



## Recreation Commission Minutes October 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Chair Larry Carmona, Vice-Chair Jason Ovitz, Commissioner Karen Baldrige, Commissioner Shannan Ovard

Commission members absent: Commissioner Joser Rosales

Staff present: Recreation Manager Olivia Esquivel

### 4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

#### Citizen Comments:

No Public comments were made.

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### A. Approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Commissioner Baldrige moved to approve; Vice-Chair Ovitz seconded. Motion passed 4-0

### 6. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTIONS

#### A. Update on Fall Soccer

Recreation Manager Olivia Esquivel presented a brief report on the status of the Rec Department's current Fall Soccer Program. She stated she had to cancel one weekend of games due to the rain, but she was actively coordinating with coaches and referees to make up games. The program had 26 teams, totaling 360 athletes for the season.

## **B. Preview of Youth Basketball**

Esquivel reported that basketball registration was capped at 300 participants this season. She also separated boys and girls in the oldest age division to create a more balanced playing field and provide stronger developmental opportunities for both groups. Her goal was to generate enough interest to form four all-girls teams. She noted that if all divisions fill up, the program will ultimately reach maximum capacity due to limited gym space.

Commissioner Baldrige asked whether local schools had been contacted regarding additional gym availability. Esquivel stated that CK Price had no available time slots, and Plaza School was receiving a high volume of requests and could not guarantee access.

## **C. DIF Budget Discussion/Direction on Capital Improvement**

Esquivel presented an updated Development Impact Fee (DIF) Budget and Capital Improvements list to the Commission. She reviewed the categories in which DIF funds are collected and provided an overview of eligible uses. The budget reflects available funding in Improvements, Acquisition, Recreation/Community Center, and Park Capital Maintenance. The Commission, Esquivel, and City Council Member Brandon Smith discussed the potential for expanding and acquiring additional recreational space; however, they acknowledged that current DIF funding levels are not yet sufficient to support large-scale land purchases.

Esquivel also stated that she did not consider it a worthwhile investment to replace the playground structure located near the pool. Commissioner Ovard agreed, noting the proximity of the Lollipop Land playground within the same park. Vice-Chair Ovitz recommended obtaining three quotes to estimate replacement costs so the Commission could evaluate whether to proceed with the project or reassess capital priorities. Commissioner Ovard added that she would prefer to see the space repurposed for uses that would better support the adjacent softball field.

## **8. Commissioner Reports**

Vice-Chair Ovitz suggested the City explore the potential acquisition of the “racetrack” area at the Glenn County Fairgrounds, as well as the Baldwin Mikler facility, which could serve as future indoor recreation space.

Commissioner Ovard shared that Orland Unified School District (OUSD) is awaiting a response from the City regarding the proposed installation of sand volleyball courts at Vinsonhaler Park. She noted that the District is seeking guidance on the location of any underground utilities in the area to avoid conflicts during construction.

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm