



Recreation Commission Minutes January 28th 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmona at 6:00pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER

The commission welcomed Andy Ramirez as our new chairperson.

4. ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Chair Jason Ovitz, Vice-Chair Andy Ramirez, Commissioner Larry Carmona, Commissioner Joser Rosales

Commission members absent: Commissioner Shannan Ovard

Staff present: Recreation Manager Olivia Esquivel

5. IDENTIFY CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2026

Commissioner Rosales nominated Mr. Ovitz for Chairman; motion passed 4-0
Mr. Rosales nominated Mr. Ramirez for Vice-Chairman; Motion passed 4-0

6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

No Public comments were made.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from October 29th

Mr. Carmona motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Rosales seconded. Motion passed 4-0

8. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

A. Update on Youth Basketball

Recreation Manager Esquivel provided an update on the Youth Basketball program, reporting a total of 300 participants across four divisions. She noted that the oldest division was separated into boys and girls divisions this season to promote fair play and support player development. Esquivel also shared that the December skills evaluations were successful and stated her intent to continue conducting evaluations and team formation in-house.

B. Preview of Upcoming Programs

Recreation Manager Esquivel provided the Commission with a pamphlet outlining annual recreation programs and expressed enthusiasm about introducing two new offerings- JiuJitsu and Adult Pilates at the Rec Center. She noted that the primary challenge will be securing available space throughout the summer, fall, and winter seasons. Esquivel also shared her long-term goal of acquiring additional space to accommodate programs that do not require full gym use and could operate in a smaller setting.

Commissioner Ramirez suggested exploring the use of the high school's mat room for JiuJitsu; however, Esquivel reported that she had already contacted Orland High School administration and was informed the space is not available.

Commissioner Rosales inquired about the potential to reinstate an Adult Men's Basketball League. Esquivel explained the program was previously discontinued due to frequent fighting and misconduct. The Commission discussed the possibility of limiting participation to local Glenn County residents. Commissioner Ovitz suggested reintroducing the program in a 3-on-3 format as a more manageable starting point

C. Update on Lely West Improvement Project

Recreation Manager Esquivel provided an update on the Lely West Ballfield Improvement Project, noting that renovations were delayed by DuraEdge due to existing commitments to other projects. She reported the most recent update indicates construction is anticipated to begin in approximately three weeks, with the renovation expected to be completed in less than one week. Esquivel also acknowledged Little League representative Frank Booth for his commitment to the project, noting that the delays were outside of his control. The total project cost is estimated at \$75,000 and will be funded through Development Impact Fees (DIF).

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm