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**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 in the Sequoia Room of the Visalia Convention Center (303 E. Acequia Avenue). The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Steven Woods at 5:30pm.

Members Present: Steven Woods, Patrick Lozano, Shann Blue, Rick Eastes and Lisa Walsh

City Staff: Jeremy Rogers, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Alvin Dias, Rebecca Keenan, Frank Senteno and Kathleen Machado

1. **Public Comment** - None
2. **Review and Approve Minutes**
MOTION: Motion carried 5-0 SB/PL
3. **Eastside Regional Park Update** – *Rebecca Keenan & Frank Senteno, City of Visalia Engineering*
 - Commission recommendations:
 - Purchasing higher-end equipment
 - Can cost be reduced by purchasing fewer high-end apparatus?
 - Budget for maintenance should also be considered.
4. **Annual Report/After School Programs: MHCC Drop-In and ASA** – *Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager*
5. **Update on City Council Reports and City Staff Announcements:**
 - **Recreation Programs/Events** – *Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager*
 - Visalia Senior Center Meal Program – Comparison: 1524 meals served in July 2020 versus 664 meals served July 2019
 - Collected comments from lunch patrons; Lunch Pass sponsored by Dan Fox
 - CR Shannon Baseball Complex Facility User contract negotiations
 - **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events** – *Alvin Dias, Parks & Building Maintenance Supervisor*
 - Plaza Park shade structures
 - Ruiz Park playground structure
 - Tree Ordinance update
 - Maintenance program
 - **Administrative Items** – *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director*
 - Recreation Division staff furloughs, new positions, reassignments
 - Plaza Pond renaming on next Council meeting Consent Agenda
6. **Commission Requests and Comments:**
 - **Visalia Community Enhancement Foundation Report** – *Lisa Walsh, Commissioner*
 - Possible fundraising opportunity through Councilman Poochigian (*Chair Steve Woods*)
 - **Greenway Trail Naming Subcommittee** – *Patrick Lozano, Commissioner*
 - Nothing to report
 - Spike in pedestrians and bicyclists getting hit and killed by vehicles. Pushing for more visible bike trails and bike paths for safety

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- **Nancy Hawkins, Alternate Commissioner** - Requested a report from City staff on the status of homeless in parks.

7. **Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

MOTION: The motion carried 5-0 SB/RE