

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FOWLER RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 SOUTH 5TH STREET, FOWLER CA. 93625
March 12, 2024

Pursuant of section 2-2.206 of the City of Fowler Code of Ordnances, 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 12, 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 6:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call:	Stephanie Mejia (Vice Chairman), Roy Alatorre, Monique Velasquez-Lopez, and Talene Kasparian-Cleveland
Commissioner Absent:	Susie Rico-Vasquez (Chairman), Ailynn Espino, Paul Khasigian
City Staff Present:	Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez
City Council Liaison Present:	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 February 13, 2024, Recreation Commission Meeting minutes for review and approval. There being no additions or corrections, and upon motion by Commissioner Talene Kasparian-Cleveland and seconded by Vice Chairman Stephanie Mejia the following resolution was approved unanimously.

5. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez provided the commissioners with an update to the budget, including itemized dollar amounts for upcoming events.

6. EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

As a group, the commissioners discussed the event scheduled for March 16, 2024, at Panzak Park. The event will include a petting zoo (also the location of the waiver table), face painters, balloon artists, booths from local organizations, self-serve photo booth, an Easter Bunny cosplayer, and additional activities. Commissioners arrive at 9 am to assist with event set-up. Commissioners also discussed changing the time for this event to 12 pm-2 pm with a bigger event next year.

7. SPRING FEST

Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez briefed on the citywide yard sale event scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8 am to noon. Small businesses and residents are invited to participate. Booth setup begins at 6 am. Commissioners arrive at 5:30 am to assist with the incoming participants. 4-5 ambassadors will be there to assist with this event, sober grad will be the clean-up crew. Waste Management will be on site for the disposal of unwanted items.

8. PANCAKES AND PETS

This event is on May 18, 2024, from 8 am to noon at Donny Wright Park. The flyer has been put out on social media. 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. Law enforcement will be on-site to enforce dog laws. We will announce plans to expand and add to the dog park area. Discussion ensued about adding and improving to this event in the future.

9. FOURTH OF JULY

The discussion opened with the topic of how we can improve the volume/position of speakers for all to hear. The topic of parachuters was presented and all agreed to add this to this year's event if possible. Water bottle sales were also discussed, and it was decided that visitors are allowed to bring 1 water bottle per person. Also discussed were security rental, postcards with QR codes for event information and donation opportunities, and gate exit safety precautions.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Mejia requested that we work toward tracking attendance at our events. Recreation Department Supervisor, Yvonne Hernandez spoke briefly about buying a new Christmas Tree in the future.

11. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Re-organization of Officers
- b) Wednesday Nights at The Park

12. NEXT MEETING April 9, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm upon motion by Vice Chairman Stephanie Mejia and seconded by Commissioner Talene Kasparian-Cleveland the following resolution was approved unanimously.