

CASTROVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
City Hall Council Chambers Castroville, Texas

**July 16, 2025**  
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**I. Call to order TIME: 6:00p**

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Adriana Arrington- Calk, President  
Nicol Schriener, Vice President- Absent  
Alli Welch, Secretary  
Kyle McVay- Member  
Stephen Dauphin- Member  
Not filled- Alternate  
Not filled- Alternate  
Jonah Chang, Director of Parks and Recreation  
David Merz, District 4 City Council Liaison- absent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Helen Delevan- Friends of the Parks  
Pricilla Garrett- citizen

**III. Citizen's comments**

None

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** Accept minutes from last meeting.

Motion By: Kyle 2nd By: Alli

Vote: Yes# 4 No# 0 Pass

**V. Presentations**

**a. Presentation on September Square entrance & walkway improvement plans**

Discussion

Will be presented next month

**b. Parks Special Project Fund- Quarterly Report**

Discussion

Castroville Special Events donated \$5,000 to support future shade structures at Lion's Park.

The Castroville Otters made a donation from recent sponsorship efforts.

An additional \$50,000 was allocated specifically for the construction of the new pool building.

Financial Overview:

Opening Balance (as of January 1, 2025): \$63,870

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Closing Balance (as of May 27, 2025): \$15,340

**VI. Discussion and Action Items**

- a. Discuss and take action on updating the Parks & Recreation Board Project List

Discussion

Board reviewed list and made recommendations to changes/ additions. Updates are as follows.

Lion's Park- playground, shade, splash pad repairs (new), softball field fencing (new), water reclamation system for splash pad, sport court, another bathroom, more parking on street

Regional Park- Parking lot/ volleyball court, north bathroom refurbishment, pave Alsace Ave (remove), security camera, walking trail improvements, WWTP dams and ponds (removed), irrigation in soccer fields and trees, upgrade electrical, drinking fountains (especially by amphitheater and botanical garden), parking lot by amphitheater and demolish old stone restroom

RV Park- Bathhouse refurbishment, RV site refurbishment, Rec Hall finish, security cameras, emergency sirens (addition), wifi (removed).

Pool- covers and reel, changing rooms and showers (phase 2), heater cover, lighting in pool and overhead (removed), swim lesson accessory storage (removed, already purchased).

Motion:

Adopt project list as presented with changes/ additions.

Motion By: Kyle      2nd By: Alli

Vote: Yes#    4    No# 0    Pass

- b. **Nominate and elect chairperson, vice chair, and secretary**

Discussion

The current board officers are as follows: Adrianna serves as Board Chair, Nicole as Vice Chair, and Alli as Secretary. All expressed interest in continuing in their respective roles.

Motion:

A motion was made to retain the current board officers in their existing positions for the upcoming term.

Motion By:    Alli      2nd By: Kyle

Vote: Yes#      No#      Pass/Fail    Action:

- c. Discuss and take action on getting a siren warning system for flooding in the Regional Park

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Discussion

The Parks Board noted past instances where the RV Park had to be evacuated due to rising water levels—often triggered by rainfall upstream or in surrounding areas, even when no rain was occurring locally.

The Board expressed strong support for the installation of an emergency alert siren in the park and RV park area, and emphasized that the entire city would benefit from such a system to ensure timely warnings and improve public safety.

Motion:

Parks board recommends that the city invest in an Emergency warning system for the park.

Motion By: Alli                      2nd By: Kyle

Vote: Yes# 4 No# 0 Pass

**VII. General Updates**

a. Friends of Castroville Regional Park General Update by FCRP Representative

- An upcoming work session is scheduled for Saturday to address weed removal in the butterfly garden.
- The Friends of Castroville Regional Park (FCRP) expressed interest in having more accurate information shared with the public to address and correct ongoing misinformation regarding the Community Center project.

b. General Update by Parks & Recreation Director including:

- **Community Center Construction:** Framing is currently underway.
- **Irrigation:** Recent rains introduced some sediment into the irrigation lines. Crews are actively working to clear the system. The soccer fields will be watered and prepared in time for the upcoming soccer season.
- **Fourth of July Event:** Despite muddy conditions, the event was well-attended and enjoyable.
- **Splash Pad Repairs:** A repair plan is in progress. Discussions with Vortex, the manufacturer, confirmed they are the sole supplier of the installed components. The next steps include following up with the installer (Advanced Aquatics) and the concrete contractor to determine the cause of the issues.
- **TPWD Grant & Public Meeting:** A public meeting was held earlier today and received strong community support. GrantWorks will submit the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant application by August 1st. Letters of support from the community are currently being accepted.
- **Park Facility balance**

Jonah Chang presented an overview of park facility revenues, using data compiled by Finance Director Leroy Vidales. The report covered fiscal years 2020 through the current year. Key points included:

- **Total Revenue (FY 2024–2025 YTD):** \$290,276
- **Peak Revenue Year:** FY 2021–2022, with \$350,320 in total revenue. FY 2022–2023 followed with similar figures.

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- **Recent Decline:** FY 2023–2024 showed a decrease in revenue, likely due to reduced park usage during the summer as a result of the Community Center demolition and ongoing construction.
- **Revenue Breakdown:** The RV park continues to be the largest revenue source, consistently contributing approximately 40–50% of total annual revenue.
- **Park Fees:** Revenue collected from park fees is returned to the city's general fund.

**c. Next Regular Called Meeting:**

August 20, 2025  
Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant feedback
- b. Discussion on Phase II of Pool additions including additional changing areas, showers, restrooms, and handicap accessibility.
- c. Master Plan Update
- d. Lions Park splashpad foundation issues
- e. Regional Park north restroom remodeling spec and budget
- f. Regional Park Pool heating options during the autumn and winter
- g. Discuss and take action on the September Square entrance & walkway improvement plans

**IX. Adjourn**      **TIME 7:01p**

Motion: To Adjourn

Motion By:     Kyle    2nd    By: Stephen

Vote: Yes#      4    No# 0      Pass

Prepared By

Approved By

  
