

**CITY OF MERCED  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MERCED CIVIC CENTER  
678 West 18th Street  
Merced, California**

**MINUTES**

Meeting of December 28, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Merced Recreation and Parks Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merced Civic Center.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Chairman Tony Dossetti led the Recreation and Parks Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Recreation and Parks Commission

Present: Tony Dossetti, Eric Nelson, Bob Kane, and Marlene Murphy.

Excused: Pete Padilla and Virginia Morford.

M/S/C-Murphy/Kane motioned to excuse Pete Padilla and Virginia Morford.

Staff: Alexander Hall, Norene Borba and Michelle Reid.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-November 23, 2009

M/S/C- Nelson/Kane motioned to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting as submitted.

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COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON  
AGENDA

Former Councilman Joe Cortez thanked the Commission for its hard work and dedication. He appreciated being the liaison to the Commission and he hoped that the parks in South Merced will continue to be enhanced.

George Sanchez, Parks Supervisor, informed the Commission that the winter maintenance program was in effect. The Dog Park grass is a challenge because of the frequent usage. Parks workers are having a difficult time keeping it healthy especially in the big dog area. The ponds at the Dog Park will be drained after the pumps are installed.

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V. PRESENTATIONS

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks and Community Services Event Calendar –January 2009

B. Norene Borba –November Written Report

C. Jake Meneley- November Written Report

D. Eugene Drummond-November Written Report

E. Revenue Cost Recovery Report

M/S/C –Kane/Nelson motioned to accept the written communications as submitted.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

XI. DEPARTMENT UPDATES-Alexander Hall

- The park rules signs have been completed by the Public Works Department. The signs will be posted at all rentable shelters and

the ball fields. Staff will also order new dog waste signs for Bear Creek and Black Rascal bike paths.

- The City has a Joint Use Agreement for construction of a second gymnasium at the Bellevue Road High School. The City may wish to terminate the existing agreement and invest in an indoor facility in North Merced to meet existing recreation needs.
- The Merced City School District has a pending Conversion Application with the California State Parks Department for three acres of parkland to replace the three acres for a proposed elementary school at Fahrens Park. The District is expected to make a decision in January 2010 on whether to continue exploring the conversion and/or to build a new gymnasium at Rivera Middle School. If the Rivera School gym is not built, staff will consider recommending the current funding be used to construct a new recreation center in North Merced.
- The Merced Union High School District is reviewing the final proposed site master plan for the South Merced Community Park.

#### X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Chairman Dossetti thanked former Councilman Joe Cortez and Councilman John Carlisle for attending the meeting.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Recreation and Parks Commission meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. and will meet again on January 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chairman, Recreation and Parks Commission