

**CITY OF MURRIETA
Council Chambers
1 Town Square
Murrieta 92562**



**Thursday, January 15, 2026
Parks and Recreation
Commission
6:00 PM**

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**Paul Parker
Chair**

**Robin Gilliland
Vice Chair**

**Whitney Fernandez
Commissioner**

**John Hunneman
Commissioner**

**Chris Collopy
Commissioner**

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6:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The January 15, 2026 Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Parker.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Christopher Collopy, Commissioner John Hunneman, Chairperson Paul Parker, and Commissioner Whitney Fernandez
Absent Vice Chair Robin Gilliland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fernandez.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Collopy, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to approve the agenda of the January 15, 2026 special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Hunneman, Chairperson Parker, and Commissioner Fernandez

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Chair Gilliland

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. 2026 Special Events Update
Special Events Supervisor Laura Frasso and Senior Special Events Recreation Coordinator Nadine Kotob provided an update on special event social media metrics and upcoming special events scheduled from January through June 2026. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.
2. 2026 Senior Center Events and Special Programming
Recreation Coordinator Joseph Baker presented an overview of upcoming events and special programming at the Murrieta Senior Center for January through June 2026. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.
3. Department Analytics - Year in Review
Parks and Community Services Manager Lea Kolek presented the Community Serviced Department analytics for the 2025 calendar year. Analytics were provided for recreation programs, senior services, youth engagement, aquatics programming, community events, and event reservations and facility use. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.

4. Parks and Recreation Trends - The Next Big Thing

Parks and Community Services Manager Lea Kolek provided an overview of emerging trends that shape community interest and participation; and how staff is tracking certain trends and aligning programs, events, and facility planning with the guiding strategies of both the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Trails Master Plan. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

None

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 3

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Collopy to adopt items 1-3 of the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Hunneman, Chairperson Parker, and Commissioner Fernandez

Noes: None

Absent: Vice Chair Gilliland

- 1 Minutes
- 2 Recreation, Activities, and Events Report
- 3 Parks, Projects, and Maintenance Report

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION

1 Strategic Plan Overview & Master Plan Prioritization

Parks and Community Services Manager Lea Kolek Commission provided the commission with an overview of emerging trends in parks, recreation, aquatics, events, and community wellness; discussing ways to connect these trends to the City of Murrieta’s ongoing strategic planning efforts, including both the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the Trails Master Plan. The intent is to set the stage for the Commission’s subsequent discussion on master plan priorities and long-term investment strategies.

2 Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Forecast

There were no changes made to the agenda forecast. The commissioners agreed to participate in an upcoming field trip to visit a number of parks and view completed projects.

COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.