

## Parks Recreation and Trees Commission meeting minutes May 8, 2025

### Attendance:

Elizabeth Yerxa, Chair  
Jamie Davis-Meyer, Vice Chair  
Leslie Poland, Secretary  
Madison Martin, Commissioner  
Thomas Roach, Commissioner  
Patty Hickel, Commissioner  
Cynthia White, Commissioner  
Jesse Cain City Manager

### SUBJECT

- Approval of minutes from the March 13 meeting: Moved Madison Martin, seconded Thomas Roach
- Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary: **Chair Elizabeth Yerxa** (Moved by Thomas Roach and Seconded by Cynthia White: Unanimous approval by Commission); **Vice Chair: Jamie Davis Meyer** (Moved by Leslie Poland and seconded by Madison Martin: Unanimous approval by Commission) **Secretary Leslie Poland** : Moved by Patty Hickel and seconded by Thomas Roach Unanimous approval by Commission)
- State of the Parks report (problems, issues only)—Commissioners: Will S Green Park: Hole in BBQ grill and Levee Park discussed better communication when changes such as the flag pole instillation are made to city parks> Asked that City Manager communicates to PRT when Parks issues are coming up in the city Councils agenda. Also drinking fountain in Sankey Park is waiting for a part to fix the drinking fountain. When this come in it will be fixed.
- Discussion of plans, upcoming events in Memorial Park with Welcome Dennis Sanders, VFW liaison
  1. Verbal presentation on the history of the park: In 2012 Colusa City gave permission to the veterans group to make changes to the park with approval of the city manager.
  2. All Panels are full of bricks, with more panels planned to be installed.
  3. Colusa Veterans non-profit started in 2019, due to large amount of funds raised from fundraising.
  4. Veterans group would like to be notified if the PRT plans to plant more trees in the park or make changes to the playground.
  5. In the future the veteran's group would like to install two lifelike bronze statues in the park, currently fundraising for this: The status will be a battlefield cross and a veteran saluting.
  6. Would like the arts council to paint a patriotic scene on the container in the park.
- Well Update in Memorial Park discussed as well: City Manager will have an update on this after May 13, 2025
- Update on tree pruning and stump grinding: List off all stumps grounded provided to PRT and tree trimming project in the city is completed (measure B funded project)
- Update on State Park plans: No Update Provided

- Trees for Tomorrow—City acknowledgment of Rotary's efforts? **Leslie and Cynthia to make Proclamation and City Manager will bring to city council.**
- Reports from Cynthia (Davis), Thomas (Woodland), Patty (Chico) for suggestions of new recommended trees; how best to present tree info to the public: Commissioner Roach reported on his discussions with the City of Woodland on their process. He hopes to meet with them again on this, Commission decided to put this issue on the July agenda to discuss.
- Pickleball update—Jesse: No Update
- Dog park update—Jesse: Waiting for fencing to come in and then will be installed
- "City of Trees" designation plans, activities—Sadie: No Update
- Clean California Grant update—Sadie: No Update
- Old business: News on park potential at new housing developments, Pirelli, sports complex?—Jesse
- New business: **City Manager asked about installing a putting green at Leland Taylor Park. Jesse said he would look into this and get back to the PRT. Suggested we put this on the July Agenda.**

Next meeting scheduled for July 14. 2025 6 pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**