

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MICKE GROVE REGIONAL PARK MEMORIAL BUILDING
11793 NORTH MICKE GROVE ROAD, LODI CALIFORNIA
Minutes of March 25, 2025
ACCEPTED

I. CALL TO ORDER

Notice having duly been given, the Feb. 4, 2025 meeting of the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Fuhs at 5:30 PM. Chairwoman Fuhs has assumed chairmanship for 2025, with

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Mooney	Commissioner Fuhs	Commissioner Fry
Commissioner Dake	Commissioner Serfozo	

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Sahyoun	Commissioner Clark
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EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF

Dan Wirtz, General Services Director
Ashika Lal, Parks Administrator

II. INTRODUCTION OF PARKS ADMINISTRATOR ASHIKA LAL

Mr. Wirtz introduced Ms. Lal, who has been in the role for one month. She has over 20 years of experience in city and special districts, both dependent and independent of county. She serves as the Region 1 Representative for the CPRS State Board, although she does not represent San Joaquin County. Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Ms. Lal.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Dake and commissioners discussed signage replacement, mow and clearing of fire break area prior to an April 26 volunteer event, an incident regarding a bike being lifted over the fence to gain access and ongoing efforts to secure neighboring properties. Staff said site inspections confirmed signage needs with a plan expected in the next 90 days, the fire break will be mowed before the April 26 event.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Feb. 4, 2025 minutes were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Mooney, seconded by Commissioner Fry.

V. PARKS REPORT

1. Community Parks Improvements

Mr. Wirtz reported the following:

South County Regional Park - Project continues with meeting ongoing for Phase 2, progressing eventually to Phase 3. Public outreach continues with a pop-up scheduled for April 12's Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt.

The Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt – Event slated for Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is available on the Parks' website and social media, event is expected to draw over 3,000 guests.

Micke Grove Miniature Golf - Planning continues with design specifications finalized soon and a future naming contest involving local school districts.

Shumway Oak Grove Inclusive Playground - Design reviews in progress, a future meeting with the architect is scheduled to review updated concepts.

Shumway Oak Grove Paddle Boats - Aim to have paddle boats operational by the end of April, providing an additional recreational opportunity.

Westgate Landing Mooring and Fishing Dock – Currently in the bidding phase to procure and install a new dock.

Micke Grove Septic System & Irrigation – Bids are open for septic contract, expected to close April 1 with bid reviews and contract award thereafter; irrigation project is nearing completion with maintenance and reseeding efforts underway.

2. **Parks Master Plan**

Mr. Wirtz stated that Ms. Lal will be developing a ten-year Master Plan focusing on existing park improvements, new projects, staffing levels and potential adjustments.

VI. ZOO REPORT

1. **Zoo Report**

Mr. Wirtz said work continues toward AZA accreditation with another meeting scheduled Friday with an assigned mentor. Plans for a separate zoo budget as well as dedicated staffing will lend to that pursuit.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Parks Commission Meeting Schedule 2025**

Commissioners were presented with an alternative schedule in which commission meetings would be held on the 4th Wednesday instead of the current 4th Tuesday. Chairwoman Fuhs said she has conflicts, as does Commissioner Clark, who was absent due to a schedule conflict. Commissioner Mooney said he made the request to eliminate staff issues with the Board of Supervisors meeting, Mr. Wirtz stated there is rarely an issue which should preclude himself or Ms. Hart from attending the meeting should Ms. Lal not be available. Thus, on a motion by Commissioner Mooney, seconded by Commissioner Dake, commissioners unanimously approved retaining the current 4th Tuesday schedule.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion to Move SJC Parks Commission Meeting Schedule to 4th Wednesday**

On a motion by Commissioner Fry, seconded by Commissioner Dake, commissioners unanimously approved the 2025 meeting schedule.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Lal expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and voiced excitement to be a part of San Joaquin County Parks.

X. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Serfozo stated he will be resigning his post as he will be moving to Lodi, the commission thanked him for his service and wished him well.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Fuhs adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m.