



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
"The Pass of the Oaks"
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 10, 2025, 4:00 PM
Centennial Park - Live Oak Room
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Pages

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Committeemembers: Richard Clayton, Gene Messina, Reilly Newman, Bill Saylor, Diane Zannotti

Council Liaisons: Chris Bausch, Kris Beal

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks and Recreation Projects Report

Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager

Dwayne Brown, Maintenance Services Superintendent

James Taylor, Parks and Trails Supervisor

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Overview

Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager

E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the public may address the Commission on items within the Commission's purview but not scheduled on the agenda. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes per item. Those persons wishing to speak on any item scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at the time that item is being considered. State law does not allow the Commission to discuss or take action on issues not on the agenda, except that members of the Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights (Gov. Code sec. 54954.2).

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE, NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION. However, if discussion is wanted by a member of the Committee or public the item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Committeemembers and members of the public may offer comments or ask questions of clarification without removing an item from the Calendar.

- 1. **Approval of the January 13, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes** 3 - 4
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- 4. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Goals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025** 8 - 8
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G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. **Recommend the Renaming of Oak Creek Park** 9 - 14
Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director
Recommendation: Recommend the re-naming of Oak Creek Park to Veterans Park and support the VFW Post 10965's efforts to explore the development of a concept for a Veterans Memorial art installation at Oak Creek Park.

H. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

I. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Chris Bausch
Councilmember Kris Beal

J. COMMITTEEMEMBER COMMENTS

K. UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18, 2025 Paso Robles City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:00 PM
March 4, 2025 Paso Robles City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:00 PM

L. ADJOURNMENT



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Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

January 13, 2025, 4:00 PM
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A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Committeemembers: Richard Clayton, Gene Messina, Reilly Newman, Bill Saylor (absent), Diane Zannotti
Council Liaisons: Chris Bausch (absent), Kris Beal

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Recreation Services Division Report**

Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager

2. **Public Works Report**

Dwayne Brown, Maintenance Services Superintendent

E. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

F. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motioned by Committeemember Clayton, seconded by Committeemember Messina, and passed unanimously to approve items 1-3 of the Consent Calendar. **AYES:** Clayton, Messina, Newman, Zannotti

1. **Approval of the December 9, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

2. **City Council Meeting Highlights of December 17, 2024**

3. **Paso Robles Recreation Services Volunteer Service Opportunities for January 2025**

G. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Recommend Renaming of the New Turtle Creek Park**

Motioned by Committeemember Messina, seconded by Committeemember Clayton, and passed unanimously to support Option 2 which recommends the new area of park currently referred to as Turtle Creek Park in the Olsen Chandler Ranch Specific Plan be renamed Creekside Park. **AYES:** Messina, Clayton, Newman, Zannotti

H. **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Community Services Director Angelica Fortin stated the Library and Recreation Services will be closed on January 16, 2025 for staff development.

I. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Kris Beal commented she was looking forward to supporting this advisory board and is a friend of Parks and Recreation.

J. **COMMITTEEMEMBER COMMENTS**

Committeemember Clayton is interested in knowing how the committee can be of better service to the city on park issues and decisions.

Committeemember Newman requested that the City Council and Recreation Services goals for 2024-2025 be made available for the next meeting. The committee agreed.

K. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 15, 2025 Paso Robles City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:00 PM
January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Community March from Robbins Field at noon and Celebration in City Park at 1:00 PM

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned by Committeemember Clayton, seconded by Committeemember Messina, and passed unanimously by voice vote at 4:52 PM to adjourn the meeting to the regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on February 10, 2025. **AYES:** Clayton, Messina, Newman, Zannotti

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January 15, 2025 City Council Highlights

Here are the highlights and actions from the Paso Robles City Council meeting agenda for January 15, 2025, [excluding the Consent Calendar](#):

Presentations

1. Proclamations

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Proclamation:** Recognized the organization's 30 years of service and contributions to the community, coinciding with National Mentoring Month. [View the proclamation](#)
- **Doug Harris Retirement:** Honored Fire Engineer Harris for 31 years of exemplary service in public safety. [View the proclamation](#)
- **John Prickett Retirement:** Celebrated Fire Captain/Paramedic Prickett's 35 years of dedicated service to Paso Robles. [View the proclamation](#)

Public Hearings

1. Special Tax Revision - Olsen/South Chandler Ranch Community Facilities District

- A public hearing was held to revise the tax apportionment method for Improvement Area No. 2.
- Actions included conducting a special election, approving the results, and introducing an ordinance to authorize tax levy adjustments. [View presentation and discussion](#)

2. Proposition 218 Process - Solid Waste Collection Rates

- Concluded the Prop. 218 process for updating solid waste rates under the Paso Robles Waste and Recycle franchise agreement.
- The council approved the updated rates and authorized relevant documentation.

- The new rates will go into effect on February 1, 2025 and are applicable to all residential and commercial customers within the City of Paso Robles.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

Discussion Items

1. 2025 Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

- Staff provided an update on the costs associated with the annual 4th of July celebration at Barney Shwartz Park. Costs are rising, while sponsorship dollars are declining. Because demand is high and supply is limited, fireworks must be reserved as soon as possible.
- The council directed staff to move forward with obtaining fireworks for the 2025 show and also asked staff to identify cost saving measures and bring options back for further discussion.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

2. Animal Control Ordinance Updates

- Introduced updates to the municipal code addressing animal control regulations as part of a countywide effort to create consistent regulations among the various jurisdictions.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

3. Sale of 417 Cool Valley Drive Property

- Announced intent to sell city-owned property at 417 Cool Valley Drive, exempt from the Surplus Land Act.
- Set a hearing date March 4, 2025 to declare the parcel as exempt from the Surplus Land Act in order to start the process of selling the parcel to an interested party and to hear any public protest.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

4. Support for SLOCOG Transportation-Specific Tax Measure Legislation

- Authorized the mayor to sign a letter in support of legislative efforts allowing a San Luis Obispo Council of Governments voter-approved transportation measure exempt from the two percent local sales tax limit.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

5. City Council Meeting Video Production Upgrades

- Approved adding video production equipment to the City Council chamber to allow for video coverage of Council meetings and workshops; allocated \$225,000 in Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) funds.
[View presentation and discussion](#)

PASO ROBLES RECREATION SERVICES



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TEEN CENTER and OPEN GYM

The Teen Center and Open Gym programs at Centennial Park are going strong! We're always recruiting volunteers to work weekly shifts, or as-needed to fit your schedule. Volunteers assist with setup, facilitating games, socializing with the teens, and clean-up. It's a fun, high energy environment.

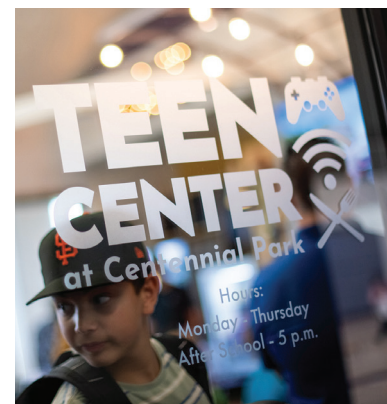
Hours:

Monday • 1:30pm (Open Gym), 2pm (Teen Center) - 5pm

Tuesday-Thursday • 2:30pm (Open Gym), 3pm (Teen Center) - 5pm

Volunteer shift times TBD

Contact: Wyatt Lund, 805-635-1200



EARTH SHINE CLEANUP DAYS

Earth Shine is a Paso Robles based non-profit dedicated to the continued beautification of our community, as well as cities throughout SLO County. In addition to coordinating Paso Robles' Adopt-a-Street program, Earth Shine organizes a Salinas River cleanup day on the third Saturday of each month at the River Walk in Paso Robles.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 • 10am-12pm. The group meets behind Wendy's (141 Niblick Rd.) Earth Shine's full list of dates is available at earthshineorg.com

Contact: Mike Campa, 805-591-4691





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Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Goals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

1. Advocate for open spaces, trails, parks, and related amenities
2. Participate in upcoming park development meetings and workshops
3. Participate in the Public Art policy development process
4. Promote quality of life services as provided by the Recreation Division as outlined in the City of Paso Robles Recreation Services Strategic Plan 2022-2026
5. Promote and seek partnerships and collaborations to achieve goals of the Strategic Plan and expand recreational opportunities for the community

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on August 12, 2024



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda Report

From: Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Subject: Recommend the Renaming of Oak Creek Park

Date: February 10, 2025

Facts

1. In 2025, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. In commemoration of this anniversary and in recognition of the longstanding relationship with the City and the numerous Veterans that live within the City, the Paso Robles VFW Post 10965 has requested the re-naming of Oak Creek Park to Veterans Park.
2. Oak Creek Park is a passive park located on the South Side of Creston Rd. along Cedarwood Dr. The Senior Center and Veteran's Memorial Building are both located immediately behind the park with a vista of the park from the back area of the buildings.
3. The VFW Post 10965 is interested in raising funds to develop a public art memorial in celebration of local veterans within the park.
4. Immediately adjacent to Sherwood Forest Park and Sherwood Park, Oak Creek Park is included in the Sherwood Park Master Plan adopted by City Council in February 2019. Subsequent floodplain issues have resulted in the need to re-imagine the overall design of the parks. With the exception of the [Pickleball Court Complex](#) approved at the November 19, 2024, City Council meeting, there are no immediate plans or funding in place to update the park.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Recommend the re-naming of Oak Creek Park to Veterans Park and support the VFW Post 10965's efforts to explore the development of a concept for a Veterans Memorial art installation at Oak Creek Park;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

In 2025, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. In commemoration of this anniversary and in recognition of the longstanding relationship with the City and the numerous Veterans that live within the City, the Paso Robles VFW Post 10965 has requested the re-naming of Oak Creek Park to Veterans Park. The park is located immediately behind the Veterans Memorial Building with a vista of the park from the back area of the building. Because of its location, renaming the park would be in alignment with the City's Naming Policy which outlines that public facilities shall carry designations befitting their intended function and use, origin and/ or location.

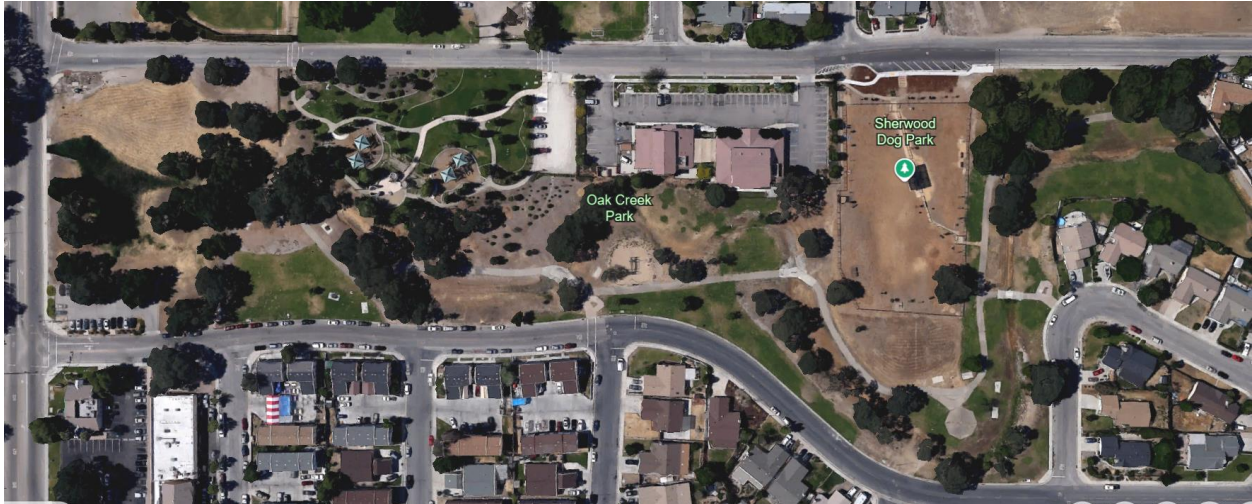


Figure 1 Aerial View Oak Creek Park

Oak Creek Park is a passive park that includes a walking trail and picnic benches sprinkled throughout. VFW Post 10965 is interested in raising funds to develop a public art memorial to celebrate local veterans within the park; no such memorial exists within the City. If the VFW Post 10965 is successful in raising funds and developing a concept for a memorial, the concept will be brought forward to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and subsequently to Council for consideration in line with the Paso Robles Arts in Public Places Policy. VFW Post 10965 is aware that the park may be re-developed in the future and will take this into consideration when developing a concept for the memorial.

One area of interest for such a memorial is a vacant circular sandbox immediately behind the Veterans Memorial Building. Due to safety issues, the playground in this sandbox was removed in 2022. With a limited budget and an active playground at the adjacent Sherwood Forest Park approximately 400 ft from the vacant sandbox, there is currently no replacement plan in place.



Figure 2 Oak Creek Park Sandbox, Sherwood Forest Playground, Veterans Memorial Building

Fiscal Impact

There are minimal impacts associated with renaming the park and no fiscal impact related to supporting the VFW Post 10965's efforts to explore the development of a concept for a Veterans Memorial art installation at Oak Creek Park.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Recommend the re-naming of Oak Creek Park to Veterans Park and support the VFW Post 10965's efforts to explore the development of a concept for a Veterans Memorial art installation at Oak Creek Park.

Attachments

1. City of Paso Robles Facility Naming Policy
2. Arts in Public Places Policy

NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

Public facilities are dedicated to the service and enjoyment of all citizens and shall carry designations befitting their intended function and use, origin and/or location. Exceptional circumstances may prompt the City to consider naming a facility in honor of an individual's generosity and contribution to the community. Any such consideration will be pursuant to the following:

Principles and Priorities.

The election of names for public facilities shall conform to the following principles and priorities:

- (a) As a general policy, names which commemorate the culture and history of Paso Robles shall be given first priority.
- (b) The name of an individual shall be considered only if such individual has made a particularly meritorious or financial contribution, over a period of several years, to the general public interest or the interests of the City; or has donated to the City a significant percentage of the land, or cost for development, of a facility. Naming shall be done posthumously only after the third anniversary of their passing.
- (c) Preference may be given to names of long established local usage, and names that lend dignity to the facility to be named.
- (d) Names selected shall be of enduring, honorable fame, not notoriety, and shall be commensurate with the significance of the facility.
- (e) Proliferation of names for different parts of the same facility should be avoided, and the same name should not be applied to a similar kind of facility.
- (f) Names with connotations which by contemporary community standards are derogatory or offensive shall not be considered.
- (g) Names must be tasteful and non-controversial. The name should be no more than three words preceding the designation (i.e., Park, Building, Room, Field, Complex, etc.).

Contribution Naming Guidelines

The following are guidelines for which a naming opportunity may be extended:

- (a) For all facilities, there shall be a \$500,000 contribution or 10% of total cost, whichever is greater, in either cash or property.
- (b) Projects not budgeted for and for which other funding is not designated may require a 100% contribution in order to be implemented and a naming opportunity considered.

Change of Name

Once established, a name shall not be changed unless, after investigation by the City, the name is found to be inappropriate.

Attachment 1

Recommendations of Community Organizations or Citizen Groups

In the selection of names for City-owned facilities the suggestions, comments, and recommendations of community organizations or citizen groups shall be duly considered; provided that such suggestions, comments, and recommendations meet all the provisions of this policy.

Initiation

Any community organization or citizen group may initiate the naming of a City-owned facility by submitting to the City Manager a request for such action and setting forth the proposed name, a description of the facility, and a statement evidencing that the proposed name meets all the provisions of this policy.

Review of Request - Referral

The City Manager shall review all requests to name a City-owned facility and shall refer the request to the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee, and subsequently to a City Council appointed ad hoc committee for consideration. The Park & Recreation Advisory Committee, and subsequently the Council ad hoc committee, shall consider the necessity or desirability of naming the facility, and the proposed name and any alternatives. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, and subsequently the Council ad hoc committee, shall prepare a recommendation to the full City Council for action, which shall include the name for the facility that is deemed most appropriate in accordance with this policy, and confirming the justification for the selection of the name.

City of Paso Robles ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICY

The purpose of the Art in Public Places (APP) policy is to facilitate the acquisition and display of visual art in City operated public places such as City office buildings and parks. The Policy follows the following definitions and guidelines:

Art Display Definitions

Art for Permanent Display

Art which is donated or commissioned and remains on display for more than one year.

Art for Temporary Display

Art which is loaned, leased, rented, or otherwise obtained and is displayed for up to one year.

Public Art Review Committee (PARC)

- PARC is a quorum of the Paso Robles Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Proposals for permanent or temporary art display are made to and considered by PARC on a case by case basis.

The Process

- Upon receipt of a complete proposal for placement of art in a public place, PARC creates an agenda item to consider the proposal at the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.
- PARC notifies media and potentially interested parties of the agenda item.
- PARC reviews proposal at the regularly scheduled public meeting, seeking input and opinion from interested parties.
- PARC's recommendations for permanent and temporary artwork display are forwarded to the City Council for consideration and final dispensation.

The Criteria for selection

Included, but are not limited to:

Artistic Quality

Appropriateness of design to the function of the site

Durability

Size

Material

Site & Setting

Maintenance Considerations

Location