Cesar Chavez Community Center Renovation and Naming Project
 - Patterson Park Full Renovation
 - Bordwell Gymnasium Improvements
- Items Scheduled for City Council June 16, 2026:
 - Agreement for The Sauce for printing the Activity Guide.
 - Award of contract for replacement of the playground at Riverwalk.
 - Award of contract for Mariposa Landscaping Services
 - Awarding contract for janitorial services.
 - Acceptance of a Kaiser grant for Operation Splash which provides funding for children's swim lessons.
 - Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) Energy Efficiency and Public Benefit Fund item, anticipated to provide funding for Nichols Park improvements.
- Items Scheduled for City Council June 23, 2026:
 - Service Agreement for Special Transportation.
 - First Amendment to the Lease Agreement for Eric M. Solander Youth and Family Resource Center at Bryant Park.
 - Fees and Charges Update.
 - CDBG Allocations
 - Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for the use of federal entitlement funding.
- Grant Applications (Community meetings planned for all proposed projects)
 - Urban Greening Grant - Fairmount Park: Tree planting sidewalk improvements.
 - Statewide Park Program:
 - La Sierra: Construction of new pool.
 - Martha McLain Anza Narrows: Additional funding application following receipt of \$6 million in grant funding.
 - Mission Ranch: Development of a new 12-acre park.
- Recently Awarded Projects:
 - Gage Canal
 - Armory Contract
 - Orange Terrace Playground
 - Bobby Bonds Pool Deck
- Activities:
 - June 17, Summer Concerts Kick-Off to include Volunteer Appreciation Day and featuring the 1st City of Riverside Drone Show at La Sierra Park.
 - Free Swim Days every Wednesday through August 5, from 1-3 p.m. at various pools.

- June 24, Summer Concerts in the Park every Wednesday through July 29, from 6-9 p.m. at Fairmount Park.
- July 1, Summer Concerts presents 250th Anniversary of America Drone Show with performance by Riverside Concert Band from 6-9 p.m. at Fairmount Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA D. CAMPBELL
Sr. Administrative Assistant