



Tulare County
Parks Advisory Committee

**MOONEY GROVE PARK
TULARE COUNTY HISTORY OF FARM LABOR AND
AGRICULTURE MUSEUM THEATER
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

January 23, 2020

3:30 P.M. Committee Convenes

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 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, Art Gaffrey, Nancy Hawkins, Carol Finney

Staff Present: Daniel Richardson, Dennis Lehman, Janet Zaragoza, Maria B. Lopez

Absent Members: Mike Chrisman, Courtney Roche, Jr., Melynda Metheny

1. Call to Order and Welcome: (starts at minute 0:00 in [Recording.mp3](#))

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

2. Approval of Minutes: (starts at minute 0:30 in)

Motion: Committee member Nancy Hawkins

Second: Committee member Carol Finney

Vote: 4- 0 Approved

3. Public Comment: (starts at minute 3:05 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Member of the public Mary Bryant introduced herself as part of The Mooney Grove Project Inc. 501 c (3) and informed the audience that her organization is ready to make improvements to Mooney Grove Park. Currently, Park staff is working with her volunteers to maintain the Veteran's Memorial area. Some of her plans include testing of the pipes in the reflections pond.

Public Comment:

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director- Introduced the new GSA Director Daniel Richardson, as Parks and Museum are a division of the agency.

4. Special Events (starts at minute 3:43 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist – update of past and upcoming special events at County Parks. Recap Events: November-December 2019/ Upcoming Events: January 2020-April 2020.

5. Parks Reservation System Update (starts at minute 7:21 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist–update on the Parks Reservation System. As of December 11, 2019, Tulare County Parks is using Active Network Parks Reservation System. Staff has begun the initial stages of manually transporting all existing reservations into the new system and working with the developer to resolve any issues before going live to the public by March 2020.

System Features:

- Pay Online with credit cards
- Makes reservations online
- Arbor Photos

6. Pixley Park Projects (starts at minute 8:34 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff report on Pixley Park Community Service Project, donations and 9-hole disc golf course.

Action Item: Approve contribution of Parks Improvement funds toward the Pixley Park Community Service Project and Disc Golf Course up to \$5,000.

Motion: Committee member Carol Finney

Second: Committee member Art Graffrey

Vote: 4- 0 Approved

7. Agreement with VFCC (starts at minute 20:45 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff report on an updated agreement with the VFCC.

Action Item: Recommend presenting updated agreement with VFCC to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Motion: Committee member Art Graffrey
Second: Committee member Carol Finney
Vote: 4- 0 Approved

8. Park Hours (starts at minute 38:16 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – staff and community members will revisit the Easter weekend Park closure hours.

9. Parks Grants Update (starts at minute 1:14:06 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Brooke Sisk, GSA Assistant Director – update from staff regarding current grants. Discussed project options to be funded by the Per Capita Grant.

10. Parks Manager Update (starts at minute 1:35:33 in [Recording.mp3](#))

Neil Pilegard, Parks & Recreation – provided update on trout fish planting at Mooney Grove, met with CSET for the Basketball Court at Ledbetter Park, End of Trail statue improvements, removed Mooney Grove Park sign to repair, and Board of Supervisors approved additional funding for purchase of new equipment to stay in compliance.

11. Committee Member Matters (starts at minute 1:19 in [Recording.mp3](#))

None to report at the time.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment (starts at minute 1:20 in [Recording.mp3](#))

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

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