

City of Tulare  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
830 S. Blackstone St.  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6:30 a.m.  
MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Tulare Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:30 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Nick Sherwood at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair Nick Sherwood, Manuel Caceres, Armando da Silva, Eric Farrenkopf, Lupe Mendoza, and Derek Newman

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Chairperson Craig Hancock

**PRESENT:** Chris Orr, Brian Beck, Rickey Murch and Amanda Brock

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Nick Sherwood.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- (1) **Commission minutes of the December 9, 2025 regular meetings.**  
It was moved by Commissioner Eric Farrenkopf, seconded by Commissioner Manuel Caceres and unanimously carried to approve the December 9, 2025 minutes as presented.

**VI. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (1) **Elk Bayou Nature Preserve Project – Chris Orr**  
Dudek was chosen as the consultant for this project. Site meeting to be scheduled. We would like to invite a Commissioner to join in on the project. Three grants have been awarded for the project. Plan is for a passive recreation space. Looking for community input. Commissioner Manuel Caceres requested that the Commission receive updates on the project via email.

- (2) **Parks Special Event Process and Special Event Application – Chris Orr**  
Item 6.2, City of Tulare Park Special Event Permit Process presented as written. Requesting to take it to City Council for approval. It was moved by Armando da Silva, seconded by Manuel Caceres and unanimously carried to take Item 6.2 to City Council for approval.
- (3) **Zumwalt Park and Aquatics Fee Schedule – Chris Orr and Brian Beck**  
Transmittal was submitted to Commissioners requesting revisions to the approved 2025/2026 Master Fees and Charges related to Zumwalt Park and Aquatics. After reviewing the Transmittal, Armando da Silva motioned to approve as submitted, seconded by Manuel Caceres, and unanimously carried to approve the updated fees as submitted.
- (4) **Recreation and Attendance Report (January) – Brian Beck**  
Reported on handout 6.4
- (5) **Parks Division Monthly Report (January) – Rickey Murch**  
Reported on handout 6.5

**VII. ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST**

Brian Beck introduced our new Commissioner, Derek Newman to the group.

Chris Orr noted that we are up for three awards at the state level from California Parks and Recreation Society. The annual conference will be held in southern California March 12, 2026.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Nick Sherwood at 7:20 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is confirmed for Tuesday, March 10, 2026.