

1 TOWN SQUARE
MURRIETA, CA
MINUTES



March 3, 2022
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunneman called the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Youth Advisory Committee Member, Addiya Qadri.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner	Paul Parker
Vice Chair	Christopher Collopy
Chair	John Hunneman
Youth Advisory Committee Member, non-voting –	Addiya Qadri

Absent:

Commissioner	Trevor Akers
Commissioner	Tyler Ferrari (excused)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Collopy, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the Agenda of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of March 3, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Collopy, Hunneman, Parker
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Akers, Ferrari

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Vice Chair Collopy, to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of February 3, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Collopy, Hunneman, Parker
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Akers, Ferrari

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Reorganization – Election of Officers

The floor was opened for Chair nominations. Commissioner Collopy nominated Commissioner Hunneman for the office of Chair. No other nominations.

Action: Commissioner Parker made a motion to vote Commissioner Hunneman for Chair with a second by Commissioner Collopy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Collopy, Hunneman, Parker
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Akers, Ferrari

The floor was opened for Vice Chair nominations. Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Collopy for Vice Chair. No other nominations.

Action: Commissioner Parker made a motion to vote Commissioner Collopy for Vice Chair with a second by Chair Hunneman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Collopy, Hunneman, Parker
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Akers, Ferrari

b. Youth Advisory Committee Report

Youth Advisory Committee Member, Addiya Qadri, updated the Commission on the Youth Advisory Committee and upcoming events at the Murrieta Youth Center.

c. California Oaks Sports Park Pool Discussion

Action: Receive and file information from the discussion on the usage of the California Oaks Sports Park Pool presented by Recreation Supervisor Joey Eckles and Recreation Coordinator Victor Patino.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

a. Town Square Park Amphitheater Use Follow Up Discussion

Brian Ambrose, Deputy Director of Community Services, gave the report and sought direction from the Board on possible management options for the Amphitheater, alcohol use at the site, and code amendments.

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Collopy, seconded by Commissioner Parker to accept the recommendations to use a hybrid approach in the management and to allow use of alcohol non-City use the new amphitheater facility at Town Square Park. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Collopy, Hunneman, Parker
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Akers, Ferrari

b. Parks, Projects, and Maintenance

Lea Kolek, Parks and Community Services Manager, gave an update on the progress of the Vietnam Wall project.

c. Recreation Activities and Events

Lea Kolek, Parks and Community Services Manager, gave an update on tax preparation offered at the Senior Center. She mentioned appointments have all been booked.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Lea Kolek, Parks and Community Services Manager, updated the Commission on the upcoming events:

- a. The City's **Alternative Recreation Program** offers activities for special needs adults 18 years and older, the purpose of which is to promote social skills, verbal and non-verbal communication, creative expression, and special friendships. Four-leaf clovers and rhymes will be the themes for March as the CSD hosts two events: All things green will be celebrated with a St. Patrick's *Shake your Shamrock* event on March 11 and as a bonus a second event recognizing Dr. Seuss's birthday will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost for participants is \$2 at each event with guardians and caregivers free. This program takes place in the multipurpose room at the Community Center located at 41810 Juniper Street.
- b. Staff is working toward offering a second **COVID memorial** event where the public is invited. Additional information to follow as it becomes available, but the date maybe fixed so far on Sunday, March 13.
- c. The City's Youth Advisory Committee ("YAC") will host its annual St. Patrick's Day-themed **Youth Dodgeball Tournament** on Friday, March 18 at the Youth Center beginning at 4 p.m. This FREE event is open to 6th through 9th grade students and will include snacks, music, a photo booth, and a "green machine" challenge.
- d. Staff has received a request from the local VFW for an event honoring Vietnam veterans. **Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day** is Tuesday, March 29; however, the VFW would like the event to take place on the Saturday before on March 26 at the Vietnam memorial wall at Town Square Park. The observance event will include speakers and the singing of the National Anthem. It will be a low-key event lasting only an hour or so.

- e. The **Tour de Murrieta** bike race will take place this year on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3. Each day hosts a challenging type of race. The ever-popular, fast-paced, one-mile Grand Prix will take place on Saturday, April 2. The first of several race categories on Saturday is expected to begin at 7:30 a.m. The start/finish line is on Juniper Street in front of the Senior Center. The 3.5-mile Circuit Race will take place Sunday, April 3 beginning at 7:30 a.m. and is expected to conclude around 4:30 p.m. This will be the Tour de Murrieta's 17th anniversary. Additional information about this event can be found on their website [here: Official Site • Tour de Murrieta](#)
- f. The **Library Community Plant Exchange** event will take place on Memorial Way in between the Library building and Town Square Park on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. A key is to be given to the Library event organizer so they can open the Memorial Way gates to allow load-in/set up and breakdown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Lea Kolek, Parks and Community Services Manager, mentioned the City Clerk's office would be sending out communication regarding the upcoming commissioner term expirations.

Vice Chair Collopy mentioned that kids are crossing over California Oaks Road without using the crosswalk, particularly after school.

Chair Hunneman asked staff for an update following the public comments regarding additional pickleball courts and the status on grant applications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Krissi Limkemann
Office Assistant II