

**CITY OF STOCKTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

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***April 24, 2023,***

***5:30 p.m.***

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Present: Gina Calder, Spencer Lockwood, Joe Nava, Michele Padilla, Virtu Arora, and Bonnie Centers

Absent: Donald Donaire, Miguel Villapudua, and Eric Duncan

**2. RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, OR PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Lockwood welcomed Bonnie Centers, Lincoln Unified School District representative.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Geary McKoy with Trust Me Inc. introduced the Drone Soccer Program.

Jordan Smith, Rafael Manzo, and Unknown Name submitted Electronic Public Comments about the maintenance issues at Holiday Park.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 Approve the Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting minutes of February 27, 2023.

Moved by: Joe Nava and seconded by Gina Calder

Vote: Motion passed. Yes – 6, No – 0

Yes – Gina Calder, Spencer Lockwood, Joe Nava, Michelle Padilla, Virtu Arora, and Bonnie Centers

**5. UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 Parks Update

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Colin Scott, Parks Manager, provided updates on Summer Projects; Storm; Bench Donation; Playground Replacements, Refurbishments, and Repairs; Van Buskirk Playground Fencing; Van Buskirk Golf Course Tree; Volunteer Events; Current Projects; and Grants.

Attachment A – Parks Report

7.2 Recreation Update

Jon Wright, Recreation Manager, provided updates and reports on Recreation's Employee Recruitment efforts; Eggstravaganza Event Recap; Maintenance Projects at Centers and Sports Complexes; Youth Sports; summer Theater Camp; April and May Events; Spring Concerts in the Parks and Pixie Woods Opening Day.

**8. SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES**

8.1 Stockton Unified School District

None

8.2 Lincoln Unified School District

None

8.3 Lodi Unified School District

Commissioner Nava provided updates on the upcoming Flag Football Program, Special Education Teachers Recruitment, Dr. Cathy Nichols-Washer's retirement, Northern California Science Festival, and High School Graduation location.

8.4 Manteca Unified School District

None

8.5 County Parks Update

Attachment A – County Parks Report

**9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Calder announced a clean-up event at Pixie Woods on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lockwood reminded the Commission to RSVP promptly to city staff when responding to the Parks & Recreation Monthly Meeting email notifications.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Moved by Joe Nava and seconded by Gina Calder

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Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

- The next meeting of the Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for **Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202.**

eComment #1:

From: Jordan Smith <jordankelli\_25@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 8:08 AM

To: CC - City Clerk <City.Clerk@stocktonca.gov>

Subject: Parks and Recreation Commission

Good morning-

I wanted to reach out before the meeting tomorrow afternoon and express my disappointment and dissatisfaction with how our community parks are being maintained. I would specifically like to address the lack of trash bins and recycling receptacles around Holiday Park. My house is neighboring the park and my lawns have been bombarded with trash and waste materials that should have been disposed of properly. Repeatedly seeing trash litter not only my own but my neighbors yards is highly dissatisfying not to mention completely unsanitary. Given that we are still very much going through a pandemic I would highly recommend placing numerous trash bins and recycling receptacles throughout the park to maintain the health and safety of those in the surrounding area. I know myself and those in the community would greatly appreciate your considerations and attention to this matter. Thank you!

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

eComment #2:

Sunday, April 23, 2023

New eComment for Parks and Recreation Commission

Guest User submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item: 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

eComment: Hello, I live in the neighborhood by Holiday Park. This park has always had a trash issue. With warmer weather people flock to the park and leave even more trash. It's become even more a dumping ground than a park. While the park does have a clean up crew once a week that should become more frequent or at least put more trash can out. The trash left at the park tends to move onto the street and even onto peoples lawns. Makes the neighborhood look dirty and unwelcoming. Thank you for you time

View and Analyze eComments

This email was sent from <https://granicusideas.com>.

eComment #3:

Sunday, April 23, 2023

New eComment for Parks and Recreation Commission

Rafael Manzo submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Commission

Item: 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

eComment: Littering and trash being dumped by the load in a residential park 'Holiday Park' People from outside of the neighborhood come to park and constantly dump their trash. I have asked people in the past to pick up their trash and have even been threatened to be shot. I understand this is a complex problem to solve, but the lack of trash bins around the park could be why people feel they would rather litter. Also proper signage educating about the risks and penalties for dumping.

[View and Analyze eComments](#)

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***February 27, 2023,***

***5:30 p.m.***

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Present: Gina Calder, Spencer Lockwood, Joe Nava, Miguel Villapudua, Eric Duncan, and Donald Donaire

Absent: Michele Padilla, Virtu Arora, and Tivoli Walker

**2. RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, OR PRESENTATIONS**

None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 Approve the Parks & Recreation Special Meeting minutes of November 21, 2022, and the Regular Meeting minutes of January 23, 2023.

Moved by: Joe Nava and seconded by Gina Calder

Vote: Motion passed. Yes – 5, No – 0

Yes – Gina Calder, Spencer Lockwood, Joe Nava, Eric Duncan, and Miguel Villapudua.

Commissioner Donald Donaire was late. He arrived at 5:55 p.m.

**5. UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 Parks Update

Chad Reed, Deputy Director of Public Works, provided the attached Parks Report.

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Attachment A – Parks Report

7.2 Recreation Update

Jon Wright, Recreation Manager, provided the following updates and reports for Recreation Division:

- Youth and Smart Basketball
- Spring Camps
- Turf Tank Implementation
- Food Distribution Program
- Upcoming Sports Registrations
- Volunteer and Part-time Employee Recruitment

7.3 Community Services Department Update

Kris Farro, Director of Community Services, provided the following updates and reports for Community Services Department:

- ARPA Funds
- Department Passenger Van
- Library Reading Program Sponsored by In-N-Out Burger
- Bench Pass through Hoopla
- Staff In-Service Day on March 10 for both Library and Recreation

**8. SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES**

8.1 Stockton Unified School District

No report.

8.2 Lincoln Unified School District

No report.

8.3 Lodi Unified School District

- Lodi Unified has selected a new Board Member out of four candidates
- The Bear Creek, High School Principal, has been elevated to Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
- McNair High School will be conducting interviews for the Principal position

8.4 Manteca Unified School District

- The students in Weston Ranch excel in school



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- The Boy's and Girl's teams win the NCAA Championship. And the soccer team won second place.
  - Commissioner Duncan and his colleagues are participating in the K-8 program this week

8.5 County Parks Update

Attachment A – County Parks Report

**9. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Donald Donaire asked what the City could do about the safety of the students at Weber Point Park.

City staff Chad Reed responded to Commissioner Donald Donaire and suggested checking with Stockton Police Department.

City staff Kris Farro informed the Commission that under Agenda Item 9 Comments from Commissioners, it will be updated to "COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS."

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Moved by Gina Calder and seconded by Joe Nava

Vote: Motion carried 6-0.

- The next meeting of the Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for **Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting of 4/24/23**

**Public Works Parks Report**

Summer Update –

Storm Update –

Bench Updates –

Playground Replacements, Refurbishments and Repairs:

1. Brotherhood – The new playground is open and we're working on a ceremony to celebrate it.
2. Brooking, Panella, Sandman, and Weber Parks-

Van Buskirk Playground Fencing

Van Buskirk Golf Course Trees

**VOLUNTEER EVENTS**

Beautification events for 2023

Earthday Victory Park

Caldwell Park on May 13.

Swenson Park July

Cortez Park September

Baxter Park October

**PROJECTS**

**Exelooos – we continue to work on the installation of our next set of 5 exelooos.**

American Legion – Walnut and San Jose St

Eden Park – Replace the locked restroom

Mattie Harrell Park – replace the vandalized restroom

Oak Park – replace the vandalized restroom to the south of the Ice Arena

Victory Park – replace the restroom by the little league that was demolished last year but move it closer to the concerts in the park location

Stribley Ballfield Lighting Project –

Council Funded Projects

American Legion Park Fencing

Citywide Park Walkway Replacement

Mattie Harrell Park Irrigation Well Replacement

Victory Park Tennis Court Lighting Refurbishment –

Pixie Woods Automated Irrigation –

Pixie Woods Tree Trimming –

Sousa Pool Crack Repair –

Swimming Pool UV Sterilization System Improvements

Pixie Woods Bridge –

Van Buskirk Gym Floor –

Weber Point Shade Structure –

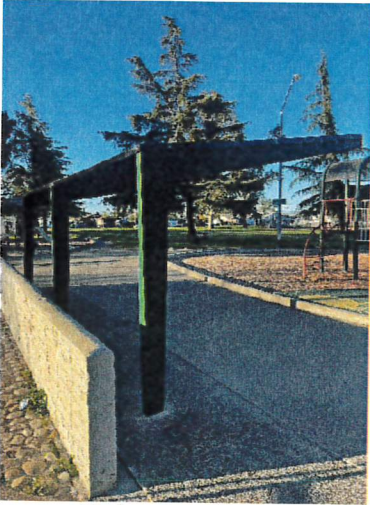
Pixie Woods Dredging, Train Tracks, and Carousel –

Oak Park Little League Fences, Dugout covering, Plumbing, Tree Trimming –.

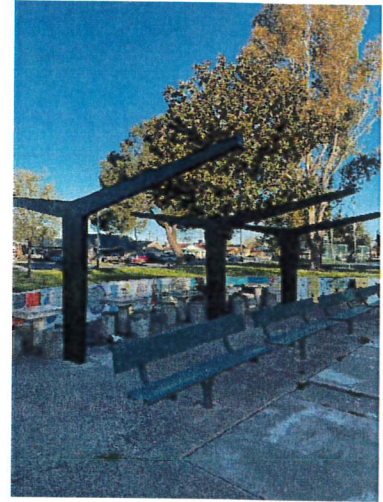


CIP Projects

Park Shade Structure Rehabilitation



Columbus Park Renovation



## GRANTS

- TCC Round 3
- TCC Round 4
- Urban Salvaged and Reclaimed Wood Grant
- Van Buskirk Playground Surface

**San Joaquin County Parks Division Report**

**April 2023**

- **Easter Egg Hunt at Micke Grove Park-** San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023. It was a huge success with over 10,000 eggs distributed, bounce houses, food trucks and multiple children’s activities. It was a beautiful day with about 2,000 attendees.
- **Easter Sunday-**As the beautiful weather continued the following weekend, Easter Sunday at Micke Grove Regional Park and Oak Grove Regional Park had its highest single day attendance since COVID-19, requiring the Parks to limit or close the entrance for a couple of hours as the parks reached capacity.
- **River Sites-** Due to extremely high flows, river access to the Mokelumne and the San Joaquin Rivers remains closed which includes the Mossdale Landing and Dos Reis boat launches. In addition to high water levels, some ground flooding still remains at Dos Reis Day use area and campground, Westgate Landing day use and campground, and Stillman Magee Day use and campground which also remain closed. We are asking all visitors to check the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation website at [www.sjparks.com](http://www.sjparks.com) for any additional updates. Parks will update the website as additional information becomes available.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Astronomy Day-April 29, 2023-Oak Grove Regional Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. \$6.00 parking fee applies.
  - Catfish Derby – June 3, 2023-Oak Grove Regional Park-Gates open at 6:15 a.m. \$6.00 parking fee applies. Additional fee’s include \$5.00 fishing fee for anglers over the age of 16 (valid California Fishing License is REQUIRED). Five fish limit is enforced.