

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 21, 2019**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Rodriquez

Councilmembers Absent: Kazarian, Parra

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Wolfe, Police Chief Alcaraz, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

There were no public presentations.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ON PROPOSITION 68 STATE PARK GRANT APPLICATION: LOURDES PEREZ AND KANAT TIBET OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATES**

Kanat Tibet and Lourdes Perez representative of the Public Health Advocates gave a presentation on the Proposition 68 State Park Grant Program. Public Health Advocates is partnered with Kountuey Design Institute (KDI). Public Health Advocates are a nonprofit organization that promotes health equity by helping cities, counties, and states nurture health and wellbeing for everyone. KDI is a nonprofit design and community development organization who partners with under-resourced communities to advance equity and activate the unrealized potential in neighborhoods and cities. Mr. Tibet explained the Prop. 68 Statewide Park Program will award more than \$250 million to municipalities to create, renovate, or expand to parks in the underserved communities across California. Public Health Advocates has been working with the City of Fowler with the park grant application, which has including holding a series of community workshops. Participants discussed the physical and financial constraints which shape the park and set the limits for the design. Ms. Perez spoke about the priorities of designing the park. She stated that it is a requirement for the funding source that the community engage by providing their input on the design of the park. Community residents have to provide input and that input has to come to the final design of the proposal in order to apply for these funds. If the community input is not taken into consideration the City is ineligible to apply for the funding. During the workshops participants brainstormed around the strengths and challenges of the community, they discussed the physical and financial constraints which shape the park and set the limits for the design. Participants prioritized park amenities which fit their budget and guidelines. Three preliminary concept plans were provided from the previous workshops and participants placed the recreational features into desired locations with the park. Tonight's meeting was to have the Council, Fowler Unified School District officials and City staff participate in reviewing and possibly adding additional features to the park.

## **AJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.