



**RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOWLER
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
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 August 8, 2023, Recreation Commission Meeting
5. Monthly Budget Report
6. AB 2449 Overview
7. Trunk or Treat
8. Veterans Day Event
9. Christmas on Merced
10. Children's Shopping Day
11. Community Clean Up
12. Pancakes and Pets
13. Commissioner Reports and Comments
14. Request for Future Agenda Items
15. Next meeting October 10, 2023
16. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION: I, Maria Aguilar, Permit Technician for the City of Fowler, California, hereby certify that the foregoing agenda was posted for public review on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Maria Aguilar

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FOWLER RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET, FOWLER CA. 93625
August 8, 2023

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, August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in person at the City of Fowler City Council Chambers located at 128 South 5th Street, Fowler, Ca. 93625.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice President Stephanie Mejia called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Upon completion of roll call a quorum was established based on the following attendance:	
Roll Call:	Susie Rico-Vasquez (Chairman), Stephanie Mejia (Vice Chairman), Paul Khasigian, Monique Velasquez-Lopez (Secretary), Roy Alatorre, Ailynn Martinez
Commissioner Absent:	Talene Kasparian-Cleveland
City Staff Present:	City Manager: Wilma Tucker Community and Economic Development Director: Thomas Gaffery Recreation Department Supervisor: Yvonne Hernandez
City Council Liaison Present:	Mayor Pro Tem, Juan Mejia
Additional Attendees	United Health Centers: Charlotte Hinojosa Toole Representatives: Mia Candy and Sarah Johnson

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations in person or via teleconference, so this portion of the meeting was concluded.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Mejia directed the Commission's attention to the August 8, 2023, Recreation Commission Meeting minutes. There being no additions, and upon motion by Commissioner Velasquez-Lopez and second by Vice Chair Mejia, the following resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the minutes of the August 8, 2023, City of Fowler Recreation Commission meeting.

5. BUDGET

Recreation Department Supervisor: Yvonne Hernandez provided the commissioners with an itemized budget for the fiscal year listing the events sponsored by the Recreation Commission and the City of Fowler. A conversation arose regarding adding events to our calendar and the desire to increase the budget next year. City-wide clean-up was discussed, and the commission

decided to add the event once in the Spring and once in the Fall. The date for the fall clean-up is TBD.

6. Workshop-Bike, Walk and Trails Plan (Toole Design)

Community and Economic Development Director: Thomas Gaffery briefed the commission about the information regarding the project. Toole Design gave a presentation outlining the Bike, walk, and trails plan. They indicated they'd be at Starbucks and other locations around town to gather feedback from residents and answer questions from the community on the project.

7. 4th of July Recap

The event was an overall success, many commissioners received compliments about the fireworks show. Vendors were more controlled with the new "pass" policy that was implemented this year. The discussion continued with Commissioner Martinez discussing the issue of water not being allowed into the venue and the potential reasons to revise the policy. Commissioner Velasquez-Lopez agreed, and Chair Rico-Vasquez discussed areas of improvement. Commissioner Alatorre brought up a concern with the entrance gate being locked at the end of the evening as an exit after the event, a discussion ensued, and it was indicated that the gate was closed for traffic control.

8. Wednesday Night at the Park (WNATP)

The Commission reviewed a flyer with themed nights through the end of WNATP. An open discussion developed, and we collectively praised the Polynesian group and the participation of the community. The commissioners were encouraged to come up with ideas to enhance the experience for the community.

9. Trunk or Treat

A new entry/exit point was discussed, as well as the idea of having age limits, and "trick-or-treat" bags to eliminate people cutting in line.

10. Christmas on Merced Street

The event will be held on December 6, 2023. We will ask Allen to join us, as well as The Grinch, Santa, pony rides, and the train. Snow will be back by popular demand.

11. Children's Shopping Day

This event will be held on December 9, 2023. Conversation ensued with the Fire House being suggested as the new location to allow for more room. Also discussed was the idea of buying tents and having a wrapping station, cookies, beverages, and a waiting area for parents outside.

12. Ambassador's Program Update

There was a great response to this program, and 12 seniors were signed up. They are currently helping with WNATP and will assist the recreation commission with future events.

13. Movie night in the Park

This event will be pushed to February 2024. Vice Chair Mejia suggested we utilize the baseball field and show a baseball themed movie.

14. Cook-Off

The commissioners agreed that combining a cook-off with an existing event would be more favorable.

15. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Recreation Department Supervisor: Yvonne Hernandez asked the commissioners to repost WNATP flyers weekly on social media. Public Swim families requested an "end of season" party. The commissioners were receptive to the idea and discussed a movie and popcorn in addition to the swim party.

16. Request for Future Agenda Items

- Community Clean up
- Movie in the Park for February
- Pool Party
- Pancakes and Pets
- Cook-off

17. Next Meeting September 12, 2023

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.