

TULARE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTICE

LOCATION:
TULARE COUNTY HISTORY OF FARM LABOR AND
AGRICULTURE MUSEUM THEATER
27000 S. MOONEY BLVD VISALIA, CA 93277

3:30 pm on June 24, 2021

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration. Any person addressing the Committee will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. At all times, please state your name and address for the record.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome**
- 2. Introduction New PAC Member / GSA Staff**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2021**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Grants Update**
- 6. Balch Park Reopening**
- 7. Feral Cat Colony Update**
- 8. Park Hours**
- 9. Tree Removal**
- 10. Community Outreach Update**
- 11. Parks Manager Update**
- 12. Committee Member Matters**
- 13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

Contact Person: Tulare County General Services (559) 205- 1100

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Tulare County
Parks Advisory Committee

LOCATION: ZOOM VIDEO MEETING

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ca.zoom.us/j/93876905616?pwd=K0xkK1RsYTdVS3FMeGtzNXFw
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**Committee
Members**

Mike Chrisman
Carol Finney
Nancy Hawkins
Neil Pilegard
Courtney Roche, Jr.
Melynda Metheney
Supervisor
Amy Shuklian

MINUTES

March 18, 2021

3:30 P.M. Committee Convenes

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Members Present: Nancy Hawkins, Carol Finney, Courtney Roche, Melynda Metheney, Supervisor Amy Shuklian

Staff Present: Brooke Sisk, Allison Pierce, Carrie Amador, Janet Zaragoza, Neil Pilegard

Members Absent: Mike Chrisman

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Committee Member Nancy Hawkins.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Committee member Carol Finney
Second: Committee member Melynda Metheney
Vote: 4- 0 Approved

3. Public Comment: None to report

4. Reservations

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist – Provided updated new state order which allows low-contact sporting events to be held at County Parks. Event organizers must submit a special event application along with COVID-19 safety plan to GSA staff and Public Health staff for review approval. All standard park reservations such as birthday parties and car shows have been put on hold. Staff proposes allowing reservations for Easter weekend with limited capacity. This consists of three households or less per arbor and renters must attest to follow CDC guidelines.

5. Park Hours of Operation

Brooke Sisk, GSA Director–Provided update on park hours of operation. Proposed the modification of Easter weekend hours to end reservations at 5:00 p.m. and close gates at 6:00 p.m. to ensure timely exit of park patrons, thereby allowing sufficient recovery time for Park staff.

Motion: Committee member Neil Pilegard
Second: Committee member Melynda Metheney
Vote: 4- 0 Approved

6. Grants Update

Carrie Amador, Staff Services Analyst III –reported the grant applications were successfully submitted for Pixley and Goshen Community Parks. The requested grant amount for Pixley was \$8,214,498 and \$4,903,785 for Goshen. The State will announce awards by end of Summer 2021.

Urban & Community Forestry California Climate Investment Grant for Woodville Park- Initially planned on using in-house labor however due to staffing shortages a contractor will be hired. GSA's Capital Projects division will assist with project management, finalize contract agreement, and submit to the Board of Supervisors in April 2021.

CSET Sequoia Community Corps Active Transportation Program for Ledbetter Park- CSET is building a non-motorized pathway from the basketball court to the Senior Center. CSET commenced work on the project and is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of the year.

Per Capita Grant- Staff will present proposed project specifications at a future Parks Advisory Meeting later this year.

7. Balch Park SQF Fire Update

Neil Pilegard, Parks Manager–Approximately 80 of the 160 acres were impacted, and an estimated 350 hazardous trees need to be removed. The damage was minimal as compared with surrounding areas which can be attributed in part to the fuel load reduction prescribed burn conducted in 2019. There was no major damage to the campground.

Staff requested a quote for electrical repair estimated at a cost of up to \$50,000, and is currently working with FEMA and CAL OES to assist with hazardous tree removal. Evaluation of trees is on hold due to snow and staff is working with CAL Fire and Mountain Home State Park crews for the eventual removal of hazardous trees once identified. Staff is in discussions with the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), in partnership with CSET, who received a grant to assist with future hazardous tree removal efforts.

8. Feral Cat Colony Update

Carrie Amador, Staff Services Analyst III –Visalia Cat Coalition reported one cat passed away of old age. The organization is trying to trap an orange cat typically located around the Museum although, this cat is attributed with keeping other cats away from the area. As kitten season is imminent, they are keeping an eye out so they can be adopted and the parents can be spayed or neutered. Shelters to lure the cats away from the museum are being constructed for potential use at a later date.

9. Lily Pond Fundraising

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist –The first Lily Pond Fundraising Committee meeting was held on March 1, 2021, however, no members of the public attended. Staff took the opportunity to provide an update to Parks Advisory Committee Member Hawkins on the status of installing fencing and the plan to work on creating a rendering of the project.

10. Geese Abatement

Allison Pierce, Supervising Staff Services Analyst – Currently an estimated 300 Canadian geese reside at Mooney Grove Park. In February, GSA staff met with representatives of Environmental Health, Animal Services, and County Counsel to identify best practices on addressing geese overpopulation. The process is complicated and would be done through permitting by the State Wildlife Agency .

11. Parks Manager Update

Neil Pilegard, Parks Manager- Tree removal is taking place at Kings River and Cutler Park. Park staff connected Woodville Park to domestic water service and restrooms are up and running.

12. Committee Member Matters

None to report at the time.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

Committee agrees to hold the next meeting on Thursday, June 17 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee

AGENDA ITEM No.5

**Committee
Members**
Mike Chrisman
Carol Finney
Courtney Roche, Jr.
Nancy Hawkins
Melynda Metheney
Donnie Moore
Neil Pilegard
Amy Shuklian
Brooke Sisk

AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Grant Updates

SUMMARY:

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program

Applications were successfully submitted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation on March 12, 2021. The requested grant amount for Pixley Park is \$8,214,498 and \$4,903,785 for Community Park of Goshen. Awards are expected to be announced early fall 2021.

Grant Updates

Urban & Community Forestry California Climate Investment Grant

- Project Description: Irrigation, Landscaping and Trees at Woodville Park
- Total Project Cost: \$237,800 which includes \$39,700 County match.
- **Latest Update:** The project was initially planned to be completed with in-house labor and CSET, however due to staffing shortages, a contractor will be utilized instead. The Capital Projects Division of the General Services Agency will assist with project management. Staff is in the process of putting the project out to bid. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.

CSET Sequoia Community Corps Active Transportation Program

- Project Description: Construction of non-motorized pathway from the basketball court to the Senior Center at Ledbetter Park.
- Total Project Cost: \$142,857 which includes a County match of \$21,429
- **Latest Update:** CSET has completed part of the sidewalk and is currently working on the north side of the park sidewalk. They do not have an estimated completion date.

Per Capita Program (non-competitive grant funding)

- Project Description: Upgrades to pond, surrounding sidewalks, and arbors at Mooney Grove Park
- Total Award: \$779,560
- **Latest Update:** The Board of Supervisors approved submission of project applications due by December 31, 2021. Staff is working on project specifications to be presented for PAC's future review.



COUNTY OF TULARE GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 9, 2021

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TULARE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION- BALCH PARK

Springville, Ca. – Balch Park will reopen for day-use and overnight camping on Friday, June 18, 2021. Park patrons will also be able to enjoy outdoor hiking and fishing.

The Sequoia Lightning Complex Fire (SQF Complex Fire) started on August 22, 2020 and is considered to be the largest wildfire in recent Tulare County history. More than 167,913 acres burned and approximately 80 of the 160 acres at Balch Park suffered damages. However, due to the recent fire prevention efforts including a 15-acre prescribed burn in September 2019, and a fuel load reduction project with Cal Fire in 2017, there was minimal damage to the campground area.

Initially, it was anticipated that Balch Park could be closed for up to two years. However, District 5 Supervisors Dennis Townsend was instrumental in bringing all the key players to the table to work collaboratively toward reopening the Park more quickly. Townsend shared, “after the devastating SQF fire the realization set in that recovery and use of Balch Park and Mountain Home would be a long process. Due to the great collaboration between Cal Fire and the County of Tulare General Services Agency, the process has been drastically shortened and will allow these areas to be opened for use in June of this year.”

County staff and CalFire worked hand in hand through moderate winter conditions on the cleanup efforts, which will allow the public to begin visiting Balch Park much sooner than originally expected. “I am impressed with the planning and cooperation between these groups and the inclusion of other agency stakeholders in making this happen. It is wonderful that the hard work of these agencies will result in people being able to enjoy this beautiful jewel in Tulare County so soon after the fire,” said Townsend.

Please be advised:

- Park patrons must use Bear Creek Road to gain access to the Park. Access to Balch Park Road will be restricted.
- Although the campground is open, many of the surrounding areas are still closed to the public due to continued cleanup efforts. Please do not enter restricted areas.
- Reservations are not accepted and campsites are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Balch Park is one of eleven County Parks managed by Tulare County Parks & Recreation, a division of the Tulare County General Services Agency. For more information about Balch Park or the County Parks system, please visit TulareCountyParks.org and follow Tulare County Parks & Recreation on Facebook.

For park fees information please visit: <https://tularecountyparks.org/parks-hours-fees/>

PARQUES Y RECREACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE TULARE-PARQUE DE BALCH

Springville, Ca. - Balch Park reabrirá para uso de día y para campar durante la noche el viernes 18 de junio de 2021. Los clientes del parque también podrán disfrutar de caminatas al aire libre y pesca.

El incendio del Complejo de Rayos de Sequoia (incendio del complejo SQF) comenzó el 22 de agosto de 2020 y se considera el incendio forestal más grande en la historia reciente del condado de Tulare. Más de 167,913 acres quemados y aproximadamente 80 de los 160 acres en Parque de Balch sufrieron daños. Sin embargo, debido a los recientes esfuerzos de prevención de incendios, incluida una quema prescrita de 15 acres en septiembre de 2019, y un proyecto de reducción de carga de combustible con Cal Fire en 2017, hubo daños mínimos en el área del campamento.

Inicialmente, se anticipó que el Parque de Balch podría cerrarse hasta por dos años. Sin embargo, los supervisores del Distrito 5, Dennis Townsend, fueron fundamentales para traer a todos los jugadores clave a la mesa para trabajar en colaboración para reabrir el parque más rápidamente. Townsend compartió, “después del devastador incendio de SQF, la comprensión de que la recuperación y el uso del Parque de Balch y Mountain Home sería un proceso largo. Debido a la gran colaboración entre Cal Fire y la Agencia de Servicios Generales del Condado de Tulare, el proceso se ha acortado drásticamente y permitirá que estas áreas se abran para su uso en junio de este año”.

El personal del condado y CalFire trabajaron mano a mano durante las condiciones invernales moderadas en los esfuerzos de limpieza, lo que permitirá que el público comience a visitar el Parque de Balch mucho antes de lo que se esperaba originalmente. “Estoy impresionado con la planificación y cooperación entre estos grupos y la inclusión de otras partes interesadas de la agencia para que esto suceda. Es maravilloso que el duro trabajo de estas agencias resulte en que la gente pueda disfrutar de esta hermosa joya en el condado de Tulare tan pronto después del incendio”, dijo Townsend.

Por favor tenga en cuenta:

- Los usuarios del parque deben usar la carretera Bear Creek para acceder al parque. El acceso a la carretera al Parque de Balch estará restringido.
- Aunque el campamento está abierto, muchas de las áreas circundantes todavía están cerradas al público debido a los continuos esfuerzos de limpieza. No ingrese a áreas restringidas.
- No se aceptan reservas y los campings están disponibles por orden de llegada.

El Parque de Balch es uno de los once Parques del Condado administrados por Parques y Recreación del Condado de Tulare, una división de la Agencia de Servicios Generales del Condado

de Tulare. Para obtener más información sobre Balch Park o el sistema de Parques del Condado, visite TulareCountyParks.org y siga a Parques y Recreación del Condado de Tulare en Facebook.

Para obtener información sobre las tarifas del parque, visite: <https://tularecountyparks.org/parks-hours-fees/>

Visalia Feral Cat Coalition - Mooney Grove - Flea Medication Application



Cat Number	January Application Date	February Application Date	March Application Date	April Application Date	May Application Date	June Application Date	July Application Date	August Application Date	September Application Date	October Application Date	November Application Date	December Application Date
1	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
3	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
4	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
5	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
6	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
7	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
8	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
12	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
13	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
18	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
19	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
27	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
46	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
51	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
52	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							
53	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22							

60	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22								
61	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22								
62	1/17	2/19	3/20	4/17	5/22								



Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Mooney Grove Tracking Sheet

Visalia Feral Cat Coalition number	Cat's Name	Date Sighted	Area Sighted	Color/ Markings	Date TNR	Sex	Vaccinated /Rabies/ FVRCP/ Flea Meds/ Health Check	Disposition: Returned, Adopted, Euthanized, Other(See General Comments)	VFCC Colony Feeders Monitoring and Observations Comments	Population Increase (Reference Column H Comments)	Population Decrease (Reference Column H Comments)	Current Net Population Count at Park
1	Parker	7/1/13	Lion County	Tabby	7/1/13	M	7/1/13	Returned		1	0	1
2	Simon	7/1/13	Bridge	Seal Point	8/9/13	M	8/9/13	Returned	Issued away, we couldn't see any visible signs of	1	0	2
3	Tabby	7/1/13	Lion County	Tabby	8/13/13	F	8/13/13	Returned		1	0	3
4	Mama Cat	7/1/13	Bridge	Blue	9/23/13	F	9/23/13	Returned		1	0	4
5	Madison	7/1/13	Bridge	Blue	2/14/14	F	2/14/14	Returned		1	0	5
6	Jax	7/1/13	Bridge	Black	2/14/14	M	2/14/14	Returned		1	0	6
7	Thomas	7/1/13	Bridge	Black	2/14/14	M	2/14/14	Returned		1	0	7
8		7/1/13	Bridge	Black		M?			Cat last seen Aug 2017	1	1	7
9		7/1/13	Bridge	Black		?			Noted Cat Missing for over 4 weeks - Recorded Disappeared Jan 2016	1	1	7
10		7/1/13	Bridge	Black	3/14/14	M	3/14/14	Returned	Noted Cat Missing for over 5 weeks - Recorded Disappeared in Jan 2016	1	1	7
11		7/1/13	Basin Area	Grey and White	11/2/16	F	11/2/16	Returned	Noted Cat Missing for over 5 weeks - Recorded Disappeared in April 2016: UPDATE: Oct 2016 this cat showed back up in October 2016 (added back to total count in Oct 2016). Trapped/ TNR 11/16	1	0	8
12		7/1/13	Communications Area	Grey and White	1/18/17	M	1/18/17	Returned		1	0	9
13		7/1/13	Communications Area	Torte	3/18/17	F	3/8/17	Returned		1	0	10
14		7/1/13	Bridge	Black		?			Last seen Dec 2017	1	1	10
15	Oliver	7/1/13	Communications Area	Calico	3/8/17	F	3/8/17		Noted Cat not seen again after release - Recorded Disappeared in March 2016	1	1	10
16		3/17/16	Bridge	Black					Disappeared Jan 2018	1	1	10
17			Bridge	Litter of 6 infant kittens found near Bridge area					VFCC Monitoring newborn kittens near Bridge area. JUNE UPDATE: Kittens have disappeared. VFCC has searched for them repeated over the past several weeks. Recorded as disappeared in June 2016	6	6	10
18		11/1/16	Maintenance Area	Black	11/1/16				(#1 of 2) 2 younger black cats occasionally observed in the restricted Maintenance area by VFCC. Added to count in Nov 2016. Restricted Area that VFCC cannot access with Park Management Permission	1	0	11
19		11/1/16	Maintenance Area	Black (estimated under 1 yr old)					(#2 of 2) 2 younger black cats occasionally observed in the restricted Maintenance area by VFCC. Added to count in Nov 2016. Restricted Area that VFCC cannot access with Park Management Permission	1	0	12
20		6/13/17	Museum	Grey tortie	8/8/17	F	8/8/17	Returned	Cat w/ kittens reported by Neil to VFCC 6/13/17email. VFCC has attempted 4 times to trap - will continue efforts	1	0	13

21	Bouncer	6/13/17	Museum	5 kittens	VFCC andremov ed 3 of the kittens. VFCC socializing and placing kittens for adoption 6/15/17				Cat w/ kittens reported by Neil to VFCC (6/13/17 email). VFCC confirmed seeing 5 kittens. Update 6/15/17: VFCC trapped and removed 3 of the kittens. VFCC has attempted 4 times to trap all kittens. Will continue efforts.	5	3	15		
22		6/13/17	Communications Area						Kittens reported being seen in Communications Area by Neil to VFCC (6/13/17 email). VFCC has looked repeated for the kittens - none found. Update: July 5th, Diane Dunbar & JP Fraga (VFCC) went and talked with female Sheriff that works in Communications Area. Asked if there had been sightings of kittens in the Comm. Area - she replied No, she have not seen any kittens in the Comm. Area. VFCC will continue to monitor the area in search of the kittens.	0	0	15		
23	Shadow	6/15/17	Museum (Roaming - not previously seen in this area before by VFCC)	Black - Socialized Community Cat	6/16/17	F	6/16/17	Adopted - VFCC checked w/ Mooney Grove Mobile Home Park to ensure no one was missing a pet/ also scanned lost and found animals. Cat unclaimed and has been adopted	Cat was socialized and friendly - not a feral. VFCC fostered and adopted out	1	1	15		
24	Garfield	6/29/17	Museum	Orange		?			Neil forwarded VFCC email from Amy stating that Amy had observed an Orange cat on the Museum grounds (email 6/29/17) VFCC will attempt to find and TNR this cat. To date, VFCC has not yet sighted the orange cat but we are adding to count on Amy's observation. Will reevaluate after 30 more days. 10/24/17 Update: VFCC Feeders have attempted to find this cat - no sightings reported since June so we are removing from official count.	1	1	15		
25	Maggie	9/23/17	Near Bridge Area - observed wandering - Obviously a 'pet', not a feral cat	White and Black	10/23/17 Vet verified already sprayed/ cat has no fleas/ healthy but hungry	F	NA	10/23/17: VFCC removed and placed in foster care to attempt to find owner - Suspect cat was dumped at park or has been lost for awhile.	Friendly cat sighted by VFCC feeders on multiple occasions. After more than 30 days of seeing cat periodically roaming park in search of food, VFCC made humane decision to take custody of cat, place in foster home while we attempt to find owner. VFCC had vet medical check performed on 10/23 - cat is spayed female, healthy, no fleas but hungry. VFCC foster cat or adopt out is no owner can be located.	1	1	15		
26		12/13/17	Near Playground	Grey Tabby		F		VFCC will be requesting to trap. *Cat 26 is cat 29 and was				1	1	15
27	Oreo	1/4/18	Near Playground	Black		?		Young black cat sighted with grey tabby older kitten previously reported in Dec. VFCC will be requesting to trap. *Cat 27 is cat 33				1	0	16
28	Blackie	2/6/18	Maintenance Area	Black	2/6/18	M		Returned	Trapped black cat in maintenance area	1	1	17		
29		2/21/18	Near Playground	Tabby		F		0	Not Returned	1	1	17		
30		2/21/18	Near Playground	Orange		M		0	Not Returned	1	1	17		
31		2/26/18	Maintenance Area	Grey Tabby		F		0	Not Returned	1	1	17		
32		2/26/18	Maintenance Area	Black		F		0	Not Returned	1	1	17		
33		3/7/18	Near Playground	Black		F		Returned	Counted as cat 27	0	0	17		
34	Jack	3/20/18	Museum	Tabby		M		Returned		1	0	18		

35	Jill	3/20/18	Museum		Torte	F		Returned			1	0	18
36		4/1/18	Maintenance Area		Kitten	F		0	Not Returned		1	1	18
37		4/4/18	Maintenance Area		Kitten	F		0	Not Returned		1	1	18
38		4/4/18	Maintenance Area		Kitten	F		0	Not Returned		1	1	18
39		4/4/18	Maintenance Area		Kitten	M		0	Not Returned		1	1	18
40		4/11/18	Maintenance Area		Black	F		0	Not Returned		1	1	18
1		7/1	Lion County		Tabby	M	7/1/2018	Other	Found deceased, hit by car in Lion County		0	1	17
									Requested trapping 5/15, no response				
41		6/26	Near Playground		Siamese/Orange		6/26	Adopted	Ranger contacted VFCC reported 3 kittens and mother cat. Removed kittens and socialized un spayed cat		4	4	17
42		9/12/18	Near Playground				9/12	Adopted	Ranger contacted VFCC caught 6 kittens. Removed kittens and socialized un spayed cat		6	6	17
43		9/19/18	Near Playground				9/19	Adopted	Ranger called and Brook - reposted caught 2 kittens. VFCC removed kittens		2	2	17
44		11/14/2018							Ranger called and reported kitten. We removed kitten		1	1	17
45		4/17/2019	Near Playground		Tortie								
45		5/2/2019	Near Playground		Tortie								
		5/12/2019							Found dead, put in bag and contacted Ranger			1	17
		6/10/2019							Requested trapping for 5/13. We want to make sure we don't have an unaltered cat. Requested trapping for the next two weeks. Mom cat and kittens were spotted by staff. Will fix mom and remove kittens				
7	Thomas	6/29/2019	Bridge		Black				We pulled black cat because he looked sick. He was in renal failure and passed away			1	16
46		7/12/2019	Wood Pile		Calico with 5 kittens, 4/7-51 below				We are trapping to get the kittens		1		17
47		7/12/2019			Kitten						1		18
48		7/12/2019			Kitten						1		19
49		7/12/2019			Kitten						1		20
50		7/12/2019			Kitten						1		21
51		7/12/2019			Kitten						1		22
47									Kitten trapped and removed. Tamed for adoption			1	21
48									Kitten trapped and removed. Tamed for adoption			1	20
49									Kitten trapped and removed. Tamed for adoption			1	19
									We are trying to trap remaining kittens				
46			Wood Pile		Calico	F	8/15/19						
50			Wood Pile		Kitten				Kitten trapped and removed. Tamed for adoption		1		18
		9/14/2019	Wood Pile		Black/white 5 month old kitten	M			Kitten was fixed and we will try to find owner if there is one. He will be adopted out if no owner found		1	1	18
51		10/11/2019	Wood Pile		Orange / white	M	10/12/19	Returned	To old to tame. Returned		1		19
52		10/11/2019	Wood Pile		Orange / white	M	10/12/2019	Returned	To old to tame. Returned		1		20
53		10/11/2019	Wood Pile		Grey and White	M	10/12/19	Returned	To old to tame. Returned		1		21
24	Garfield	3/10/2020	Museum		Orange		10/12/2019		Passed Away due to fighting injuries			1	20
54		6/10/2020	Bridge		Black and White kitten	M			Kitten trapped and removed. Tamed for adoption		1	1	20
55		6/5/2020	Play ground		Tortie with white	F			Trying to trap for adoption				20
56		6/5/2020	Play ground		White with spots	M			Tamed and put in rescue for adoption				20

57		6/5/2020	Play ground		Orange / white	M		Tamed and put in rescue for adoption			20
58		6/5/2020	Play ground		Tabby	F		Tamed and put in rescue for adoption			20
59		6/5/2020	Play ground		Torte	F		Tamed and put in rescue for adoption			20
		10/17/2020	Wood Pile					Four cats remove to go to rescue that were dumped	4	4	20
60		11/16/2020	Wood Pile		Black kitten	M	11/16/2020	Returned	To old to tame. Returned	1	21
61		11/16/2020	Wood Pile		Black kitten	F	11/16/2020	Returned	To old to tame. Returned	1	22
62		12/6/2020	Wood Pile		Grey and White	M	12/6/2020	Returned	To old to tame. Returned	1	23
20		6/13/2017	Museum					Disappeared		1	22
34	Jack	3/20/18	Museum					Disappeared			21
35	Jill	3/20/18	Museum					Disappeared			20
2	Simon		Bridge		Siamese			Passed away, no signs of trauma			19
	Slvie	1/31/21	Wood Pile		Grey Russian Blue			Cat had collar and we contacted owner. She is back with them	1	1	19
21			Museum		Orange Tabby				We found an orange tabby that had been hit by a car under the park bench. We aren't sure if it's the orange tabby from the Museum. He was in bad shape and had to be euthanized when a vet determined that they could not save him. We are keeping an eye out to figure out if it was Bouncer or not	1	19
4	Grey Mama	5/10/2021	Bridge		Grey				We had to pull her because she was limping. She had a dental exam while we had her out. She was returned May 15		19



Tulare County Parks & Recreation Proposed Park Hours

Season	Proposed Hours of Operation
Winter	Nov. 1-through Saturday prior to daylight savings time begins Mon/Thurs./Fri/Sat/Sun 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Spring	Sunday daylight savings time begins- May 31 Mon/Thurs. Fri 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM Sat/ Sun: 8:00 AM-7:00 PM Easter Weekend (Sat & Sun): Open 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Summer	Jun 1.-Friday preceding Memorial Day through Labor Day Mon/Thurs./Fri./Sat/Sun 8:00 AM- 8:00 PM
Fall	Monday following Labor Day- Oct 31 Mon/Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Sat/ Sun: 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM
Other information	All Parks except Balch are Closed Tues/Wed *End all reservations 1 hour before park gate closure.



Park Reservations (April through June 2021)

Total # of reservations from April through June: 165 includes both standard and special reservations altogether.

Special Events hosted at the Parks.

Disc Golf- End of Trail SJVC Ladies Event
Saturday, May 8 @ Mooney Grove Park
*Approximately 70 participated

Tulare County Sheriff's (TCSO)- Physical Agility Test
Wednesday, May 12 @ Mooney Grove
*Approximately 40 participated

Tulare County Health & Human Services (HHSA)- COVID Vaccination Event
Thursday, May 20 @ Pixley Park
*Approximately 200 attended

Disc Golf- End of the Trail Classics SJVC Event
Saturday, May 22 through Sunday, May 23 hosted at Mooney Grove & Bartlett Park
*Approximately 300 participated

Tulare County Sheriff's (TCSO)- 5K Run
Saturday, June 5 @ Mooney Grove
*Approximately 1,000 participated

Cub Scout Day Camp
Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18 @ Mooney Grove
Scouts will be performing activities throughout the week.
*Approximately 65 participants



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27000 S. MOONEY BLVD VISALIA, CA 93277

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Carol Finney
Donnie Moore
Nancy Hawkins
Neil Pilegard
Courtney Roche, Jr.
Melynda Metheney
Supervisor Amy Shuklian

MINUTES

June 24, 2021

3:30 P.M. Committee Convenes

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Present Members: Nancy Hawkins, Carol Finney, Courtney Roche, Neil Pilegard, and Donnie Moore

Staff Present: Allison Pierce, Carrie Amador, Janet Zaragoza, and Kyle Taylor

Absent Members: Mike Chrisman and Melynda Metheney,

1. Call to Order and Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Committee Member Nancy Hawkins.

2. Introduction

Introduced new PAC member representing District 5, Donnie Moore and Kyle Taylor, GSA Deputy Director.

3. Approval of March 18, 2021 Minutes:

Motion: Committee member Carol Finney
Second: Committee member Courtney Roche
Vote: 5-0 Approved

4. Public Comment: PAC member Nancy Hawkins thanked Parks staff for coordinating her Master Gardening event and sanitizing the arbor area. There were approximately 80-85 people who attended her event. Parks Manager Neil Pilegard shared an update on the large turnout of the End of Trail Disc Golf event.

5. Grants Update

Carrie Amador, Staff Services Analyst III – reported on Pixley and Community Park of Goshen grants applications. The State has notified GSA they will be conducting a site visit at Pixley Park.

Woodville Park Grant: Staff will be taking project out to bid and will be requesting to modify grant agreement with State. Project is estimated to be completed by December 2021.

Ledbetter Park: CSET is working on sidewalk improvements.

Per Capita Program Grant: Developing specifications and will present proposed project at the next meeting.

6. Balch Park Reopening

Neil Pilegard, Parks Manager- provided an update on the reopening of the campground on 6/18. First opening weekend of the campground was 2/3 full. Some areas affected by the SQF Fire are near the forest service areas. Five Giant Trees were killed in the fire and four took on structural damage. Certified arborists are monitoring trees, pruning, and are trying to save some trees if they can.

7. Feral Cat Colony Update

Carrie Amador, Staff Services Analyst III- provided an update on FCC on the lookout for kittens and monitoring all current resident cats. Houses are on hold and FCC is hoping to get all built by end of summer. FCC will work with staff on placement.

8. Park Hours

Allison Pierce, Analyst Staff Services Supervisor– provided an update on park hours of operation. Updated hours of operation will align with major holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.) and daylight savings start and end dates. Additionally, proposed the modification of Easter weekend hours to end reservations at 5:00 p.m. and close gates at 6:00 p.m. to allow sufficient time for clean-up efforts. If updated changes are supported by the Parks Advisory, will submit to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Corrections: Add Friday to the Fall Mon/Thurs
Motion: Committee member Neil Pilegard
Second: Committee member Carol Finney
Vote: 5-0 Approved

9. Tree Removal

Neil Pilegard, Parks Manager- provided an update on priority tree removal at the following Parks: Bartlett, Cutler, Kings River and Mooney Grove and Pixley Park. It was approved by the Board of Supervisors. A total of 179 were removed and 357 were pruned as they were classified as high priority trees. Ledbetter Park did not have any high priority trees. Alpaugh park had 2 but they are not large and can easily be removed by parks staff. Felled trees will be chipped and grindings will be used to provide mulch at County facilities.

10. Community Outreach Update

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist – reported reservations restarted in April and are being arranged via the new online park system through Active Network. A total of 165 reservations have been take from April through June which include both standard and special events.

11. Parks Manager Update

Neil Pilegard, Parks Manager- Parks have been operating with 30% fewer staff. Recently, GSA has been conducting interviews to bring employees on board. 17 applications, 11 interviewed, job offer to 2, only 1 accepted. Was interviewed by radio stations 97.5, and 99.7 regarding the opening Balch as well as general park information.

12. Committee Member Matters

Mike Chrisman, Parks Advisory Committee Chairman has resigned.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

Committee agrees to hold the next meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in-person at Tulare County Historical Museum.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.