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**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Steven Woods at 5:30pm.

Members Present: Steven Woods, Lisa Walsh, Veronica Barajas and Samantha Wagner

City Staff: Jeremy Rogers, Alvin Dias, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Joel Hooyer, Holly Ellis, Eric Ferreira, Arianna Ornelas, Ramsey Ochoa and Kathleen Machado

1. Public Comment:

- None

**2. Introductions of Commission Members Veronica Barajas and Samantha Wagner –
*Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director***

3. Update on City Council Reports & City Staff Announcements:

- **Recreation Programs and Special Events – *Laurissa Roggenkamp, Recreation Manager***
 - Introduced herself and Recreation Division Staff: Holly Ellis (Visalia Senior Center), Eric Ferreira (Youth Sports & Aquatics), Arianna Ornelas (ASA & MHCC), Ramsey Ochoa (Adult Sports & Facilities)
- **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events – *Alvin Dias, Parks & Facilities Manager***
 - Introduced himself and Parks & Urban Forestry Supervisor Joel Hooyer and Joe Cote, Facilities Management
 - Riverway Sports Park soccer field fencing is being removed for upcoming soccer season
 - Tree pruning throughout City
 - Parks Supervisor recruitment closes 9/3/21
 - Urban Forestry contract closes 8/31/21
 - Plaza Park benches getting installed this week
 - Conducting Hourly Maintenance position interviews next week
- **Administrative Items – *Jeremy Rogers, Community Services Director***
 - Introduced himself
 - Announced passing Parks Supervisor Tim Skobel
 - Announced Commissioner Woods as a City Council Member interviewee
 - Announced Randy Groom’s retirement and Leslie Caviglia as Acting City Manager

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- Inclusive Playground Grant update

4. Commission Requests and Comments:

- **Visalia Community Enhancement Foundation Report** – *Lisa Walsh, Commissioner*
 - The Foundation met last week
 - Looking for park work opportunities
 - Needing more members
 - Visalia Senior Center mural interest

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn, carried 4-0 SW/VB

Respectfully submitted by,

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