

City of Tulare
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
830 S. Blackstone St.
Tuesday, March 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 6:32 a.m. by Chairperson Craig Hancock at the Claude Meitzenheimer Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Craig Hancock, Vice Chair Nick Sherwood, Manuel Caceres, Eric Farrenkopf, and Lupe Mendoza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Armando da Silva and Derek Newman

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Beck, Armando Guzman and Amanda Brock

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Farrenkopf.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) **Commission minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meetings.**

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Nick Sherwood, seconded by Commissioner Eric Farrenkopf and unanimously carried to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes as presented.

(2) **Proposed Sports Complex**

It was moved by Chairperson Craig Hancock to follow the Parks Master Plan and preferred list for creating the proposed sports complex while keeping Parks and Recreation Commissioners involved with the creation of the sports complex and seconded by Commissioner Lupe Mendoza and unanimously carried.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Elk Bayou Master Plan Update – Brian Beck**
Workshop with community scheduled for April 8, 2026. 7:00PM at the Senior Community Center. We would like to have our Commissioners present as well as members of the community. All agencies involved in the project will be present.
- (2) **Proposed Sports Complex – Brian Beck**
Funding is still to be determined, maybe a tax measure will be proposed. Consultant on board will be reaching out to community members about the project. Looking at the Master Plan as well as input from the community, all sports would like a field or court with lights. Ideas to put a clubhouse in the middle of the complex that would have vendors come in and be able to sell food and wares out of it for added attraction. Maybe even have a splash pad, walking trail, picnic area, playground and batting cages.
- (3) **Recreation and Attendance Report (February) – Brian Beck**
Attendance report shows that February is slow, but spring will be ramping up enrollment soon. Majority of our youth instructional classes begin in March. Volleyball has a record twenty-two teams enrolled; softball and youth programs are still going strong. May 9, 2026 will be the first concert put on by Spade Entertainment, RATT and LA Guns will be playing. July 4th will be the Echoes of America with the Sequoia Symphony put on by the Hillman Family. Senior Center still serving two hundred meals each day.
- (4) **Parks Division Monthly Report (February) – Armando Guzman**
Reported on handout 6.4

VII. ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Criag Hancock at 7:05 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is confirmed for Tuesday, April 14, 2026.