

**November 11, 2025**

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

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

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Adriana Arrington- Calk, President

Nicol Schriener, Vice President- point of order- attendance at 6:41p

Alli Welch, Secretary

Kyle McVay- Member

Stephen Dauphin- Member

Vacant- Alternate

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Jonah Chang, Director of Parks and Recreation

Bob Lee, District 5 City Council Person

**III. Citizen's comments**

Bob Lee, District 5 Councilperson

Bob shared that City Council has asked the Parks Board to review new developments for park needs and alignment with the City's Park Master Plan. He has also submitted a Council agenda item requesting the Board make recommendations to update parkland dedication requirements—specifically, revising the number of homes triggering parkland dedication, limiting the use of drainage areas as parkland, and encouraging the installation of basic park equipment as part of new developments.

He noted that current and approved subdivisions will nearly triple Castroville's size but offer little multi-use park space comparable to Regional or Lions Park. He attributed this to outdated parkland requirements and previous development agreements that waived many subdivision standards. Council has since repealed that agreement policy and is drafting a more balanced version.

Bob emphasized the importance of creating accessible, high-quality park spaces—including pocket parks with play areas, shaded seating, and pet-friendly features—to build community connections. He recommended that no more than 50% of parkland come from drainage or retention areas, and that developers install trail foundations when trails are included. He also suggested requiring developers to provide shaded seating, play equipment, irrigation, and sod for new park areas to give neighborhoods a strong start.

He added that land valuation in the current ordinance—based on median county appraisal figures—should be revised to reflect true market value or comparative sales to avoid undervaluing parkland or in-lieu fees.

Bob concluded that Castroville must commit to developing first-class parks



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event-day operations. The board discussed offering both paper and online registration options, with payments accepted at the Community Center and managed by Sandy. It was also recommended that the event map mirror the format used for Old Fashion Christmas.

Kyle currently has the existing event map, participant list, and related paperwork.

**Motion:** adopt that the Parks Board take on the City-Wide Yard Sale during the June weekend starting in 2026.

**Motion By:** Nicole

**2nd By:** Stephen

**Vote: Yes# No# Pass/Fail Action:**

- b. Discuss and take appropriate action on updating parkland requirements for new developments

**Discussion**

The Board discussed the need to update parkland requirements for new developments, which are currently under outdated zoning. Members will review the current Parks Master Plan, reference standards from comparable cities, and prepare recommendations for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Brianna will be invited to participate.

A workshop will be held before the end of the month to finalize recommendations for Council consideration at the December 16 meeting. Discussion topics will include the percentage of land to be dedicated as parkland, allowable use of drainage areas or floodplains, minimum park area, required amenities (shade, playground equipment, benches), developer responsibilities for trails and sidewalks, conditions for accepting cash in lieu of parkland, valuation of in-lieu funds based on market value, and alignment with the Parks Master Plan and the Active Transportation Master Plan.

**Motion:** Table item and schedule workshop to further discuss parkland dedication for new developments.

**Motion By:** Alli

**2nd By:** Stephen

**Vote: Yes# 4 No# 0 Pass**

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- c. Discuss and take appropriate action on the construction of showers and dressing rooms and improvements for 2026 season at the Regional Park Pool (survey of community)

**Discussion**

When presented with community building and shower/ restroom options, Council approved the base pool proposal without restrooms or showers and did not pursue an alternate plan to include them. The Board discussed options for addressing this need, including prefabricated units, in-house construction, and lower-cost alternatives. The need for an outdoor rinse shower was also noted.

The Board agreed to define minimum requirements to obtain cost estimates: at least 2 men's and 2 women's restrooms with showers (3 each preferred), plus an additional family restroom/shower facility if feasible.

**Motion:**

Tabled to get more information regarding restroom/ shower options and update at workshop.

**Motion By:** Alli                      **2nd By:** Nicol

**Vote:** Yes# 5    No# 0    Pass

**VI. General Updates**

**a. Friends of Castroville Regional Park (FCRP) General Update**

During the most recent workday, volunteers put down mulch at the park, though additional red mulch will be needed to complete the project. Approximately 80 high school students assisted at Lions and Regional Parks, spreading mulch around trees and placing rocks at the softball field.

**b. General Update by Parks & Recreation Director**

Community Center Construction: Projected completion date is March 3rd (recently updated).

Lions Park Splashpad: Coordination with Wastewater Department to use equipment. Jetter to be used to clear debris and recamera lines to assess any breaks.

BMA Agreement for Walking Trails: Emailed BMA to request agenda placement; no response received yet. If a new agreement is

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negotiated, Jonah recommends a one- or two-year contract with periodic review.

MVSA Soccer Field Usage: Season ending. Association obtained new lights and is assisting with field rotation. Jonah to receive behavioral expectations from VB board. Meeting planned with the association to finalize a contract ensuring shared park use without exclusive control by soccer, aiming for mutual benefit.

Medina River Riparian Restoration Project: No updates. Department plans to mulch bollards to identify road runoff sources.

Regional Park and RV Park: Recognized with Medina County "Best of County" award.

- c. Next Regular Called Meeting:  
December 17, 2025- possibly reschedule to be before council meeting  
Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Phase II of Pool additions including additional changing areas, showers, restrooms, accessibility, and additional programming
- b. Regional Park north restroom remodeling spec and budget
- c. Community Center Usage Policy & Updating Ordinances
- d. September Square brick refurbishment and brick installment policy

**Adjourn            TIME 8:04**

**Motion: To Adjourn**

Prepared By

Approved By

  
