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**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Steven Woods at 5:30pm.

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

City Staff: Jeremy Rogers, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Alvin Dias and Kathleen Machado

Guests: Claude Atkins, Visalia Youth Baseball and City Councilman Brett Taylor

1. Public Comment

- Kenrick Silvas (Visalia resident) made suggestions on how the Recreation Division can improve youth sports leagues:
 - Better interviewing, screening, training processes, and support for volunteer coaches.
 - Offer summer camps to youth to introduce different coaching techniques.
 - Provide critique sheets to parents for coaches and volunteers.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve as presented, carried 5-0 PL/RE

3. Facility Use Contract Review and Recommendation Visalia Youth Baseball – Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager

Recommendation to City Council: Approve the contract with Visalia Youth Baseball.

MOTION: Motion to approve as presented, carried 5-0 PL/SW

4. Update on City Council Reports and City Staff Announcements:

- **Recreation Programs/Events – Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager**
 - No new programs at this time
 - Senior Meal Program update
 - Visalia Senior Center and Whitendale Community Center flooring project update
 - Visalia Youth Baseball/Cal Ripken contract going to Council next week
 - Sequoia Softball League facility use contract update
 - Virtual Dia de los Ninos event announcement
- **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events – Alvin Dias, Parks & Facilities Manager**
 - Plaza Park arbor update
 - Light pole installed at Ruiz Park
 - Influx of homeless on trails
 - Mowing contract update
 - Readyng irrigation for spring
 - Mid -year budget
- **Administrative Items – Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director**
 - Council presentations 2/16/21
 - Farm report
 - Inclusive playground
 - Introduced Visalia City Councilman Brett Taylor

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5. **Commission Requests and Comments:**

- **Visalia Community Enhancement Foundation Report** – *Lisa Walsh, Commissioner*
 - Met virtually Thursday 1/28/21
 - New Foundation Chair is Michael Alvarez and Vice Chair is Steve Woods
 - Looking for new members
 - Will send Community Services' video at Plaza Park to Mrs. Treaster
 - Discussing online fundraising
- **Greenway Trail Naming Subcommittee** – *Patrick Lozano, Commissioner*
 - No meetings

6. **Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 8, 2021**

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm

MOTION: The motion carried 5-0 PL/SB

Respectfully submitted by,
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