



Tulare County
Parks Advisory Committee

**MOONEY GROVE PARK
ARBOR #19
27000 S. MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA, CA 93277**

**Committee
Members**
Mike Chrisman
Art Gaffrey
Carol Finney
Nancy Hawkins
Neil Pilegard
Courtney Roche, Jr.
Melynda Metheny

MINUTES

October 24, 2019

3:30 P.M. Committee Convenes

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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: Brooke Sisk, Neil Pilegard, Mike Chrisman, Art Gaffrey, Nancy Hawkins, Courtney Roche, Jr., Carol Finney, Melynda Metheny

Staff Present: Dennis Lehman, Katrina Fernandez, Janet Zaragoza

1. Call to Order and Welcome (starts at minute 0:00 in [recording](#))

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Committee Chairman Mike Chrisman.

2. Approval of Minutes: (starts at minute 2:36 in [recording](#))

Motion: Committee member Nancy Hawkins

Second: Committee member Neil Pilegard

Vote: 6 - 0 Approved, 1 Abstention

Committee member Art Gaffrey abstained from the vote stating that he was not present for the previous meeting.

3. Public Comment: (starts at minute 3:05 in [recording](#))

Neil Pilegard, Parks and Recreation Manager- public comment regarding positive comments from the public regarding the appearance of Mooney Grove Park during the End of the Trail Disc Golf Tournament over Labor Day weekend.

4. Special Events (starts at minute 3:02 in [recording](#))

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist – staff presentation of past and upcoming special events at the Parks. Recap Events: August 2019-October 2019/ Upcoming Events: November 2019-December 2019.

Neil Pilegard, Parks and Recreation Manager- staff presentation of participation, attendance, and economic impact associated with End of the Trail Disc Golf Tournament held in Mooney Grove Park over Labor Day weekend.

5. End of the Trail Statue (starts at minute 9:00 in [recording](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – introduction of Michael Young, coordinator of the End of the Trail Half Marathon, to discuss a partnership with Parks that would raise funds for the historic statue.

Action Item: Approve a contribution of Parks Improvement funds toward the End of the Trail Improvement Project.

Motion: Committee Chairman Chrisman
Second: Nancy Hawkins
Vote: 7 - 0 Approved

6. Lily Pond Fundraising Committee (starts at minute 42:39 in [recording](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff report on Board of Supervisors action on the Lily Pond Restoration Project, and an invitation to Parks Advisory members to participate in the fundraising committee.

Committee member Nancy Hawkins volunteers to participate on the fundraising committee.

7. Grants (starts at minute 47:44 in [recording](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff report on the status of three different grants that have been submitted and a new Per Capita Grant opportunity.

8. Parks Equipment (starts at minute 1:02 in [recording](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff report on necessary equipment upgrades to avoid California Air Resource Board fines.

9. Make a Difference Day (starts at minute 1:09 in [recording](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – invitation to the public and committee members to participate in Make a Difference Day at the Park by planting trees and cleaning the arbors.

10. Parks Manager Update (starts at minute 1:12 in [recording](#))

Neil Pilegard, Parks and Recreation Manager – staff report regarding the electrical project completion at Balch Park, trout planting at Balch and Mooney Grove Park, MOU with the Mountain Home Conservation Camp for tree removal, and tree mitigation for the Traver Bridge project.

11. Committee Member Matters (starts at minute 1:19 in [recording](#))

None to report at the time.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment (starts at minute 1:20 in [recording](#))

Committee agrees to hold the next meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Tulare County Agriculture Museum.

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