
City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission

**MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Graziano called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Graziano led the Commission in the pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Graziano, Vice-Chair Koistinen, Commissioner Rios, Commissioner Gomez

Excused Absent: Commissioner Anderson,

Also Present: IT Director Paul Da Silva, Interim Community Services Director Henry Gonzales, Recreation Coordinator Nick Merolla

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Coordinator Merolla informed the Commission that the agenda for the Tuesday, September 28, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on Friday, September 24, 2021 per Government Code Section 54954.2.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation were accepted by Commissioner Rios, with a second from Vice-Chair Koistinen. Motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Anderson absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Coordinator Merolla informed the commission that Growing Hearts continue to work at the Vista Park Hill Community Garden with the Special Needs Community. Interim Community Services Director Gonzales updated the commission on the Klauer Park ADA improvements, concrete will be removed and a partial equipment install is scheduled for 30-45 days. The restrooms at Vista Park Hill update was reported by Interim Community Services Director Gonzales, the bathrooms are open and functional. Vice-Chair Koistinen informed the commission that the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Hollister Dog Park was held on Tuesday September 28th, with discussion on new signage and a possible Dog Days event to take place in the summer of 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Coordinator Merolla informed the commission that Recreation staff is seeking volunteers and sponsorships for upcoming events including the Red Ribbon Run and Festival and the Trick or Treat Streets Halloween event. Recreation Coordinator Merolla informed the commission that Recreation staff is beginning planning events to celebrate the City of Hollister’s 150th (Sesquicentennial) Anniversary.

Interim Community Services Director Gonzales informed the commission that the old buildings at Vista Park Hill we be demolished within the next 30-45 days.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS:

Recreation Coordinator Merolla informed the commission that Recreation has finished the Youth Fall Soccer Program, will be finishing the Adult Coed Softball League the week of October 5th, and hosting the last Concert in the Park on September 30th.

Interim Community Services Director Gonzales informed the commission that there is now a dedicated staff of four people working to clean the sound walls and are excited to announce that they have brought on a new employee.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Setting of the next regular meeting date is October 26, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Vice-Chair Koistinen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Second by Commissioner Rios. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Merolla, Recreation Coordinator.
Parks and Recreation Commission