

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



**Thursday, March 6, 2025  
Parks and Recreation  
Commission  
6:00 PM**

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**Chris Collopy  
Chair**

**Paul Parker  
Vice Chair**

**Whitney Fernandez  
Commissioner**

**John Hunneman  
Commissioner**

**Robin Gilliland  
Commissioner**

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<https://murrieta.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>**

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING****CALL TO ORDER**

The March 6, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Collopy.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hunneman.

**REORGANIZATION**

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members at its first regular meeting in February of each year (or first regular meeting thereafter).

Chair Nominations

The floor was opened for Chair nominations. Commissioner Collopy nominated Commissioner Parker for Chair. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Parker accepted the nomination for Chair.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Gilliland to close nominations for Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Chair Election

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Gilliland to appoint Commissioner Parker as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Vice-Chair Nominations

The floor was opened for Vice-Chair nominations. Commissioner Hunneman nominated Commissioner Gilliland for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Gilliland accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to close nominations for Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Vice-Chair Election

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Collopy to appoint Commissioner Gilliland as Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Collopy, seconded by Commissioner Hunneman, to approve the agenda of the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting of March 6, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Hunneman, Vice-Chair Gilliland, and Chairperson Parker

Noes: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Raymond Lopez was called to speak. He spoke about a concern involving a Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association board member and alcohol.

Valerie Sasser, president of Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association, was called to speak in response to Raymond Lopez's comment.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

1. Parks and Community Services Manager, Lea Kolek, introduced new Commissioner Whitney Fernandez. Commissioner Fernandez expressed her desire to serve the Murrieta community.
2. Parks Maintenance Supervisor Josh Havens provided an update on parks maintenance staff and duties. He also provided information on how to use the Murrieta Fix It app. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.
3. Management Analyst Lindsay Sisti provided an update on homeless services and their involvement and assistance with homeless individuals in Murrieta. She also provided information on the biennial point-in-time count. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.
4. Recreation Coordinator Michelle Hamilton provided an update on Alternative Recreation Program (ARP) events, including the annual Valentine's Day dance. She also provided information on the various recreation classes offered at the Community Center. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.
5. Recreation Supervisor Victor Patino provided an update on adult sports, the newly formed pickleball league, and spring field allocations. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 3**

The Commission approved items 1 and 2 of the consent calendar. Item 3 was pulled for discussion.

**Action:** It was moved by Chairperson Parker, seconded by Vice-Chair Gilliland to adopt items 1 and 2 of the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Hunneman, Vice-Chair Gilliland, and Chairperson Parker

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

- 1 Minutes
- 2 Recreation, Activities, and Events Report

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Item 3 - Parks, Projects, and Maintenance Report was pulled for discussion. Commissioner Hunneman had questions about the new City monument and reader board. He also had questions about the pool, and bathroom vandalism at Cal Oaks Sports Parks. Staff provided answers to these questions.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Gilliland, seconded by Commissioner Collopy to adopt item 3 of the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Hunneman, Vice-Chair Gilliland, and Chairperson Parker

Noes: None

Absent: None

**3 Parks, Projects, and Maintenance Report****DISCUSSION****1 Park Assignments**

Parks and Community Services Manager, Lea Kolek, provided background information on park assignments and the role the commissioners play in helping to monitor their assigned parks. It was agreed by the commission that Commissioner Fernandez would take over the parks previously assigned to former Commissioner Wood.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Collopy, seconded by Chairperson Parker, to approve the updated park assignments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Hunneman, Vice-Chair Gilliland, and Chairperson Parker

Noes: None

Absent: None

**2 Renaming Bear Valley Park 2 and Mapleton Trails**

Parks and Community Services Manager, Lea Kolek, provided a report and suggested names to the Commission for the renaming of Bear Valley Park 2, and the three Mapleton trails. After discussion, the commission agreed to change the name of Bear Valley Park 2 to Englemann Oak Park. Mapleton Trail A was changed to Floral Loop Trail. Mapleton Trail B was changed to Mapleton Loop Trail. Mapleton Trail C was changed to Keller Point Trail.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Hunneman, seconded by Commissioner Collopy, to approve the renaming of Bear Valley Park 2 and Mapleton Trails. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Collopy, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Hunneman, Vice-Chair Gilliland, and Chairperson Parker

Noes: None

Absent: None

**3** Off-Leash Dogs Discussion

Parks and Community Services Manager, Lea Kolek, provided the commission an update on the steps that have been taken to help alleviate off-leash dogs in City parks. Questions by the commissioners were asked and answered.

**4** Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Forecast

Parks and Community Services Manager, Lea Kolek, provided the commission the agenda forecast with proposed agenda topics for the next year. The commission had no changes or additions to the agenda forecast at this time.

**COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.