



City of South Lake Tahoe

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 8:00 am

City Hall - City Council Chamber, 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jerry Bindel, Chair (02/2028)

David Gregorich, Co-Chair (02/2028)

Mark Costigan (02/2028)

Peter Fink (02/2027)

Margie Kovarik-Maxhimer (02/2027)

Trudith Morgan (02/2027)

Nicole Ramirez Thomas (02/2027)

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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Communication

This is the public's opportunity to speak on any topic NOT LISTED on this agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Commission cannot deliberate or vote on any matter raised under public communications, but may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. (Government Code Sections 54954.2)

New Business

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes.
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Pass a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026.
Responsible Staff Member(s): Kylee Finnegan, Recreation Supervisor
[08.19.26 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes.docx](#)
2. Annual Report
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive & File.
Responsible Staff Member(s): John Stark, Director of Parks & Recreation
[01-Staff Report - P&R Commission Annual Report.docx](#)

Unfinished Business

3. Parks Foundation Update
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive & File.
Responsible Staff Member(s): John Stark, Director of Parks & Recreation
[01-Staff Report - Parks Foundation Update.docx](#)
4. Recreation Programs Update
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and File
Responsible Staff Member(s): Kylee Finnegan, Recreation Supervisor
[01-Staff Report -Recreation Programming.docx](#)

Updates and Announcements - City Staff

Commissioner Reports and Comments - Assignments to Sub-Committees

Commissioner Assignments and Sub-Committees

- a. Mid-Town Revitalization (Commissioners Gregorich, Bindel, Kovarik-Maxhimer, ALT Ramirez Thomas)
- b. Bijou Area Plan (Commissioners Kovarik-Maxhimer, Gregorich, Morgan, ALT Fink)
- c. Recreation and Equitable Access (Commissioners Ramirez Thomas, Bindel, Fink, ALT Open)

- d. Bike Mobility and Connectivity (Commissioners Fink, Ramirez Thomas, Kovarik-Maxhimer, ALT Open)
- e. Senior Focus (Commissioners Morgan, Gregorich, Fink, ALT Kovarik-Maxhimer)
- f. City Council Updates - All
- g. Future Agenda Items - All

Adjournment

I, John Stark, Director of Parks and Recreation, declare that the foregoing agenda for the Wednesday, September 16, 2026, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted and available for review on Friday, September 11, 2026, at the Recreation Complex - 1100 Rufus Allen Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. The agenda was also available on the City website at <https://www.cityofslt.us>.
John Stark, Director of Parks and Recreation Note: Decisions of the Parks and Recreation Commission may be appealed to the City Council by anyone adversely affected by such action. This appeal shall be filed with the City Clerk within fifteen (15) business days from the date of the decision with the applicable appeal fee.



City of South Lake Tahoe

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 8:00 am

City Hall - City Council Chamber, 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe

NOTE: The Meeting Minutes represent actions taken during the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Complete Commission member discussions on Regular Session meeting items can be viewed in archived video recordings on the City's website at <http://www.cityofslt.us> Public submittals on items are retained in the administrative record and can be viewed in the City Clerk's repository at <http://www.cityofslt.us>

Commissioner Bindel will be participating remotely from Wayfinder Bishop, 725 N Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514, a location accessible to the public.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jerry Bindel, Chair (02/2028)
David Gregorich, Co-Chair (02/2028)
Mark Costigan (02/2028)
Peter Fink (02/2027)
Margie Kovarik-Maxhimer (02/2027)
Trudith Morgan (02/2027)
Nicole Ramirez Thomas (02/2027)

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

At 8:06 am, Co- Chair Gregorich called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Chair Bindel participated remotely at above address, Co-Chair Gregorich Commissioners Fink and Morgan

Absent: Commissioners Costigan, Kovarik-Maxhimer and Ramierz -Thomas

Also, Present were John Stark, Director of Parks and Recreation and Kylee Finnegan, Recreation Supervisor.

Public Communication

No Public Comment

New Business

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes.

Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Pass a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2026.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Bindel/Morgan

Yes: Commissioners Bindel, Gregorich, Fink and Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Costigan, Ramirez Thomas and Kovarik-Maxhimer

Public Comment: None

2. Safe Routes to School Presentation

Victoria Ortiz presented information on bike safety initiatives. The group is seeking funding from multiple agencies for a Regional Coordinator position.

A motion was made to endorse the proposed Regional Coordinator position and authorize a City financial contribution of \$20,000.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Fink/ Bindel

Yes: Commissioners Bindel, Gregorich, Fink and Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Costigan, Ramirez Thomas and Kovarik-Maxhimer

Public Comment: Amelia Richmond expressed support for the position and asked whether other positions have been funded through similar joint efforts among local agencies.

3. Parks & Recreation Proposed Budget

John Stark presented the budget and answered questions from the commissioners.

Action: Receive & File

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Unfinished Business

4. Nonprofit User Fee & Schedule Prioritization

John Stark presented the proposed user prioritization policy and the subcommittee's recommendations regarding nonprofit user fees. Commissioners discussed the appropriate discount rate, ranging from 35% to 55%, as well as criteria for determining which youth-serving nonprofits would qualify.

A motion was made to approve the user prioritization policy as presented.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Fink/Morgan

Vote: Yes: Commissioners Bindel, Gregorich, Fink, and Morgan

Absent: Commissioners Costigan, Ramirez Thomas, and Kovarik-Maxhimer

Public Comment: None

A motion was made to recommend a 40% nonprofit user-fee discount.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Bindel/Fink

Vote: Yes: Commissioners Bindel, Gregorich, Fink, and Morgan

Absent: Commissioners Costigan, Ramirez Thomas, and Kovarik-Maxhimer

Public Comment: Astrid Mallein thanked the Commission and stated that the Tahoe Swim Club has been a city partner for 50 years. She noted that, while the club is not more important than other organizations, its programming needs are specific to the facility. She asked the Commission to help keep membership costs affordable.

5. Parks Foundation Update

John Stark provided an update on the most recent Parks Foundation meeting.

Action: Receive & File

Public Comment: None

6. Recreation Programs Update

Kylee Finnegan provided an update of upcoming events and programming.

Action: Receive & File

Public Comment: None

Updates and Announcements - City Staff

John Stark, Director of Parks and Recreation

- Noted the success of the Junior NFL Flag program and the positive community participation, including volunteers, City staff, and younger staff members serving as referees.

Kylee Finnegan, Recreation Supervisor

- Announced two new Senior Focus programs: Accessible Yoga and Chair Exercise.

Commissioner Reports and Comments - Assignments to Sub-Committees

Commissioner Assignments and Sub-Committees

a. Mid-Town Revitalization (Commissioners Gregorich, Bindel, Kovarik-Maxhimer, ALT Ramirez Thomas)

Commissioner Gregorich reported:

- The public comment period for the Mid-Town Area Plan closed on August 17.
- The plan included the Bijou Golf Course Implementation Plan.
- A community survey regarding Bijou Golf Course will be distributed soon.

b. Bijou Area Plan (Commissioners Kovarik-Maxhimer, Gregorich, Morgan, ALT Fink)

- The public comment period for the midtown area plan closed on August 17. The plan included the Bijou Golf Course Implementation Plan. A community Survey will be going out soon about Bijou Golf Course.

c. Recreation and Equitable Access (Commissioners Ramirez Thomas, Bindel, Costigan, ALT Fink)

- No Update

d. Bike Mobility and Connectivity (Commissioners Fink, Ramirez Thomas, Costigan, ALT Kovarik-Maxhimer)

Commissioner Fink reported the following:

- Measure G Passed
- Connector Trail is complete.
- Working with LTUSD on safe routes to school and bike registration programs for Middle and High School with addition of adding elementary school in the spring.
- Commissioner Fink has a meeting with Dr. Q and City Manager to survey Class 1 bike trails.

e. Senior Focus (Commissioners Morgan, Gregorich, Fink, ALT Kovarik-Maxhimer)

Commissioner Morgan reported the following:

- Seniors Inc. is now operating under South Lake Tahoe Senior Center.
- Attendance at bingo and potluck events has increased.
- South Lake Tahoe Senior Center sponsored American legion rummage sale
- County nutrition locked the ice maker.
- The Senior Center agreement is scheduled for a September City Council agenda.

f. City Council Updates – All

- CPC Pickleball & Tennis Court and Senior Inc agreement will be going to city council in September.

g. Future Agenda Items – All

- None

Adjournment

At 10:22 am, Co-Chair Gregorich adjourned the meeting.



City of South Lake Tahoe

Report to Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Title: Parks & Recreation Commission Annual Report

Location: Parks and Recreation Commission

Responsible Staff Member: John Stark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Background: City Council Resolution No. 2019-088 requires the Parks & Recreation Commission to report their activities to the City Council annually.

Issue and Discussion: The Parks & Recreation Commission Annual Report provides a summary of the items considered by the commission during the reporting period and is submitted to the City Council for acceptance. This report details the activities for 2026. Members of the commission are Jerry Bindel, David Gregorich, Margie Kovarik-Maxhimer, Trudi Morgan, Peter Fink and Nicole Ramirez Thomas. Mark Costigan resigned from the commission effective August 31, 2026. There is currently one vacant commission position.

- New Multigenerational Recreation & Aquatics Center (Rec Center) opened on April 18, 2026.
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment purchasing for Rec Center opening.
- Contract services and technical services contracts established for maintenance, preventative maintenance and janitorial of Rec Center.
- Implementation of staffing and operational schedule for Rec Center.
- Instructor contracts and rentals established for Rec Center.
- The Aquatics program is fully staffed with lifeguards and instructors; swim lessons and water exercise offerings have been expanded and are offered year-round.
- Recreation program fully staffed with cashiers, recreation leaders, recreation instructors, maintenance technicians and coordinators; operating new amenities including rock wall, batting cages and expanded facility operations.
- Aspen Carrillo digital artwork for Rec Center lobby.
- The Third Grade Swim Program returned in partnership with LTUSD with 225 students participating.
- Kylee Finnegan promoted to Recreation Supervisor, Arnel Guevarra and Jonah Lessard hired as Maintenance Technician III's, and Robert Perkins hired as Recreation Program Coordinator.
- Published SLT At Play, the Department's program guide twice annually to increase the marketing of programs, events and services offered. Daily social media posts and

monthly newsletters scheduled to market offerings. Department website design updated.

- Recreation Programs and partner programs delivered include: 3rd Grade Swim, Group Swim Lessons, Junior Lifeguards, Frog Fit, Masters Swim, Current Channel Water Exercise, Aqua Move, Polar Fitness, Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball, Cornhole League three seasons, Youth Junior NBA Basketball League, Junior NFL Flag Football, Adventures in Art & Creativity, Signing with the Studio, Sierra Spirit, Fitness with Kyler-Group, Semi-Private, & Private Sessions, Yoga with Kat, Yoga with Charlotte, Yoga with Jayne, Accessible Yoga, Pilates with Rose Marie, Aikido, Pickleball Clinics Youth & Adult, Lake Tahoe Soccer League, Spirit Camp, Splash & Play Camp, Let's Play Camp.
- Special events: 4th of July Parade, Parks Make Life Better Month, Live at Lakeview, History Talks on the Beach, Multicultural Celebration, Pumpkin Patch Splash, Dive In Movies, Easter Egg Splash & Dash, Mother's Day Float Yoga, Great Puzzle Hustle, Pickleball Prom, Rec Center Rumble, Festival of Winter Lights & Lake Tahoe Gingerbread House Competition & Crawl.
- Facility rentals for Bijou Park, Regan Beach West, Recreation & Swim Complex, & new Multigenerational Recreation & Aquatics Center.
- Bijou Connector Trail opening.
- El Dorado Beach Revetment projects.
- Turf conversion projects across non-recreation turf areas.
- Maintained 180 acres of parkland & 14 miles of trail.
- Responsible for forestry projects citywide on city-owned properties.
- Maintained and operated Bijou Golf Course, Campground by the Lake and El Dorado Boat Ramp during the 2026 summer season.
- Installation of mobi-mats to improve accessibility at Conolley Beach.
- Bijou Golf Course community survey.
- Review of electric scooters and OPDMD ordinance.
- Ski Run Park art installation by Jessica Levine.
- City Council approval of City sponsorship to support Lake Tahoe Community College construction of eight pickleball courts and two tennis courts at the Community Playfields.
- City Council adoption of user prioritization policy & local youth nonprofit 40% discount.
- City working with South Tahoe Senior Center to enter into an agreement for their continued operation of the Senior Center for a three-year term.
- Approval of South Tahoe Parks Foundation scholarship program and administration by Parks & Recreation.
- Tim Wakefield Foundation event and South Tahoe Parks Foundation donation from American Century Championship of \$10,000 to support funding towards scholarship program.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications.

Environmental Considerations: There are no environmental implications.

Policy Implications: There are no policy implications.



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Report to Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Title: Parks Foundation Update

Location: Parks and Recreation Commission

Responsible Staff Member: John Stark, Director of Parks & Recreation (530) 307-9145

Background: On July 19, 2023, during the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Commissioners requested staff prepare a report to update on the status of the Parks Foundation. This includes plans for fundraising for items related to the interior of the new Multigenerational Recreation & Aquatics Center and for scholarship access. On August 16, 2023, commissioners requested to keep this as an ongoing item for updates. The Parks Foundation last met September 14, 2026, and the topics listed below were discussed:

- Treasurer's report
- Scholarship program MOU
- Foundation tournament update
- Internal Processes Subcommittee
- Middle School Access Program
- Multicultural Celebration

Issue and Discussion: City staff will add this item to unfinished business for the September 17, 2026, meeting for city staff updates and discussion by Commissioners.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications.

Environmental Considerations: There are no environmental implications.

Policy Implications: There are no policy implications.



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Report to Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Title: Recreation Program Update

Location: Citywide

Responsible Staff Member: Kylee Finnegan, Recreation Supervisor

Background: On January 15, 2025, during the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Commissioners requested staff prepare a reoccurring item on the status of Recreation Programming.

Events:

- Multicultural Celebration September 12th
- Parents Night Out September 25th
- SLT Generations Together October 11th
- Pumpkin Patch Splash October 24th
- Rec Center Rumble November 7th

Recreation Programming

- Wild Water Safety Series – Saturdays
- ARC Lifeguard Certification Courses and Instructor Courses
- Fall Group Lessons
- Private Swim Lessons – September
- Sunday Makers Club
- STEAM Saturdays
- Cornhole League – Fall League
- Adult Basketball League Wednesday September- November
- Adult Volleyball Mondays October- November
- Junior NFL Flag football
- Teen Zone – Wednesdays
- Mini Mountain Movers – Wednesdays & Sundays
- Batting Cages – Thursdays, Fridays & Saturday Mornings
- Crochet It
- Chair Fitness – Wednesdays
- Zumba Mondays & Thursdays
- Masters Swim – Tuesdays - Thursdays
- Aquatics Exercise Classes: Zumba, Aerobics, Frog Fit, Float Fit, Aqua Move, Cardio Current, Polar Splash
- Aquatics Obstacle Course & Play Features – Saturdays & Sundays
- Rock Wall 7 days a week, transition to 4 days a week

Partnership Recreation Programs

- Aikido
- Fitness Training with Kyler
- Vinyasa Yoga , Charlotte and Jayne
- Accessible Yoga- Mondays
- Pilates
- Pickleball Clinics with Robert
- Ukulele Club
- Jazzercise
- Sound Bath September 20th
- Sierra Spirit Cheer & Dance

Rental Programming

- Tahoe Bluefins Swim Club
- High School Swim Team
- Lake Tahoe Soccer League
- Birthday Party Packages: Mini Mountain Movers, Pool, Climbing & Batting Cages
- Event Space & Meeting room rentals
- Regan Beach West rentals

Issue and Discussion: Receive & File

Financial Implications: None

Environmental Considerations: This discussion is not a project requiring review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) (organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment).

Policy Implications: The making of recommendations falls under the purview of the Commission.