

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Robert Silva at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Robert Silva, Vice-Chairperson Paul Ochoa, Commissioners Jose Alonso, Jessica Barron, and Angela Gonzalez

Commissioners Absent: None

Flag Salute led by Commissioner Silva.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

1. Adjustments to Agenda.
2. Adoption of final Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ochoa to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

SWEARING IN

1. Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to swear in Jose Alonso and Robert Silva.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia swore in Commissioners Jose Alonso and Robert Silva.

2. Reorganization of the Recreation Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia opened the nomination period for the office of Chairperson.

Commissioner Ochoa nominated Commissioner Silva for the office of Chairperson.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia closed the nomination period for the office of Chairperson

Commission consensus was reached to appoint Commissioner Silva as Chairperson of the Recreation Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia opened the nomination period for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Silva nominated Commissioner Ochoa for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia closed the nomination period for the office of Vice-Chairperson

Commission consensus was reached to appoint Commissioner Ochoa as Vice-Chairperson of the Recreation Commission.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sergio Valdez (325 Pucheu Street) - commented on the condition of the Benny Mares Sr. baseball field, and the improvements that needed to be done to it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING READING

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2018.
2. Notice of waiving the reading of all resolutions introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Ochoa; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Commission discussion on a softball league organized and managed by a separate organization.

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and clarification was provided in regards to the item involving a proposed youth baseball league and not a softball league.

Dino Perez (Westside Youth Center, Inc. [WYC]) – stated that the organization was approached by a group of individuals that wanted to put together a youth baseball league; that WYC will be supporting the new baseball league which is managed by a committee within the organization; and stated that WYC had submitted a facility-use application for the use of the Benny Mares Sr. baseball field.

Discussion was held on the process of considering facility-use applications that are for the use of the baseball field or any City Facility for recreational purposes; working with the school district so that the proposed league may possibly be able to utilize their

baseball fields; the age group that the program is for; the days and times that the program is requesting to use the baseball field; and the need for the City to expand its recreational facilities.

Jesus Martinez (298 S. Kate Street) – inquired on whether the City planned to expand its recreational facilities.

At 12:21 p.m. Chairperson Silva stated that there would be a brief recess.

At 12:25 p.m. the Commission reconvened in open session.

2. Commission discussion on potential Pool Park improvements.

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and requested that staff look into opportunities available for improving Pool Park, including the possibility of creating a rodeo grounds at the park.

Discussion was held on the ownership of Pool Park; creating additional recreational facilities at the park; public safety issues at the park; the possibility of making park improvements, including the installation of additional lights and the creation of a walking trail; and searching and applying for grants that fund park improvement projects.

Commission provided direction to staff to look into potential Pool Park improvements and funding opportunities, and report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

3. Commission discussion on the process to request the use of City Facilities for recreational purposes.

Chairperson Silva introduced the item.

Discussion was held on the Commission considering facility-use applications for the use of City Facilities for recreational purposes at its March 7th meeting.

4. Commission receive an update on the Rojas-Pierce Park expansion project

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the Rojas-Pierce Park expansion project, including the funding that will be provided by the developer of the La Colonia development per the development agreement; the creation of a new baseball diamond and soccer field; the timeline of the project; and that staff is searching and applying for grants that could fund the construction of a new community center.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia reported that there were two vacancies on the Recreation Commission and that any interested individuals could pick up an application

at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 12:48 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Alonso, with a second by Vice-Chairperson Ochoa; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

