

April 1, 2026
Wednesday, 6:30p.m.

I. Call to order TIME: 6:30p

II. Roll Call

Present:

Adriana Arrington- Calk, President

Nicol Schriener, Vice President- point of order- joined meeting at 6:35p

Alli Welch, Secretary

Kyle McVay- Member

Stephen Dauphin- Member

Vacant- Alternate

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Jonah Chang, Director of Parks and Recreation

David Merz, District 4 City Council Liaison

III. Citizen's comments

Merz reported on boards recommendation on park land dedication. Council Voted unanimously that it go to PZ to consider and take action on

IV. Consent Agenda:

Minutes not ready from last meeting. No action taken.

V. Presentations

a. Parks Special Project Fund- Quarterly Report

January 2025 opening balance- \$63,870.87

December 2025 closing balance- \$36,821.37

2026 first quarter closing balance- \$36,921.37

A withdrawal of approximately \$12,000 for the pool cover is not yet reflected and is expected to appear in the next reporting period.

Jonah will provide clarification on restricted versus unrestricted funds which includes allocations for the swim team and other organizations.

The report includes \$12,000 from Heights of Castroville as a fee in lieu of parkland dedication.

VI. Discussion and Action Items

a. Discuss and take action on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board project list.

Discussion

Soccer field irrigation is pending potential funding through the CIP, which has not yet been approved. Walking trail improvements will be completed through the parks budget.

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Jonah is researching emergency sirens and potential funding sources, and Alli will also research. The warning siren remains a high priority for the board.

The pool cover reel may be funded through the parks budget, CIP, and potentially the Parks Special Projects Fund, utilizing multiple funding sources. The heater cover will be included in the parks budget.

The September Square project will be completed by 4-H volunteers as previously presented to the board. For the September Square brick pathway removal, Priscilla Garrett is working to secure funding for a full replacement, while parks staff will address any immediate tripping hazards as needed.

For the splash pad, the board will explore grants for a water reclamation system, while being mindful not to overburden Jonah with grant responsibilities. Board members will assist where possible.

The board discussed the long term possibility of partnering with Moye School to establish Lions Park, including the soccer and softball fields, as their home facility, with future improvements as a joint effort.

Jonah suggested removing completed items from the list and continuing to review and update ongoing projects as needed.

Pool deck lighting and replacement were noted as safety priorities by Nicol. Jonah explained that lighting was previously unavailable due to lack of electrical service, but once the community center is operational, the lights should function as before. Some fixtures will need to be updated to LED.

No action was taken. Adrianna will update the plan and bring it back to the board next month for approval. The plan may also be posted to the city website to keep the public informed, and will be reviewed periodically throughout the year.

VII. General Updates

- a. Friends of Castroville Regional Park General Update
 - i. Annual potluck meeting was very successful (40 or so people came).
- b. Update from the Parks & Recreation Director. The following report topics may be discussed and acted upon:
Staff Report (work orders, reservations, operations)

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Community Center construction

Construction is ongoing and the project is approximately 84% complete. Installation of insulation, sheetrock, and wire pulling for access points, cameras, and monitoring systems has been completed.

Staff is exploring having Frontera complete a 500-square-foot restroom addition as a change order to the main community center project, with the goal of completing the work prior to demobilization. Additional coordination is needed to determine how to supply hot water to the showers, as there is no utility room currently planned. The board expressed a preference for materials and finishes that are easy to clean and maintain, avoiding options such as subway tile.

BMA agreement for walking trails 1

Still awaiting quotes for the gate installation. One quote has been received, and at least two additional quotes are pending.

Splashpad repairs

The splash pad is expected to be repaired and ready for use by summer. The board discussed usage in light of the current drought conditions. Jonah reported that the City has obtained additional water rights and will coordinate with city administration to develop a schedule that allows for reasonable use during the summer months.

TPWD Grant update

A site visit was held at Lions Park with Dan Reece, Grant Manager with TPWD, who expressed strong support for the project and enthusiasm for the planned amenities. There may be a slight delay in funding due to the project being federally funded. It is currently projected that the City may not receive a local agreement until October 1; however, this timeline could be expedited as there are no significant compliance issues.

September Square update

The September Square Memorial Walkway project was approved by council with 2 minor changes.

Change #1: Updating the memorial at the entrance to remove artwork & colors.

Change #2: Move the department seals to be on the side of the leg's vs on the seat.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Preparation & Considerations

Staff is continuing to work through the budget for Parks and Recreation,

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RV Park, and Pool operations. A proposed increase of \$20,000 has been requested to address rising needs across several areas.

The requested increase includes additional funding for janitorial supplies, fuel and oil, chemicals, tree trimming, training and travel for the department, and a small tools budget. Additional needs include repairs and maintenance for deteriorating park equipment and facilities, including the water fountain, with a trail grant expected to fund an additional fountain near the butterfly garden. Building repairs and maintenance are also included, specifically repairs to Restroom #1 as previously discussed.

Other requested items include funding for custom flags, raw materials, and establishing Easter as its own line item rather than being included under special activities due to the event's growth.

For the RV Park, proposed increases include site improvements and general supplies. For the pool, requests include funding for training and travel, as well as improvements such as the replacement of Heater #1.

c. Next Regular Called Meeting: May 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm

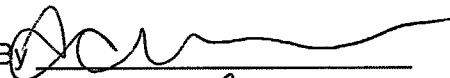
VIII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Lions Park shade recommendation at the entrance of the Splashpad pending repair decision

Adjourn **TIME 7:41p**
Motion: To Adjourn

Motion By: **Nicole** **2nd By: Kyle**

Vote: Yes# 5 No# 0 Pass/Fail Action:

Prepared By 
Approved By 