



**RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FOWLER
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
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 January 9, 2024 Recreation Commission Meeting
5. Monthly Budget Report
6. Re-Organization of Officers
7. Spring Fest
8. Easter Event
9. Pancakes and Pets
10. Commissioner Reports and Comments
11. Request for Future Agenda Items
12. Next meeting March 12, 2024
13. 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, February 9, 2024.



Maria Aguilar

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FOWLER RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET, FOWLER CA. 93625
January 9, 2024

Pursuant to 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, January 9, 2024, 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 Chairman Stephanie Mejia called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

2. ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call:	Stephanie Mejia (Vice Chairman and acting Secretary), Paul Khasigian, Talene Kasparian-Cleveland, Roy Alatorre, and Ailynn Espino
Commissioner Absent:	Susie Rico-Vasquez (Chairman), Monique Velasquez-Lopez
City Staff Present:	Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez
City Council Liaison Present:	Mayor Pro Tem, Juan Mejia

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 November 14, 2023, Recreation Commission Meeting minutes to which there was no meeting as a quorum was not established. She also directed the Commission's attention to the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes for review and approval. There being no additions, and upon motion by Commissioner Kasparian-Cleveland and seconded by Commissioner Khasigian the following resolution was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the minutes of the December 12, 2023, City of Fowler Recreation Commission meeting.

5. RE-ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chairman Mejia called for the re-organization of officers within the Recreation Commission. After substantial discussion, the Commission agreed to postpone this action until the next meeting scheduled in February.

6. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez provided the commissioners with an update to the budget which included the recent contribution from JSA to be used for the Fabulous 4th of July event.

7. SPRING FEST

Discussion ensued regarding the citywide yard sale event scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8am to noon. Small businesses and residents invited to participate. Booth setup begins at 6am. Commissioners arrive at 5:45am.

8. EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

As a group, the commissioners discussed this event scheduled for March 16, 2024 at Panzak Park. The event will include a petting zoo, face painters, balloon artists, booths from local organizations, photo booth, Easter Bunny cosplayer and additional activities still to be finalized.

9. PANCAKES AND PETS

New event this year taking place on May 18, 2024 from 8am to noon at Donny Wright Park. Looking to feature pet safety information, pet adoptions, microchipping, service dog information, police K-9 presentations, puppachinos from the local Starbucks, a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Fowler Lion's Club, and members of the community are welcome to bring their pets.

10. SEASONAL BANNERS

The commission decided to push this agenda item to the next meeting.

11. PERFORMANCE AUDITIONS

After a great deal of discussion ensued, the commission agreed that auditions for various performance opportunities be open to the public which will allow for a number of options to choose from for events such as the singing of the National Anthem at the Fabulous 4th of July celebration. Additionally, a call sheet will be created for the various types of entertainment needed for each event which will be determined by the Commission ahead of time.

12. LOCAL SERVICE GROUPS

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for local organizations to be included in various activities and fundraising opportunities. The invitation is extended to all local service groups within the Fowler community to apply for various event opportunities hosted by the City of Fowler Recreation Commission. Additionally, it was determined that vendors who attend various City of Fowler events will be charged a booth fee moving forward which will be communicated to them by Yvonne Hernandez.

13. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Kasparian-Cleveland recommended that Fowler provide a map highlighting the houses in town that have Christmas lights and decorations so that the community could explore these attractions on their own time during the holidays.

Commissioner Alatorre recommended that a bike, run, walk event be added to the schedule.

14. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Re-organization of Officers
- Auditions for National Anthem/Performances + event call sheets
- Christmas Wreath Refurbishment Project
- Event Backdrops
- Seasonal Banners
- Upcoming Events

15. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 13, 2024 which is the day before Valentine's Day which could impact attendance.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.