

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*Chair Julian Ibañez Mandujano*  
*Vice Chair Alexandra Oliva*  
*Commissioner Norma Quinones*  
*Commissioner Jacqueline Elizalde*  
*Commissioner Anthony Guzman*  
*Commissioner Sonia Ballardo*  
*Commissioner Irene Aguirre*

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful  
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of  
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Thursday, July 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Washington Park Community Center

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Oliva called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Oliva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Vice Chair Alexandra Oliva  
Commissioner Norma Quinones  
Commissioner Jacqueline Elizalde  
Commissioner Irene Aguirre  
Commissioner Anthony Guzman  
Commissioner Sonia Ballardo

##### **Absent:**

Chair Julian Ibañez-Mandujano

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Meg McWade, Public Works Director  
Danny Whaley, Parks and Facilities Manager  
Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Aguirre spoke about the community garden and efforts for more planting.

Commissioner Ballardo said the art at Willie White is fantastic and asked about the status of the gazebo that is deteriorating. She stated there are no restrooms there and it limits families from visiting the park for longer. She asked for updates on the Ted Greene Park project. Currently, the little league is practicing for a travel team and the regular season coaches are getting ready for winter season at Ted Greene Park, Montvue Park, and Palomares Park. The regular season begins mid-August through the week before November. She asked if there were plans to have portable restrooms during the renovation of the concession/restroom building. She looks forward to her son participating in the skateboarding classes at Palomares Park.

Commissioner Guzman said that the adult league for ultimate frisbee concluded with about 60 participants. There was positive feedback and he hopes to continue the league in the fall. He also asked about the restroom status at Palomares Park. He is working with staff to host a youth camp on August 23, 2025 and one for adults on August 30, 2025 at Philadelphia Park, and both will be at 9am.

Commissioner Elizalde said she really likes hearing her colleagues share activities and events happening in the city. She said she remembers taking her kids to a kite festival, and asked if that was still happening. She said she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Meadow View Demonstration Garden and looks forward to seeing more green spaces created for residents.

Commissioner Quinones said she attended the concert at Ganesha Park and liked seeing many families having a good time. She asked for a status update on the stairs project at Ganesha Park and wanted to know the completion date. She stated there are lots of sports activities at the park during the summer and she is excited for her children to start pickleball. She asked for more information about the 'name your park' events.

Vice Chair Oliva shared that during the summer, park activity increases, both positive and negative and said that she appreciates the prompt response times from the HEART team. She asked staff about the new procedures for street sweeping, so she can share out with her neighbors.

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2025.

**MOTION BY COMISSIONER BALLARDO, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR OLIVA, CARRIED 6-0.**

## **VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

## 1. Public Works Park Updates

Public Works Director Meg McWade provided updates on the park restroom construction projects for new restrooms (Washington Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and Palomares Park), restroom replacement (Tony Cerda Park), and restroom and snack bar replacement (Kennedy Park). She spoke about the budget of \$3,971,153, which includes \$60,000 in American Rescue Plan funding authorized for use, but requires additional City Council action. Ms. McWade stated the construction start date is scheduled for fall 2025 and the tentative completion is fall 2026.

No vote taken. Item was a report and file.

## 2. Lawn Bowling Presentation

Ed and Barbara Petre, members of the Pomona Lawn Bowling Club provided information and history about the club, which is located at Palomares Park. Mr. Petre stated their club is one of 26 clubs in southern California and is part of the national organization. They are open to the public and offer free lessons. The public is welcome to join the club or play during club hours for a nominal fee. The fees help pay for equipment and maintenance. Mr. Petre provided a history of lawn bowling, equipment, and rules. Mr. Petre invited the commissioners to come out and learn to play and asked them to help spread the word. He provided days and hours of operation. The club will be celebrating its 70-year anniversary in 2027 and hopes to have a big celebration.

No vote taken. Item was a presentation.

## **VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Parks and Facilities Manager Danny Whaley responded to questions asked during Commissioner Communication.

- The Ted Greene Park project was not fully funded for replacing the restroom/concession building. City Council approved \$160,000 for restroom upgrades. The amount was placed in the Capital Improvement Projects. Staff went out to bid and bids came in just over \$180,000. Staff are looking to find additional funding.
- The name your park is an opportunity for people to name a park for three locations: the greenbelt at Phillips Ranch, meadow view demonstration garden, and the Civic Center playground. City Council will decide ultimately what to name the parks. The policy outlines the procedures for the community submitting names. The Parks and Recreation Commission will make recommendations, and then submit to Council.
- The District 6 Councilmember has provided funds to renovate the Willie White Park gazebo. The materials cost about \$9,000 and staff will do the work. The materials have been purchased, and within 60 days, the project is scheduled to be completed.

Ms. Belloso shared that staff are preparing a few grant proposals to take youth to outdoor spaces and do nature-based activities. Staff are also researching for funding for technology and equipment for the teen center.

Mr. Osoff reported that the concert in the park was a success with a large community turnout,

despite immigration enforcement. The Movies in the Park are seeing a good turnout as well. The last week-long residential camp was last weekend and the kids had a great time. Staff hopes to receive two 20-passenger buses in a few weeks; the buses were acquired from Proposition 64's Youth Community Access grant funding. The La Casita Teen Center is in the design phase of a renovation project. Outdoor & Active is in its fifth year of funding. An agreement with Foothill Family is being finalized for activities for youth ages 0-5. The kitchen at Washington Park Community Center was just renovated.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Oliva adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Kiwanis (Grace Napolitano) Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Monica Belloso  
Management Analyst

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Julian Ibanez-Mandujano  
Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission