



Tulare County
Parks Advisory Committee

LOCATION:

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

**Committee
Members**

Nancy Hawkins
Armando Da Silva
Melynda Metheney
Donnie Moore
Paul Ramires
Albert Cendejas
Supervisor
Amy Shuklian

MINUTES

April 21, 2022

Members Present: Nancy Hawkins, Donnie Moore, Melynda Metheney, Armando Da Silva

Staff Present: Brooke Sisk, Albert Cendejas, Allison Pierce, Janet Zaragoza, Kyle Taylor

Members Absent: Carol Finney, Paul Ramires

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Committee Member Nancy Hawkins.
- 2. Introductions:** General Services Agency Director Brooke Sisk introduced new Parks Manager Albert Cendejas and new Parks Advisory Committee members to the public.
- 3. Committee Member Matters:** Committee members discussed election of Chair and Vice Chair and Committee member Hawkins volunteered to serve as the Chair and Committee member Moore was nominated as Vice Chair.

Motion: Committee member Albert Cendejas

Second: Committee member Donnie Moore

Vote: 4- 0 Approved

The Resolution AB361 Optional Remote Attendance was discussed.

Motion: Committee member Melynda Metheney

Second: Committee member Armando Da Silva

Vote: Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Committee member Donnie Moore
Second: Committee member Melynda Metheney
Vote: Minutes were approved by majority, with Albert abstaining

5. Public Comment: Committee Member Hawkins voiced her concern regarding the Geese in the Parks. Discussion commenced by public concerns and was followed by Parks Manager Albert Cendejas discussing possible solutions. Committee Member Nancy Hawkins requested the Geese to be a separate item on the next PAC agenda.

6. PAC Bylaws: Allison Pierce, GSA Supervising Staff Analyst- An additional change to the Bylaws pertaining to formalizing Board of Supervisors membership on the PAC is required.

Motion: Committee member Melynda Metheney
Second: Committee member Armando De Silva
Vote: 4-0 Approved

7. Grants: Allison Pierce, GSA Supervising Staff Analyst- Grants update:

- a. Discussed information regarding the Gator Grant from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and the Per Capita Grant. Deputy Director Kyle Taylor shared information regarding the ARPA funding for Parks and has received resulting in assorted Park Improvements.

8. Parks & Recreation Logo: Allison Pierce, GSA Supervising Staff Analyst shared information regarding the selection process and provided members of the public along with members the opportunity to vote for the top three favorite logos. The logo recommendations were provided to GSA Administration for final decision.

9. Feral Cat Update: Brooke Sisk, GSA Agency Director- Presented the report provided by the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition of the number of cats currently at the park.

13. Lily Pond: Brooke Sisk, GSA Agency Director- Discussed letter drafted for fundraising committee member John Rogers due to sub-committee absences and sought PAC committee input on who the letter should be endorsed by and it was reviewed at the meeting.

14. Community Outreach Update: Janet Zaragoza-Martinez, GSA Community Outreach Specialist- Provided recap of past and upcoming events. Brooke Sisk, GSA Director mentioned the Parks Strategic Outreach Plan will be taken to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 for approval.

15. Parks Manager Update: Parks Manager provided an update on Parks Operations and mentioned water continues to be a concern at several of the Parks. In addition, provided opening date for Balch Park to be between May 15th- May 22, 2022. Also, mentioned Park staff would be purchasing a sweeper for Mooney Grove Park.

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment: Committee agreed to hold the next meeting Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. Location Tulare County History of Farm Labor Agricultural Museum Theater (27000 S. Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA 93277)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.