PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Officials

Chair: Alan Flores
Vice Chair: Lizette Ruiz
Secretary: Cynthia Esquivel
Commissioner: Edgar Pelayo
Commissioner: Vacant
Parks & Recreation Director: Steve Costley

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Meeting Compensation Disclosure

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Report on Posting

I, Ana Medina, Executive Assistant, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was properly posted on November 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., as required by law.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2025 and September 11, 2025.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented

Documents:

08-14-25 Minutes.pdf
09-11-25 Minutes.pdf

Public Comment

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Presentation by Street Soccer

Open Session Items

1. REVIEW OF PRESENTATION BY STREET SOCCER
Recommended Motion: Provide feedback and direction to staff

Documents:

11-13-25 ITEM 1 STAFF REPORT.pdf

2. REVIEW OF RECREATION DIVISION 1ST QUARTER FY 2025/26
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

Documents:

11-13-25 ITEM 2 STAFF REPORT.pdf

3. REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS 1ST QUARTER FY 2025/26
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

Documents:

11-13-25 ITEM 3 STAFF REPORT.pdf

4. ORAL REPORT ON PARK SURVEY RESULTS

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file

Director's Report/Calendar of Events

Parks & Recreation Commission Sub-Committee Reports

Request for Items on Future Agendas

Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER - Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - by Vice Chair Ruiz

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Executive Assistant
Present: Chair Flores, Vice Chair Ruiz, Secretary Cynthia Esquivel and Commissioner Edgar Pelayo.
Staff: Deputy Director Tina Fierro, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey, Salomon Lopez, Recreation Coordinator, and Franklyn Arroyo, Fitness Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2025 and May 8, 2025
Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
M/S/C: Secretary Esquivel/Commissioner Pelayo

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Recognized: Fitness Coordinator Franklin Arroyo, he explained the new fitness classes being offered, step aerobics, yoga, combo boxing class, and a HIIT class. Invited the Commissioners

Recognized: Daniel Canal, volunteers with the SGJAA, whose board is all volunteers, providing low cost team play to the community. As a partner organization, they are offered fields and courts as the City provides to the other partner organizations, like AYSO, Aztecs Youth Football, and the Aquatics Team the uses the pool for free. Wanted to point out to the commission how great the JAA is for the community.

Recognized: Edith Lilly, asked for help in getting a refund from the SGJAA. She's sent emails, but hasn't gotten a response.

Recognized: Roberto Sanchez, requests more pickle ball courts in the parks. It's a great sport for seniors, it has become a popular sport.

Recognized: Ernest Medina, a board member for the JAA organization, there was a board of review on Ms. Edith, her kids weren't kicked out, the team is still actively playing, she voluntarily took them out, they were not asked to leave. They were offered credit since refunds are not given. The coach left the team, it's a Peanut division, score is not kept, the children are there to learn the fundamentals to prepare them for the next level.

Deputy Dir. De La Rosa read emails that were submitted for Public Comment:
Candice Solache wants to address Council Member Avalos' question at the conclusion of the August 12 council meeting, asking if the JAA has insurance and if guidelines exist between the City and the JAA. This stems from an individual that is not happy that the four- and five-year-olds don't play competitive games. Her opinion is Council Member Avalos' complaint is political to discredit Mayor Barron; this has happened in the past. Urges the Commission to rise above petty politics and focus on serving our community with integrity and respect. And avoid divisive and unproductive attacks.

Alma Ochoa volunteers for the SGJAA, feels that the attacks of the JAA are politically motivated. Council Member Avalos referred to a parent's request for $80. The parent signed a contract that states no refunds will be issued. The issue began because the coach was not following the rules, and he's the husband of the complainant, and was playing competitively regardless of their age and he decided to leave the team. Council Member Avalos did not reach out to the JAA board instead she politicized the situation.

Evelyn Andrade has been part of the parks and recreation programs for three years. When my children played against the purple team they were treated very aggressively by the coach. One of our players was crying. I feel the coach failed his commitment to the team. Please consider all sides and thank you.

Mary Sanchez as a parent of a child in JAA, I and very concerned with the comments made my Council Member Avalos at the conclusion of the August 12, 2025 Council meeting. She questioned the integrity of the JAA, based on a single parent complaint. The JAA has always been respectful of the players and parents. The coach left the team and within 24 hours a replacement had been found; the coach and his wife still attend JAA games of their older child. How many other Council Members or Commissioners volunteer in youth programs? What I have seen during Council meetings and social media these attacks seem to be politically motivated. Respectfully, stop using this youth program for political attacks.

Cynthia Cypert Durning the JAA board meeting Ms. Lilly came in with two other parents and stated that was upset that this division was not competitive, that is what she signed up for as did her husband, the coach, and it was explained to him in the coaching contract. One of the parents said he wanted his child to keep playing. The contract Ms. Lilly signed clearly states No Refunds. After the coach quit in eight hours we had another coach, so the children can still play and practice without disruption. She asked for a copy of the minutes, I tried to explain to her that Park staff doesn't have access to our minutes and we do not fall under the Sunshine Laws and are not government affiliated so our minutes are not open to the public. It was hard for others to speak since Ms. Lilly kept interrupting.

Cesar Ochoa want to address a troubling incident during a recent game my child was in. As outlined in the rules the primary goal for children at this level is to learn the fundamentals. I was very concerned by the actions of the coach specifically instructing children to aggressively smack and take the ball away from their peers. This behavior is not appropriate but caused one of the children to cry feeling overwhelmed by the aggression. I respectfully ask that you review this incident and take appropriate steps to ensure all coaches foster a positive, supportive environment that encourages participation, skill development and mutual respect among the children

Jose Luis Mercado I want to express my appreciation to the JAA for its outstanding contributions to the community. They have made a positive impact for my children; I enrolled seven of my children, who are now adults; this helped them with their careers in sports. Six of my children are athletic trainers for a variety of professional worldwide sports. I want to thank the JAA for being an invaluable part of the community and their continued positive impact.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. REVIEW OF RECREATION PROGRAMS - 4TH QUARTER 2024/25

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Vice Chair Ruiz/Secretary Esquivel
Deputy Dir. De La Rosa reviewed this item. Secretary Esquivel stated she attended most of the special events. Vice Chair Ruiz said they are great events and thanked the partner organizations for their work.

Would like to have the resolution to the issue brought back next month; Deputy Dir. De La Rosa explained that since it was brought up a Council it has to stay at that level. She asked how pool staff are affected by the budget cuts. Deputy Dir. De La Rosa stated that the aquatics programs have been reinstated. Commissioner Pelayo asked if the switch over of the credit card happened before, Deputy Dir. De La Rosa said yes, when the City went with a different recreation software provider. Chair Flores asked about the Teen Program; staff is working hard on preparing for the grand opening. A discussion ensued.

2. REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE - 4TH QUARTER 2024/25

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

M/S/C: Secretary Esquivel/Commissioner Pelayo

Parks Supt. Massey reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Vice Chair Ruiz asked if trees that are cut down are replaced. Parks Supt. Massey explained the replacement procedure. Commissioner Pelayo asked about the gopher abatement, Parks Supt. Massey stated that different staff has different methods and the count varies.

3. UPDATE ON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAJOR PROJECTS

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

M/S/C: Commissioner Pelayo/Secretary Esquivel

Deputy Dir. De La Rosa reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Vice Chair Ruiz asked about the Auditorium roof project and if the AC would be replaced at the same time; Deputy Dir. De La Rosa said that the project is in the planning stages and yes the AC will be done at the same time. She also asked about the huts and the treatment plant storage of chemicals and waste. Deputy Dir. De La Rosa said that they just had the first meeting. Asked about the Circle Park delays, she was informed of the progress. Commissioner Pelayo asked if the waste station will require taking down huts; only two, but they will be replaced. And where did they find additional funding for the Auditorium AC; Deputy Dir. De La Rosa replied she didn't know. Chair Flores asked why the low priority for the huts; Parks Supt. Massey explained it was a funding issue. Vice Chair Ruiz suggested putting up signs on how to get to the Urban Orchard.

4. REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES FOR HALLOWEEN

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

M/S/C: Vice Chair Ruiz/Commissioner Pelayo

Recreation Coordinator Salomon Lopez reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Secretary Esquivel thanked him for the energetic report. Vice Chair Ruiz looks forward to the event. Commissioner Pelayo hopes to make it as a judge.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deputy Dir. De La Rosa: Held the Ball'n after Dark event in July, because of its success staff held dodge ball and volleyball after dark events. We were asked to hold a ball'n after Dark type of event for kids. Staff will be having one named Bam for high school kids. Concerts in the Park was revamped with food trucks and a beer garden; they were all well attended. 40 families registered for the Family Camp Out event, had a great time. Movies in the Park started on Thursday nights at the Golf Course and at Hollydale Community Park on Fridays. We hosted a SCMAF membership meeting that ended with an intercity golf game. July 16 was Parks & Recreation Professionals Day; we celebrated staff and the work they do with lots of really good food. There will be a golf tournament on the 17. Recitals are next week; on Saturday the 23 Jennifer is holding Museum film screening. The Fun Run was this past Saturday, great event.

Parks Supt. Massey: LA County will holding a free tire recycling event on August 23 at parking lot #6 between 9-3.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary Esquivel: Wasn't able to attend this year's camping event but looking forward to next year.

Vice Chair Ruiz: Planning on attending Movies in the Park next year.

Commissioner Pelayo: What was the attendance at the Camping event last year; last year it was 25 families. Maybe the Boy Scouts can be asked to assist with the event.

Chair Flores: Attended all Concerts in the Park and enjoyed them. Has received complaints that it's the same type of music, he informed them that they have changed the bands. Asked if local breweries could be used for the beer garden? The current vendor doesn't charge us to come out.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS - Vice Chair Ruiz asked for a report on the fee reimbursement; Deputy Dir. De La Rosa explained that Partner Organizations are their own entity, and the City doesn't oversee them and can't step in when they have disputes; would like a report on the procedures to get permit for the park, specifically regarding soccer play.
Commissioner Pelayo would like a report on CDBG funds received and how they were used. Would like a list of the Partner Organizations' board meeting dates.
Chair Flores would like an update on the pickle ball courts.

ADJOURNMENT - At 9:15 p.m. Vice Chair Ruiz asked for a motion to adjourn.
M/S/C: Secretary Esquivel/Vice Chair Ruiz

Respectfully submitted:

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Cynthia Esquivel, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called for a moment of silence for those that lost their lives in 2001.

FLAG SALUTE - by Commissioner Pelayo

ROLL CALL - by Ana Medina, Executive Assistant
Present: Chair Flores, Vice Chair Ruiz, Secretary Cynthia Esquivel and Commissioner Edgar Pelayo.
Staff: Director of Parks & Recreation Steve Costley, Deputy Director Tina Fierro, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey, Aquatics Supervisor Leslie Consuegra, Fitness Coordinator Franklyn Arroyo, and Jessica Villalobos.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025
Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
M/S/C: Commissioner Pelayo/Secretary Esquivel

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Email from: Mario Dominguez SG resident, he is upset other cities have applied for grants for splash pads and asks if SG Parks & Recreation Department will be applying also. Expressed his displeasure with Council Member Avalos for nominating Robert Monalvo as a possible Parks & Recreation Commissioner and Director Costley did not oppose her nomination.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPORTS & AQUATICS DIVISIONS REPORT
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Vice Chair Ruiz/Commissioner Pelayo
Deputy Dir. De La Rosa introduced Aquatics Supervisor Consuegra, she reviewed the aquatics portion of this report; a discussion ensued. Fitness Coordinator Franklyn Arroyo spoke on the fitness classes and events; a discussion ensued. Recreation Coordinator Jessica Villalobos explained the youth and adult sports; a discussion ensued.

2. ANNUAL REVIEW FEES
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Secretary Esquivel/Vice Chair Ruiz
Director Costley reviewed this report; a discussion ensued. Chair Flores asked what is the criteria to receive a fee waiver; there is a Fee Waiver policy, and a copy will be emailed to all the Commissioners.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Director Costley: There is a gentleman by the name of Christopher Gerry doing his thesis on Parks & Recreation Commissions, he requests their permission to email them a survey; they all responded yes. Director Costley made the announcement that he is retiring after 37 years in South Gate and a total of 48 years in parks & recreation. The Commissioners thanked him for his service. The Pageant of the Trees event will be Saturday, December 6.

Deputy Dir. De La Rosa: The Teen Center opening will be September 15 from 3 to 6pm. Handed the

Commissioners a memo for Santa's Breakfast event. Will bring a detailed report on the survey in November, the top three replies were, 1) bringing kids to playground, 2) fitness/exercise/gym membership, 3) to play sports. The replies for the choice between new features of upgrades were about 50/50. Upcoming events are the recitals, a karate tournament, Art Walk at the Auditorium, Senior Ball event, Circle Park reopening, this year there will be a fireworks show at the Halloween event at SG Park, and Winter Wonderland will be on December 4.
Commissioner Pelayo would like staff to continue with the survey.

Parks Supt. Massey: Explained the renovations of the ball fields, they will be touched up in November. Hourly Worker, Mario Esquer was promoted to full time Grounds Worker, and Sergio Lupin and Anibal Chavez are new Park Facilities Workers.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
Vice Chair Ruiz: Expressed her support of Parks staff.

Commissioner Pelayo: Asked about the special needs issue with the restroom at Cesar Chavez Park. Director Costley explained that the child has sensory issues, and dirty restrooms are one of his triggers. Staff does what they can to make sure the restrooms are clean, but that is not always possible due to the amount of use and the homeless issues. He has also spoke with the mother and explained this to her.

Chair Flores: Thank you to the Commissioners for their dedication as Parks & Recreation Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS - none

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:00 p.m. Chair Flores asked for a motion to adjourn.
M/S/C: Commissioner Pelayo/Secretary Esquivel

Respectfully submitted:

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Cynthia Esquivel, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

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STAFF REPORT ITEM No. 1

To: **Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission**
From: **Tina De La Rosa, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation**
Date: **October 23, 2025**
Subject: **Discussion of Street Soccer Presentation**

Recommended Motion: Provide feedback and direction to staff.

Report Summary: To inform the Parks and Recreation Commission of a presentation by Street Soccer USA, a nonprofit organization, regarding their interest in developing two Street Soccer fields at Hollydale Regional Park.

Street Soccer USA (SSUSA), a nationally recognized nonprofit, focused on sports-based youth development, has expressed interest in establishing a presence in South Gate by building two Street Soccer courts at Hollydale Regional Park. Their mission is to provide accessible soccer opportunities in underserved communities while promoting community engagement, health, and youth development.

SSUSA would like to present their concept to the Parks and Recreation Commission, which includes:

- Construction of two street soccer fields at Hollydale Regional Park
- A proposed partnership with AYSO, the youth soccer organization that currently practices at the park
- A goal of providing lighted fields to support evening practices and extended play hours
- A timeline aimed at completing the project prior to the 2026 FIFA World Cup
- Funding provided by VISA, SSUSA's corporate sponsor and long-time partner

This proposal has the potential to be a mutually beneficial partnership:

- AYSO would benefit from limited increased access to lit fields, a need they have consistently expressed.
- Street Soccer USA would bring infrastructure, programming, and community resources to South Gate at little to no cost to the City.
- The project aligns with the City's goals of improving recreational facilities and expanding youth programming opportunities.
- With the 2026 World Cup approaching, this project could serve as a timely enhancement to the City's sports and community offerings.

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STAFF REPORT ITEM No. 2

To: **Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission**
From: **Steve Costley, Director of Parks & Recreation**
Date: **October 23, 2025**

Subject: **Review of Recreation Programs 1st Quarter FY 2025/26**

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

Report Summary:

Aquatics
The summer season marked a strong start to the fiscal year at the Swim Stadium. We brought back Moonlight Lagoon, held Monday through Thursday, 9:00pm - 9:45pm. Once we reopened on Fridays, we reintroduced an extra Family Swim hour in the evening 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Family Swim attendance regularly reached capacity, averaging between 200 - 250 participants per session. Weekend private rentals, were once again fully booked, maintaining their popularity throughout the whole summer.

We continued to offer a full range of group, private, and semi-private swim lessons for all ages. This quarter, approximately 1,500 individuals were taught essential swim skills and water safety. Of those, the majority were for youth (ages 6-17) group lessons, but we saw steady participation from our Tiny Tots (ages 3-5) and Adults (ages 18+), with an increase in our Parent & Child (ages 6 mos-2 years) participation. Our private and semi-private lessons remained strong, with the program being at full capacity all summer.

Specialty programs also returned in full swing. Gators Swim Academy and Junior Lifeguard programs, catered to more advanced youth looking for a physical challenge and leadership development. The program culminated in an end-of-season beach trip which we combined with our Surfing classes. Feeder programs such as Pre-Competitive Swim Class and Junior Water Polo saw over 50 registrations combined. We were also proud to bring back our Summer Splash Camp, a dynamic and fun-filled program focused on water safety and aquatics sports like diving, water polo, and surfing. The camp also offered activities such as water balloon tosses, pool volleyball, and aquatic obstacle courses. Over 150 campers participated over the 8-week season.

Our partnership with the World's Largest Swimming Lesson continued as part of our ongoing mission to emphasize that "swimming lessons save lives." The event was free to the public and co-hosted by the South Gate Aqua Coalition (SGAC), drawing nearly 200 attendees.

Free Community Swim Days also made a big splash this quarter. We hosted the Summer Kick-Off Splash (June), 4th of July Splash, and Back-to-School Splash (August). Each event welcomed approximately 100 attendees, offering a free family swim session and family-friendly lawn games to promote water safety, recreation, and community engagement.

Fitness

In the first quarter of this year, we experienced a positive trend in Sports Center memberships. We sold or renewed a total of 4,000 memberships. The Fitness membership segment was particularly strong, accounting for 66% of all memberships sold. This growth indicates that majority are increasingly drawn to our fitness classes, programs, and gym facilities.

Sports Center check-ins for the quarter reached approximately 21,000. Fitness memberships continue to account for the majority of check-ins totaling around 14,500 (66%), while Sports Center Daily admissions came in at approximately 4,000. The bulk of daily admissions were for Sports Adult with over 1500 drop-ins during the quarter. With the presence of the Junior Athletic Association's indoor basketball season during this period there was less open gym availability, contributing to a decrease in drop-in recreation basketball participants. We expanded our group exercise class schedule: two HIIT classes, one Advanced Yoga, one Combo Boxing and one more Zumba class in the mornings. All new classes were well received with attendance steadily increasing. Currently, the Sports Center offers 38 group exercises classes per week!

Personal training services have remained relatively steady, with a total of 23 packages sold last quarter to now a total of 22 packages sold this quarter. The 12-session private package and the 16-session semi-private option continue to be the most sought-after choices, despite this being a slower season for personal training as many of our clients participate in the Biggest Loser Challenge.

We successfully hosted our 4th Annual Fun Run on Saturday, July 19, attracting over 550 registered runners and several hundred spectators. Each participant received a complimentary T-shirt, and headband. The one-mile course featured a variety of fun elements, including inflatable obstacle courses, water slides, a mud pit, ice crawl, foam areas, and plenty of splash zones. This year the event was sponsored by Tampico and Amazon.

Youth Sports:

The first quarter kicked off with strong participation, as all youth fundamental sports classes filled within just a few hours of opening registration for the summer session. Our core programs—basketball, volleyball, baseball, multi-sport, and soccer—remained highly popular, offering introductory drills and lessons in each respective sport. For the fall registration, class formats were slightly modified to incorporate new drills and training methods aimed at enhancing player development.

Karate contract classes also saw high demand this summer. Instructor Juan Larios continues to deliver high-quality instruction, teaching students both the techniques and values of Karate. Additionally, Juan Larios' dojo hosted its annual International Karate Tournament on September 14, which featured competitors from Ecuador, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and local athletes. The event was a success, drawing over 190 competitors and 500 spectators.

Lastly, the Rec on the Run program wrapped up in August, providing engaging recreational activities for the community during the Concerts in the Park series.

Adult Sports:

The first quarter of Adult Sports concluded on a high note, with new champions crowned in both the Men's and Co-ed Softball leagues. This season saw strong participation, with 40 teams competing across seven divisions, each battling weekly for the top spot. Champions were awarded redesigned championship hoodies along with team trophies. Fall registration brought in another impressive turnout, with 38 teams spread across 6 divisions.

"Basketball After Dark" returned on July 2, featuring eight teams competing in pool-play format followed by a single-elimination tournament. The winning team took home custom shirts and backpacks. Building on that success, we introduced the first-ever "Dodgeball After Dark" event on July 16. Five teams participated, with the champions receiving a South Gate water bottle and branded sack-pack.

Open Play Volleyball on Tuesday nights remained a community favorite, drawing over 800 drop-in participants this quarter. Due to its popularity, we launched the inaugural "Volleyball After Dark" event on July 29, which featured 8 teams. The winning team received custom shirts and sack-packs.

The South Gate Sports Center Gymnasium recently underwent a significant scoreboard upgrade. Planning began in early 2025 and was completed in September. The improvements include new scoreboards for the main court, and smaller scoreboards for the two auxiliary courts. In addition, shot clocks were installed on all courts—an enhancement that sets the facility apart, as few recreation centers in the area offer this feature.

Currently, we are in the recruitment phase for the upcoming Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues, aiming to launch the season this winter.

Sports Partner Organizations:

The South Gate Aztecs began their Fall Season preparations with practices on Diamonds 9 and 10 at South Gate Park every Tuesday and Wednesday.

SGJAA's baseball and softball summer seasons ran smoothly, attracting hundreds of youth who filled the park six days a week. Their highly popular summer Basketball League also operated seamlessly throughout the season and culminated with a friendly

and competitive Coaches vs. Staff game where the JAA earned the hard-fought victory.

AYSO continues to be a major presence at Hollydale Regional Park, with over 30 teams practicing and playing games daily across five lined fields. The Fall season remains their busiest, with numerous teams filling the park throughout the week.

Youth Programs

The Tot Time and Tiny Two's programs came to an end on the week of August 21. The final day featured themed activities—Camping Day for Tiny Two's and a Water Play Area for Tot Time. Three new staff members were hired and shadowed classes during this time. A television has been installed in Room B for Tiny Two's use to expand lessons and offer interactive components. Our Lil Chef program was again at full capacity for both sessions. Many recipes were reviewed and executed, our final week featured birthday cake soft-baked cookies and Monte Cristo sandwiches.

Special Events:

This year's Summer Concerts in the Park series featured an incredible lineup of performances, including Mariachi Divas, Knyght Ryder, Vilma Diaz y La Sonora, Those Guys, and Los Del Momento. We moved all performances to Thursday evenings in July and extended the event by an hour, running from 6pm to 9pm. The additional hour allotted to each concert was to keep the party going as we added in a DJ dance party spinning the hottest tunes for all to enjoy.

We also modified the event layout, relocating the beer garden closer to the stage to enhance the concert experience. Each event showcased a delicious selection of food trucks, including Lucille's BBQ, Tijuanas Birria, Adamz Pizza Stop, Sending Noods, Tacos al Cabron, Churro Panzon, Inglorious Funnels, and Kona Ice. Tap Truck LA operated the beer garden, while Tampico distributed complimentary products to guests. Inside the beer garden, attendees could relax and play a variety of board and card games. Guests also enjoyed fun giveaways, such as color-changing cups, inflatable instruments, koozies, beach balls, and glow sticks. Additionally, Rec on the Run provided engaging children's activities at every concert, ensuring fun for the whole family.

In the month of August, we had our Movies at the Park series. This year hosted movies in two different locations. On Thursday evenings our event was held at the South Gate Golf Course and on Friday evenings at Hollydale Community Park. The shows were successful, the first movie night at Hollydale drawing approximately 200 attendees. Average attendance at both Hollydale and the Golf Course ranged from 150 to 200 people, each event also featured Susana's Popsicle Party Truck for snacks. This year's movie lineup consisted of Moana 2, Sonic 3, Minecraft, Dog Man, and Despicable Me 4.

On Friday, September 19, we hosted our Family Night – Dinner & Magic Show at the Girls Club House. The dinner menu for the day was chicken and beef fajitas, rice, beans for adults and pizza for the children. This Family Night wasn't any different from our previous as it was SOLD OUT. The Wacko Show was the man of the hour and performed a jaw dropping 45-minute performance for all to enjoy. The show was very interactive as he included multiple participants from the audience in his tricks. Staff created a welcoming environment with Magician themed centerpieces and decor. In

addition, each family stopped for a photo with a magical themed background before entering the Girls Club House.

Our 2nd Annual Family Camp Night was held on August 2 - 3, 2025. This was a sold-out event for 40 participating families, doubling our total from last year. We provided camp games, water games, inflatables, Family Camp Night customizable shirt decorating, coloring activities, smore making, dinner and breakfast options, and a glow party complete with a DJ and free giveaways. Each family that completed our survey walked away with a personalized Family Camp Night City of South Gate blanket.

Seniors:

Our Senior Center continues to offer a wide variety of engaging activities for seniors, including lotería, yoga, mental health workshops, crafts, dance, and karaoke—our most popular day by far. We are also proud to feature performances by the Blue Jays Dance Group. Through the HSA Lunch Program, we provided healthy meals to support the well-being of our senior participants. This year, we partnered with Alignment to host a mini health fair which included the following: health screenings, nutritious snacks, and raffle giveaways. Alignment also supported our craft group by offering a special flower arrangement class.

In collaboration with Metro, we organized an "Older Adult Transportation Pop-Up" event, where seniors received valuable information about TAP cards and learned how to navigate the Metro system to get around Los Angeles with confidence and ease. Our transportation division from the Sports Center also presented and tabled at the “Older Transportation Pop Up” event to inform seniors of our current offerings for their transportation needs. Our team provided senior themed giveaways and a ton of great information

This summer, we planned eight exciting trips, and on two of the most popular outings, we were thrilled to bring along 100 participants instead of our normal 50. Our trip destinations included Agua Caliente Casino, Catalina Island, the OC Fair, Morongo Casino, Laguna Beach Art Festival, The Grove, Spotlight 29 Casino, and Danish Day in Solvang. We are definitely looking forward to the fall season and the wonderful social events ahead.

Cultural Arts:

Our 4th Annual Zine Fiesta took place on Saturday, July 26. We hosted 15 vendors/artists/zineters. The event was indoors and outdoors. We had a Zine making zone, displayed a Zine timeline, and released new Zine History Zine. Midway through the event we celebrated with a pinata as it is a Zine Fiesta! On the museum side we worked on a section to display items that make ephemeral to inspire zine making. We had art books out on table display, retro cameras and typewriters. The community and Zinesters walked away excited with all the interactions created from conversations, art making and pinata breaking. The artists were able to have conversations with guests and tell them about how they created Zines, they felt our Zine Fiesta was less transactional and more community building compared to other Zine events. That gives us great joy to know that artists feel connected and valued by our communities.

De Corazon (from the heart) Film screening was held Saturday, August 30 at the museum. We converted the gallery into a screening room, our lobby into a meet and greet area, and our museum entrance into a concession stand. Community was so enthusiastic about all the details made by our staff to uplift and honor the local film directors. Before the event took place, we were able to highlight the directors on social media to bring a buzz to the screening. We had great feedback that community would want something like this monthly or even the development of a film club. They did let us know that we should invest in a better sound system.

In the world of partnerships our coordinator Jennifer just wrapped up the nineth lecture with the California Inclusive Preservation Program (CIPP) organized by Balboa Art Conservation Center. Next, they will have their final virtual discussion and then their three days in person workshop in the month of December. Our coordinator met with the Music Center Partner Network Initiative for their quarterly meeting and there is conversation starting about partnering for a FIFA World Cup Watch Party Opportunity at Grand Park/Jerry Moss Plaza. Jennifer also met with Alta Med to give advice/council over a new afterschool program they want to start up that uses art as therapy. Our number one example of youth in art as a community is our Art Club classes where the students can create but also mingle and share ideas and thoughts with one another. The SELA Cultural Center workshop meeting was a long but necessary meeting that discussed future programing in space and how the layout is currently helping for programming or what edits should be made.

Our 2025 South Gate Art Walk vendors/artists/artisan applications opened and were finalized. Our promotional efforts were as follows: printed on the seasonal Connect, posted on social media outlets, posted mini posters at Parks facilities, city facilities, local businesses. We also provided information to be shared on the SG Park electrical marquee and were able to order flyers to promote to the community members that aren't on social media.

Teen Programming

The newly remodeled Teen Center has returned; we officially opened its doors on September 15 with a Grand Opening Celebration and it's already making a big impression. After months of thoughtful planning, design, and hard work, the space has been completely transformed into a vibrant, welcoming environment for our teens to enjoy. The redesign focused on creating a space where our teens can feel at home while exploring new interests. Fresh paint, modern furnishings, and flexible activity areas make the Teen Center both comfortable and functional. From cozy lounge beanbags, game tables, and a media zone, every detail was designed with teens in mind.

We're especially proud to report we have our core group of about 10 dedicated teens who have been the foundation of our program. They've offered ideas, tested out new activities, and continue to bring life to the center each week. Their feedback has helped shape the programming atmosphere into something that is truly teen-driven. As we celebrate this exciting new chapter, our staff are actively reaching out to recruit more teens to join the fun. Through school visits, community partnerships, and social media outreach, we're spreading the word that the Teen Center is the place to hang out, make

friends, and get involved. With new programs, special events, and plenty of opportunities to lead and create, we're eager to see our teen community grow.

Social Media

Our total followers are now up to 8,000. In the last quarter we had 30 posts and 280 stories. We have reached over 68,544 accounts and achieved a profile activity of 15,000. Recreation Leader Alec Jimenez has joined the marketing team to assist with creative projects and social media content. With the popularity of social media, our team was able to execute a variety of Instagram stories to attract the attention of different audiences. This also increased the number of interactions over direct messaging. Event content has increased as this will help create future marketing projects. The Fall brochure was also a project that was revamped and reformatted from the previous edition, creating a fresh foundation for the new marketing/social media team.

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November 13, 2025

STAFF REPORT ITEM No. 3

To: **Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission**
From: **Glenn Massey, Parks Superintendent**
Date: **October 21, 2025**

Subject: **Review of Grounds & Facility Maintenance 1st Quarter FY 2025/26**

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

Report Summary:

Grounds Maintenance

We reseeded the turf and mulched the native gardens on the westside area parks along Southern Avenue. The irrigation along the playgrounds in South Gate Park were readjusted to prolong the longevity of the rubberized surface.

The Golf Course Greens were fertilized, and the sunken valve boxes were raised to prevent trip and fall hazards. Diamonds 1,2,3,4,9 and 10 were renovated this quarter and a state championship horseshoe tournament was hosted at South Gate Park.

Staff set up the show mobile for the 3rd Annual Police Department Car Show event at South Gate Park.

The full-time vacant position has been filled, and the new staff member was stationed at the Urban Orchard Park.

We've caught over 165 gophers thought all City parks this quarter and we continue servicing and beautifying over 190 acres of parkland daily.

Park Facility Maintenance

Parks Facility Maintenance staff set up and hosted a variety of events this new quarter, the Urban Orchard grand opening, a College Career Fair, State of The City at SG Auditorium, ongoing Red Cross Blood Drives, Artwalk at South Gate Park, Police Department Car Show, one at Hollydale Regional and two at the South Gate Park Golf Course, just to mention a few.

New maintenance equipment was purchased, including compact pressure washer, ride-on Auto Scrubber, and vacuums to add to our cleaning equipment, as well as to replace from our 5-year replacement program.

We have also hired two of the best candidates for vacancies in the Facility Maintenance Parks division. One being to replace Christopher Guerra and the other position for the new Urban Orchard Park.

Due to the high use of SG Park, Staff continues to do a third daily inspection and cleaning in the late afternoon to our outdoor restrooms. We have continued the use of Electrostatic Disinfecting Equipment for more coverage in our cleaning and disinfecting efforts for both indoor and outdoor restroom facilities, along with a pressure washing program. These disinfecting and cleaning tools will be used consistently. Set-ups for all events require us to disinfect all tables, chairs, door handles, and A/V equipment.

We are in full operation with classes, as well as private rentals, picnics, sports activities, and service clubs' events. We continue to host monthly food giveaways for the community at Hollydale Regional Park.

The Community Service Worker program is ongoing; we are still limiting the intake to 15 people maximum per day. We continue addressing the ongoing challenges with restroom cleanliness with a routine restroom disinfecting program. This includes the use of the C3 Machine to apply disinfectants and cleaners. Once the product is sprayed, staff scrubs floors, walls, and fixtures to ensure sanitary conditions.