



**RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOWLER
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET
FOWLER, CA 93625**

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call

3. Public Presentation – (This portion of the meeting reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda. Presentations are limited to five minutes per person and no more than 15 minutes per topic).
4. APPROVE Minutes of the March 8, 2022, Recreation Commission Meeting
5. Monthly Budget Report
6. Springfest (recap)
7. Easter Event (recap)
8. Ferrell’s Car Club Event
9. 4th of July
10. Veteran’s Day Fun Run
11. Farmer’s Market (weekly schedule of entertainment, themes, etc.)
12. Sesquicentennial
13. Commissioner Reports and Comments
14. Next meeting May 10, 2022
15. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION: I, Maria Aguilar, Administrative Assistant for the City of Fowler, California, hereby certify that the foregoing agenda was posted for public review on Friday, April 8, 2022.



Maria Aguilar

Administrative Assistant

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FOWLER RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET, FOWLER CA. 93625
MARCH 8, 2021

Pursuant of section 2-2.206 of the City of Fowler Code of Ordinances, the Recreation Commission shall hold meetings at least once each month, at a time and place set by resolution, and shall adopt rules for the conduct of business and shall instruct the secretary to keep accurate record of its minutes, resolutions, transactions, and other business.
Such records shall be a public record and shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk.

All meetings shall be open to the public and shall abide by the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. (Ord. 78-1, 4-5-78)

Pursuant to the notice of meeting duly given, a meeting of the City of Fowler Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in person at the City of Fowler City Council Chambers located at 128 South 5th Street, Fowler, Ca. 93625.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Upon completion of roll call a quorum was established based on the following attendance:

Roll Call: Patric Jones (Chairman), Stephanie Mejia (Secretary), Jose Alvarez, Roy Alatorre, Wilson Parker, Henrietta Martin (Vice Chairman, arrival at 6:05pm)

Commissioner Absent: Monique Velasquez-Lopez

City Staff Present: Recreation Department Coordinator, Yvonne Hernandez

City Council Liaison Present: City Councilman, Juan Mejia

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public presentations John Kayah and Jason Showater representing Ferrell's Car Club. Their club started in 1957 and deactivated in 1962. They had their second annual car show in the park last year and were grateful for the assistance of Coordinator Hernandez. They are now looking for guidance for another car show on Saturday October 15th on Merced Street (starting on 1st street and ending on 5th street). Last year 150 cars participated. Proceeds go toward Fowler High graduates with scholarships going to students. They are requesting that the City of Fowler partner with them this year to secure vendors for the park, provide restrooms, and street closures/signs, police department to assist with crowd control, etc. Anticipated cost for the event is still to be determined (expecting 40 sponsors at approx. \$200).

Commissioner Alatorre mentioned the annual event at the cemetery for Memorial Day would also be a good opportunity for the REC Comm to consider partnering with.

The committee determined that this recommendation would be added to the agenda for the April Recreation Commission meeting for further discussion.

There being no further presentations from the public in person or via the teleconference, this portion of the meeting was concluded.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Jones asked if there are any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Recreation Commission Meeting. There being no further additions, and upon motion by Commissioner Alvarez and second by Commissioner Martin, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the minutes of the February 8, 2022 City of Fowler Recreation Commission meeting.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Coordinator Hernandez gave the monthly budget report stating that we are at the same amount from last month. Funds will be used as we lock in additional details for the Scavenger Hunt, we currently have \$3,469.96 left in this fiscal budget until June 30, 2022.

SPRING FEST

Coordinator Hernandez gave an update on status of applications submitted and noted the time change for the event. Saturday March 26, 2022 as of now there are 25 booths setup. Commissioners need to arrive by 5:45am streets open at 6:00am and we will meet on 3rd and Merced Street. Event is from 8am to noon. Working to secure a small number of food vendors. Waste management will provide a small dumpster for any unsold items to be discarded. A few vendors will be onsite as well.

EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Chairman Jones asked for an update on the planning status of the hunt details. Commissioner Mejia presented the final details for the event including the event schedule, commissioner responsibilities, event layout, and hunt details.

Coordinator Hernandez was asked to report on the status of the event donations and reported that she would continue to work on this over the next few weeks.

FARMER'S MARKET

Coordinator Hernandez welcomed themes or other ideas from the Commission in preparation for the Market nights. Startup date July 27 to October 26. The first night is "HERO" night (inviting the Fowler Police Department and Fire Department as well as comic heroes in costume). A theme night will be scheduled twice a month. Also planning to bring back "Redcat night" as it was very popular last year. Yvonne requested that the Recreation Commission come to the next meeting with suggestions for themes. Live music each week. Chairman Jones recommended that poll the community for recommendations for themes. The Market will end with the Trunk or Treat event in October on the 26th.

Coordinator Hernandez reported on the Street Eats program which is a coalition of food trucks has made it more challenging to secure independent food trucks for our events.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential of a beer garden or wine tasting on the street. Councilman Mejia will take the lead on further discussions for this element.

Resident Steve Barela commented that the beer garden and wine tasting would be good elements in the park and that outside suppliers could be invited and responsible for that section. The local tap room would be a great way to introduce him to the community and could be beneficial for the event. We would like to invite the Dutch Brothers, Kuppa Joy, or another coffee truck to the event as well.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Chairman Jones asked for an update on the status of the 150-year celebration. Commissioner Mejia reported that the Committee has selected additional community members to join the planning committee; we are working on getting the copyright released so that the Village on the Prairie book can be updated; brainstorming a number of events/activities to help celebrate the milestone including art installations, unveiling of historic markers to signify buildings, etc., events leading up to the celebration which will occur as part of the Fowler Fall Festival; and a logo is being developed which will be shown at an upcoming Council meeting and utilized for such things for banners, coins, etc.

The Committee is scheduled to meet monthly and additional updates will be provided as they develop.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Jones asked for Commissioner updates. Commissioner Martin informed the Commission that as of Thursday she will no longer be a Fowler resident which means she can no longer be a member of the Recreation Commission. She will continue her role in the FIA but this is her official resignation as a Commissioner. On behalf of the FIA, Henrietta asked if the Commission would share the outdoor Christmas decorating contest with them. The Commission

would be the judges for the contest and the FIA would still provide the prize money but there are so many more developments and additional assistance is needed for the judging process.

Commissioner Alvarez and Coordinator Hernandez expressed gratitude to Commissioner Martin for her time on the commission. Chairman Jones invited her back for the next meeting as the Commission has a gift for her.

Chairman Jones noted that a new Vice Chairman would be appointed at the next meeting.

Patric informed the commission that Major Cardenas is still considering the opportunity for additional members and non-voting members to be added to the commission.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Jones reported that the next Recreation Commission meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Alvarez to adjourn the meeting which was concluded at 7:37pm.

Patric Jones
Commissioner Chairman

Stephanie Mejia
Commission Secretary