

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 2, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg and Commissioners Arbogast, Shrout and Jimenez.
- b. Absent: Vice Chair Abercrombie
- c. Staff Present: Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks Director; Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor; Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator; Joseph Viorge-Kiode, Administrative Technician; Brian MacDonald, Interim Assistant City Manager; Nilo Velazquez, Management Analyst; Todd Rocha, Operations Superintendent; and Miguel Contreras, Lieutenant
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant; Norma Padilla Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Jimenez

Chair Lieberg asked for a motion to move item 7.a. – Appoint a 3-member subcommittee to evaluate, score, and rank the CDBG and Home Program applications and make funding allocation recommendations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

ACTION: Commissioner Jimenez motioned to moved item 7.a before item 6.a with a second by Commissioner Shrout. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered. 4,0,0 vote.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Sherry Mackay addressed the commission and expressed that she has resigned her position with TYSL last Monday after 26 years. She stated the reason she resigned is because of what is going on with the permits, applications, and fields along with what is in the handbook and not in the handbook that they need to follow. It has gotten to be overwhelming. This is getting to be a lot for the special needs league, comp league, and rec league. Having to follow this and navigate thru it has gotten to be hard and she doesn't want to be stressed out and wondering what's going on. It should be cut and dry and a lot of communication. She feels this has gone away and it unfortunate.

Chair Lieberg thanked her for her years of service.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. **Review and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2023**

ACTION: Commissioner Arbogast made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 7, 2023. Commission Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a vote 4,0,0. Passed and so ordered.

6. OLD BUSINESS:
**a. REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE 2024 CITY OF TRACY SPORTS
FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK**

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator, presented the staff report to the commission.

Commission asked clarifying questions.

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator answered the question of the commission.

Commission asked clarifying question.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the question of the commission.

Chair Lieberg opened item 6.a. to the public.

Sherri Mackay, Tracy resident stated in regard to the violations, she wanted to make it clear that with the new NorCal Organization it is very hard to keep track of your competitive teams. You can now cancel and reschedule/move games without notify TYSL. NorCal has made it very hard to track. We are not the only ones going through this as Manteca is and many other cities are feeling the struggle as we are. It's really hard to set your permits and follow them. This is why I was going crazy because every week I had to sit down and email Katie to remove, change, add etc. Katie is wonderful. She doesn't think we should be fined because we are an hour or two over because a team cancelled or decided to move their games. I understand if we were doing this every Saturday and taking all the fields, but we only have two comp fields. Rec is fine and we revised it. She stated if you understand comp, you will know this is not easy. This is why AFC folded. She is hoping we take away the penalizing as we are nonprofits.

Commission and staff addressed Ms. Mackay with comments.

Commission questions followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor and Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation answered the questions of the commission.

Commission questions followed.

Phillip Kalis, Tracy resident stated that competitive schedules are dynamic, and we do not know the entire schedule by a certain date the way recreation soccer does. The State Cup games in particular are constantly having teams being reseeded and those schedules come out during the season, so we may just find out that we have a game in a week or two. So, when it comes to comp games, that schedule is dynamic all throughout the Fall and even into the Spring depending on the age group. As for the recreation soccer schedule, this is pretty much set at the beginning of the season, besides district cup. This is where the issue lied, as they knew the recreation schedule and it wasn't going to change and the fields were reserved and no one on them. The comp games have never been an issue because when those games are happening, there is open fields all around.

Commission questions followed.

Phillip Kalis answered the question of the commission. He stated league play we know the schedule by July, however; for state cup which all competitive teams play in, is a 4-to-5-month tournament and is always changing based on how you play. This is what creates the games to always change due to you don't know who you are playing or the game dates until you are placed in those pools. This happens many times in the 4-to-5 months.

Commission questions followed.

Phillip Kalis answered the question of the commission.

Sherry Mackay, Tracy resident stated that as far as the comp schedule and how Phillip explained it is how it is, however; their regular schedule they receive in April even changes as they will call the other team and move things around. The DOC and my scheduler have already made the schedule and reserved fields, however; with the teams being able to make their own changes, we may not know of the change. So, penalizing leagues as this is a whole new thing with coaches being able to decide when they play is hard.

Sherry Mackay stated that when they start doing the applications for this next 6 months, TYSL doesn't know how many players are going to play at each level. Therefore, she works off the numbers from the previous year and books the fields accordingly. Once I know what my teams are and how many at each level, I adjust my permit. So, it isn't fair to penalize us because we don't know and when we do know we will revise the permit.

Phillip Kalis made mention that even though the competitive schedule is dynamic, you know at least a week or two in advance as to when the games are. So, you can release the fields in time. This is happening because in the past, the fields weren't being released.

Commission question followed.

Phillip Kalis answered that competitive has an open 30-day trial period in May where we know our teams by the end of May, early June. However, even though they trial period ended, one can still join from rec to comp.

Sherry Mackay stated that for recreational soccer the registration closes in June but extended to the end of June when we put teams together.

Commission questions followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the question of the commission.

Sherry Mackay, Tracy resident said she understands that we have the fields reserved in advanced, but the issue is we have a lot of kids playing so we are reserving all the fields until we know what our sizes are. I will release what I can once I know.

Commission questions followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

Sherry Mackay made mention that she doesn't agree with penalizing the leagues when it comes to comp league, she understands when it comes to recreation league.

Phillip Kalis, Tracy resident explained that the issue was with the recreation league for the past 3 years which has created the penalties now. Comp is really not the issue as there is always fields available during those games.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation made a comment.

Commission discussion and questions followed.

Staff answered the questions and addressed the comments of the Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Arbogast made a motion to accept the changes to the 2024 City of Tracy Sports Field Reservation Handbook with a second by Commissioner Shrout. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,0 vote; passed and so ordered.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE, SCORE, AND RANK THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND MAKE FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR**

Joseph Viorge-Kiode, Administrative Technician with Housing & Mobility presented the staff report to the commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 7.a up for public comment.

There was no public comment for item 7.a.

Commission question and comments followed.

Joseph Viorge-Kiode answered the question of the commission.

Chair Lieberg asked for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee.

Chair Lieberg volunteered as well as Commissioner Shrout

ACTION: Commissioner Arbogast motioned to appoint Chair Lieberg and Commissioner Shrout to the 3-member Subcommittee with a second by Commissioner Jimenez. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,0 vote; passed and so ordered.

b. **STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION DISCUSS WHETHER TO DESIGNATE CITY OF TRACY PARKS AS "SENSITIVE USE"**

Nilo Velazquez, Management Analyst presented the staff report to the commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 7.b for public comment. There was no public comment for this item.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Brian MacDonald, Interim Assistant City Manager answered the questions of the commission.

Commission asked more questions.

Miguel Contreras, Lieutenant answered the question of the commission.

Commission discussion and questions followed.

Brian MacDonald and Lieutenant Contreras answered the questions.

ACTION: Commission Shroud made a motion to designate City of Tracy parks as “sensitive use areas” with a second by Commissioner Arbogast. Roll call found all in favor with as 4,0,0 vote. Passed and so ordered.

8. STAFF ITEMS:

a. RECEIVE THE AQUATICS ANNUAL REPORT

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the annual report to the commission.

Commission questions followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

b. RECEIVE THE PARK MAINTENANCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Todd Rocha, Operations Superintendent presented the quarterly report to the commission.

Sherry Mackay, Tracy resident stated James is amazing. His facility crew does a great job with picking up after football, and James knows his stuff. She also stated that with the tournament coming up, they are expecting 7000-8000 people and with the road out at legacy fields, it’s going to be a mess with a lot of traffic on Tracy Blvd. with the stop sign and the one way in and one way out.

Question of the commission followed.

Todd Rocha, Operations Superintendent answered the questions.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Jimenez stated the Tracy Senior Center Association will be hosting their 9th annual holiday boutique fundraiser on Thursday, November 9 from 4pm – 8pm at Keller Williams Realty.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services foundation donated \$ 2,000 dollars to the Rotary Club for the November 18th senior Thanksgiving dinner. They also want to initiate a student scholarship program to provide funds to complete projects to assist the city.

Commissioner Jimenez addressed an issue pertaining to the restrooms at the soccer fields at the Sports Complex. There are issues in maintenance and cleanliness.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor addressed the comment of Commissioner Jimenez.

Sherry Mackay stated this is out at Sport Complex and there are many nights there is not an attendant there, they are mobile.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor addressed the comment of Ms. Mackay.

Commissioner Jimenez asked a clarifying question.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation answered the question.

Commissioner ShROUT thanked staff for the list volunteer opportunities, and he will be handing this out to all activity directors.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Time of Adjournment: 8:53 P.M.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Jimenez and seconded by Commissioner Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:53 p.m. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 30, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager

Staff Liaison