

Colusa Parks Recreation and Trees Commission Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025

ROLL CALL

Elizabeth Yerxa, Chair: Present
Jamie Davis-Meyer, Vice Chair: Present
Leslie Poland, Secretary: Present
Madison Martin, Commissioner: Present
Thomas Roach, Commissioner: Absent
Patty Hickel, Commissioner: Present
Cynthia White, Commissioner : Present
Cliff Burrious: Recreation Director

Agenda minutes

- Approval of minutes from July 14 meeting : Cynthia White Moved, Jamie Davis Meyer 2nd: Unanimously approved
- State of the Parks report –Commissioners :
 - ❖ CD Semple Park: Drinking fountain still broken (greater than 1 year) & well used basketball court still needs lines painted on it
 - ❖ Davison Park: Splash pad is very slippery if water shoes are not worn. Can something be done to correct this slippery surface
 - ❖ Will S Green Park: Graffiti on playground equipment and grill near playground still has large hole in it (greater than 6 months)
 - ❖ Leland Taylotr Park: Backflow preventor leaking
 - ❖ Levee park: Is there an update on the railing for the stairs to the park and can anything be done about the strong marijuana smell from the facility on bridge street.
- Review of request from Firefighters Association for new bench & tree in Davison Park (see August 15th email for details from Manny Soto) : Several firefighters attended meeting and reviewed plans with PRT. Fire fighters have already paid for the memorial bench. They would like to plant a October Glory Maple tree at the splashpad site. PRT advised them to plant the tree in early October and go through the Trees for Tomorrow for the tree.
- Update on elm trees (public and private treatment)-Jesse : No one from the city at meeting to explain this issue. A PRT Commissioner heard from Jesse that the contractor could not explain why the insect infestation happened on the elms, even with treatment. Bark beetle is what the pesticide injections are for, but it is the leaf beetle that is causing the problem. This needs to be followed up with the City Manager.
- Update on new well in Memorial Park--Jesse : No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.
- Park facilities rentals/clean up issues—Cynthia: A process needs to be put in place for cleaning up facilities after people rent them. Also the issue of the scouts having to pay for the use of the cabin was discussed. The discussion referred to a 2019 handshake agreement which was set to allow the scouts to use the cabin for free. After discussion the PRT unanimously agreed to have a waiver of the scout cabin fee be requested from the City Council. Next step is to ask to have this added to the next City Council agenda. Also recommended some type of posting in city facilities, to indicate to people the facility is rented and for when.
- Gathering info for historic park signage: Elizabeth Y met with Shelly K to discuss. More information to come.
- Updating tree list—add more native species--Jamie : Aff to a future PRT agenda for discussion

- Trees for Tomorrow—City acknowledgment of Rotary's efforts? : Ask to have the proclamation presented at meeting added to the next City Council meeting
- Trees for Tomorrow—caring for planted trees; removing stakes : Elizabeth Y will ask Daniel if more stakes are available for staking Rotary trees

Update from Cliff Burrius: Recreation Director: 9/29/25 Pumkin Plunge has considerable activities planned as well as the plunge. Pumpkins for plunge donated by Martin Family Farms and eating contest sponsored by SavMore Foods. PRT praised the efforts of the Cliff in putting together a great recreation program for the Colusa.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dog park update—Jesse: No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.
- Clean California Grant update/timing of upcoming park improvements: No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.
- Update on pickleball—leasing space at OLL abandoned blacktop? Working with CUSD?: No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.
- painting basketball lines at CD Semple : No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.
- update on dog park : No city manager or city representative at meeting so no update.

New Business

- Receive a financial update from the city on PRT funding
- Ask the city if mulch glue can be used on mulch in playgrounds
- Ask about an update on the potential putting green at Leland Taylor park

Next meeting November 13, 2025