

1. A. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Soiseth called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
PRESENT: Councilmembers Gil Esquer, Amy Bublak (*via teleconference*), Matthew Jacob, and Mayor Gary Soiseth.
ABSENT: Councilmember Bill DeHart

CALL TO ORDER - Commission Vice Chair Nicole Larson called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Holly, Jeremy Frank, Michael Foster, Sandra Loza (*arrived at 5:36 p.m.*), Marlene Dhallin, and Nicole Larson.
ABSENT: Chair Brent Bohlender
- B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Soiseth announced that Councilmember Bublak is participating via teleconference at the location described on the agenda and introduced Kate Cook from the Interim City Attorney's Office.

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation: Parks and Recreation Month, July 2018, accepted by Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder

Mayor Soiseth and Vice Chair Larson presented a Proclamation to Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder in recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, July 2018.

- B. Recognition: Certificates of Recognition for our Partners in Parks and Recreation

Mayor Soiseth and Vice Chair Larson issued Certificates of Recognition to the Turlock Sunrise Rotary and the Turlock Library for their partnerships in Parks and Recreation.

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Staff Services Analyst Juan Vargas issued a Certificate of Recognition to Eagle Scout Troop 451 for their partnership in Parks and Recreation, expressed appreciation to the 16 individuals and organizations that have contributed as partners in Parks and Recreation, and spoke about sponsorships for the Adopt-a-Park program.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**: None

5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**: None

6. PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION COMMISSION/STAFF UPDATES:

A. Public Art Update

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director Allison Van Guilder provided an update on various public arts projects including the community mural project, decommissioned public art (former Energy Burst and Scandinavian wood carving sculpture), and the Califia statue.

Council and staff discussed this item.

B. Community Garden

Vice Chair Larson provided an update on Community Gardens including review of various cities policies/case studies and potential partnerships to be brought forward to the Commission for future recommendation the Council.

Council discussed this item.

C. Fitness Initiative

Commissioner Holly provided an update on the Fitness Initiative including review of options to involve the whole community in this initiative and various locations/lands to install equipment.

Council, Commissioners, and staff discussed this item.

7. COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES

This section of the meeting allows Council and Commissioners to provide informational comments and updates. Since these are informational comments and updates, no action or discussion may be undertaken, except that the Council and/or the Commission may request the matter be placed on a future agenda.

A. Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission Comments/Updates

Commissioner Loza spoke regarding concerns she has received about cobwebs and spiders at parks more specifically Donnelly Park and requested an update at a Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meeting on how the City addresses these types of issues.

Commissioner Frank spoke regarding concerns he has received about a dead grass area and lack of shade near the dog park area at Centennial Park and noted when the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission meets.

B. City Council Comments/Updates: No updated provided.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission
- B. City Council

Motion by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Jacob, seconded by Councilmember Esquer, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Jennifer Land
City Clerk