



# Parks Arts and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

June 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting, City Hall

**Chair**  
**Tricia Montelongo**

**Brett Hunt**  
**Commissioner**

**Lilia Queen**  
**Commissioner**

**Maverick Shuck**  
**Commissioner**

**Matthew Rupard**  
**Commissioner**

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# Parks Arts and Recreation Commission

June 10, 2025

## REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m.

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL:** Chair / Montelongo  
Commissioner Hunt  
Commissioner Queen  
Commissioner Shuck  
Commissioner Rupard

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time the public is invited to address the Parks Arts and Recreation Commission concerning any agenda item, which is not a public hearing item, or other items under the jurisdiction of the Parks Arts and Recreation Commission.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The purpose of these reports is to provide information on projects and programs that are discussed at sub-committee meetings. No decisions are to be made on these issues. If a Commission member would like formal action on any of the discussed items, it will be placed on a future Commission Agenda.

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### PARKS ARTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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1. **Approval of Minutes** – May 13, 2025
  - Recommended action: Approve
2. **Monthly Report** – Staff to provide updates of programs, services, and projects offered by the Community Services Department.
  - Navigation Center Update
  - CIP projects
  - Budget cuts for CS
3. **Summer Programming**
4. **Commissioner Comments and Requests**
  - Golden Bridge
  - Transportation Plan
5. **Staff Comments**
6. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule** – Staff and Commission to review agenda items and schedule upcoming meetings and meeting locations.

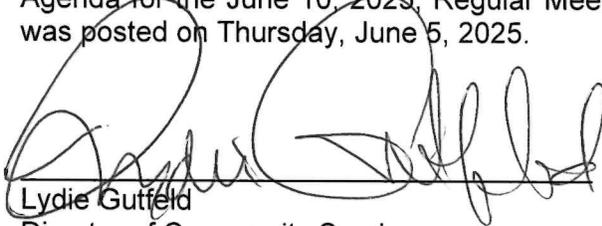
**ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks Arts and Recreation Commission adjourns to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 8 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

I, Lydie Gutfeld, Director of Community Services for the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Parks Arts and Recreation Commission was posted on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lydie Gutfeld', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lydie Gutfeld  
Director of Community Services

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
May 13, 2025

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**Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Tricia Montelongo, Commissioner Lilia Queen, Commissioner Matthew Rupard

Absent: Commissioner Brett Hunt, Commissioner Maverick Shuck,

Staff Present: Director of Community Services, Lydie Gutfled; Administrative Assistant, Daniela Escobedo

Guests: Aaron Mills, Heather Gapik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Daniela Escobedo

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Pickleball admins Aaron Mills and Heather Gapik addressed the Commission regarding signage for their group, explaining they are unsure who created a memorial sign. They are delicately trying to solve this issue while mourning the loss of a group member. Director Gutfled suggested that the group review the city's policy if they are still interested in having the sign, and with the approval of the commission, it would then go to City Council for further review. Commissioner Queen mentioned concerns with baseball groups wanting to name the fields in response to the pickleball groups signage. Director Gutfled suggested a perpetual plaque that could be updated with the names of passed pickleball members.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

The Commission discussed the availability of tennis courts. Director Gutfled is working on a joint-use agreement with the local school district that would allow the use of high school tennis courts on weekends. She noted that the tennis courts on Rose Drive in Yorba Linda remain available to residents for recreational tennis use.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the April 8, 2025, meeting were **MOTIONED** for approval by Chair Montelongo. Commissioner Queen **SECONDED** the motion. Motion carried.

**2. MONTHLY REPORT**

**a. Navigation Center Update**

Director Gutfled provided the Commission with an update on the Navigation Center. She noted that due to the *Grant Pass* court case in Oregon, cities are no longer federally required to operate a navigation center after 10 years. With five years remaining in the current contract, Director Gutfled expressed

that the city will continue to maintain a navigation center beyond the contract's expiration. She emphasized her commitment to collaborating with 12 other Orange County cities to develop a long-term plan for supporting individuals experiencing homelessness once the agreement concludes.

**b. Council approved CIP projects**

Director Gutfeld informed the Commission that fencing at McFadden playground is scheduled to be installed, the park's ribbon-cutting set for June 25<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that the department has applied for a \$1.5 million grant through California State Parks and the National Park Service. While the National Park Service has currently placed all grants on hold, she noted that the city remains eligible for other available grant opportunities.

**c. Kraemer/Fountain update**

Director Gutfeld provided the Commission with an update on the ongoing project. She stated they have finalized with the landscape architects the selection of plants their placement. Each member of the Commission was given a copy of the layout of plants for the project. An AI generated rendering of the completed project will be presented to City Council on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Director Gutfeld stated that art projects will be created out of dolphins. She presented some ideas for the use of the dolphins to the Commission. She estimates that the project will be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. She also mentioned that design for Jaycee Parkette 95% complete, noting that the bridge connecting to Melrose Elementary will be shut down during construction of the park. A 60-day notice will be issued to residents in advance of closure.

Additional updates included the successful processing of documents to receive the Prop 68 refund for La Placita Parkette. The Los Vaqueros storm ditch work is scheduled to begin the following week, and Tynes Gym has been scheduled for roof replacement in September and October. Director Gutfeld addressed concerns about a bus obstructing the sidewalk at Wagner Park, adding that she is obtaining quotes from the playground developer. She is exploring the use of Park Impact Funds for the sidewalk improvements, with the goal of completing the project within three months.

**3. Summer Programming**

Administrative Assistant Escobedo informed the Commission that summer programming will officially begin on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. She noted that seasonal staff have been onboarded, with training scheduled to start on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Flyers promoting the City's Centennial Celebration fundraising events at local restaurants were distributed to each Commissioner. Director Gutfeld shared that the first fundraising event will take place at FOB. Chair Montelongo added that the owner of Primecut Taqueria has expressed interest in participating in the fundraising efforts.

**4. Commissioners Comments and Request**

Chair Montelongo noted the lack of signage at the park located on Palm. Director Gutfeld shared that she has included this request in the CIP, with a proposed allocation of \$60,000 to support consistent signage across all city parks. She added that a strategic signage plan is underway and that she will coordinate with Public Works to implement the installations. Commissioner Queen asked about the city's policy for renaming parks. Director Gutfeld stated that she will email the official policy to each member of the Commission.

**5. Staff Comments**

None at this time.

**6. Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Chair Montelongo requested that the construction of the Golden bridge and the Transportation Plan be added to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Rupard **MOTIONED** to adjourn to the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. The regular meeting will be held in-person. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Queen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned on May 13, 2025, at 7:33 P.M.