

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.*

Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Westmont Park Community Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ibañez-Mandujano called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ibañez-Mandujano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Commissioner Jacqueline Elizalde

STAFF PRESENT

Danny Whaley, Parks and Facilities Manager
Roberto Curiel, Recreation Supervisor

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eagle Scout Jared Jordan spoke about the importance of little libraries. He said he loved

reading as a kid and still does. He would like to help increase access to books for the community.

Chair Ibanez-Mandujano motioned for Jared Jordan to show a presentation to the Commission at the following meeting, second made by Commissioner Ballardo, carried with a vote of 6-0.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Aguirre said she maintains the little library at Memorial Park and places books in English and Spanish there.

Commissioner Ballardo shared she is looking forward to summer programs and activities.

Commissioner Guzman said the murals at Cesar Chavez Park were vandalized and the artist is able to restore it. On May 31st, Ultimate Frisbee is starting again and it will be a six-week session on Saturdays from 10am – 12pm at Palomares Park.

Vice Chair Oliva thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She said the rims on the basketball courts at Memorial Park are missing. Staff responded that the backboards were removed to be sanded and painted, and new rims have been ordered. Staff will place them when the order comes in. She thanked Councilmember Garcia for hearing a presentation by CalPoly students on reimagined spaces for District 3. She attended City Council's budget study session meeting and asked if staff could speak to the commission about the implication of Measure Y to Community Services and youth programming. She was thankful for being invited to the reception picnic for Pomona Day at the LA County Fair. There is a grand reopening to Washington Park for a new amenity.

Chair Ibanez-Mandujano reported that Latino/Latina Roundtable had its pilgrimage event and it was awesome. The Dia del Ninos event went well and there is progress on the Civic Center playground project.

Commissioner Quinones stated that on April 26th, there was a Love Your Park Day event with over 100 people in attendance and lots of volunteers at Ganesha Park. They painted the bandshell and planted plants. She said the Ganesha Park stairs project is underway. On May 24th, Kiwanis Club host a community BBQ at Kiwanis Park from 11am – 2pm and conducted surveys for a grant funded lighting project.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION BY CHAIR IBANEZ-MANDUJANO, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR OLIVA, CARRIED 6-0.

VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Pomona ACTS: An Overview of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Grant

Nenetzin Rodriguez, Project Manager for Energy Coalition, presented an overview of the TCC Grant project, plans, committees, and ways to get involved. She spoke about the Pomona ACTS Vision Statement and listed its partners, which include Energy Coalition, City of Pomona, Metro, Active SGV, Grid Alternatives, Day One, Lopez Urban Farm, God's Pantry, EVCS, Latino/Latina Roundtable, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, and Green Paradigm Consulting. The Pomona ACTS team worked together to secure \$22M in state funds from the Strategic Growth Council Transformative Climate Communities, and \$10M from other local and state resources. She added that the services will be available this summer for the next four years. These strategies address community needs around transportation, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and community health.

Carlos Molina and Graciela Conchas of Day One provided descriptions of project scopes and project milestones. The projects included Complete Streets, Metro Transit Pass Program, E-Bike Library, EV Charging and EV Adoption, Resilient & Healthy Homes and Cool Roofs, Community Energy Resilience Centers, Tree Planting, and Community Urban Farm. The projects are guided by social justice, collaboration, and shared decision-making.

The Transformative Plan includes a Community Engagement Plan, Displacement Avoidance Plan, and Workforce Development & Economic Opportunities Plan. They spoke of different engagement opportunities, provided the project website, and information on advisory committees. Pomona ACTS envisions a healthy, vibrant, equitable, resilient Pomona, responding to the challenges of climate change while leveraging opportunities to improve public health, shared prosperity, and community identity.

2. The Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project

Jorge Anaya, Senior Water Resources Engineer of the City's Water Resources Department presented an overview of the Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project. He stated that community outreach has begun with four events consisting of informational meetings and workshops, including an online survey. Community input showed the residents' top three park features: dog park, soccer field, and basketball court. Residents ranked most preferred park features, such as lighting, shade, benches, and shade trees. A concept design was shown with top amenities and features. The schedule will begin in June 2025 through December 2030 with investigations, geotechnical surveys/evaluations, potholing, contract preparation, environmental compliance and permitting and community engagement. Next steps will incorporate comments from the city, 60% design by June 2025, submittal for construction funding in July 2025.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- A summer program kickoff event will be this Saturday from 11am – 2pm at Westmont Park.
- During Memorial Weekend, the pool season begins with City Pools (Ganesha and Washington) opening.
- A summer concert will be held on Saturday, June 28th at the Ganesha Park Bandshell featuring *Tierra*.
- The City pools have brand new chemical feeders.
- The sports court resurfacing project is underway and is almost complete.

- The playground at Washington Park is now complete and was funded by Measure A.
- The kitchen renovation at Washington Park Community Center is almost complete.
- The design plans for La Casita Teen Center are in the initial stages.
- The Ganesha Park stairs project has begun.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ibanez-Mandujano adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Pomona City Council Chambers, 505 S. Garey Avenue, Pomona CA 91767.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Management Analyst

Julian Ibanez-Mandujano
Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission