

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Park Planning and Community Events Commission

May 20, 2025

The Parks Planning & Community Events Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on May 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Perez.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present Freeman, Litwin, Perez, Ahlswede, de Vries, and Kushon

Absent Fields

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange Park Planning & Community Events Commission Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ahlswede, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Litwin, Perez, Ahlswede, de Vries, and Kushon

Noes: None

Absent: Fields

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.1. Commemoration of the United States Semiquincentennial in Collaboration with USA250-OC.

Public Speakers:

JoEllen Chatham gave a review of the USA250-OC's mission and how the City can partner to commemorate the Semiquincentennial.

Reggie Mundekis spoke about using the Semiquincentennial as a public

relations/marketing opportunity for the City.

Ric Olsen spoke as a representative of the Sons of the American Revolution. He provided a brief American history lesson and offered partnership with the City, including the donation of a Liberty Tree, scholarships, and offer of colorguard.

Commissioners discussed ways to commemorate the Semiquincentennial. Vice Chair Freeman suggested that a subcommittee be formed in order to help facilitate ways to work with others groups within the City to commemorate the 250th anniversary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Kushon, to select Commissioners Litwin, Freeman, and Kushon to serve on a Semiquincentennial Subcommittee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Litwin, Perez, Ahlswede, de Vries, and Kushon

Noes: None

Absent: Fields

4.2. Selection of Park Planning and Community Events Commission Officers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Ahlswede, to appoint Commissioner Kushon as Chair for the remainder of the one-year term.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Litwin, Perez, Ahlswede, de Vries, and Kushon

Noes: None

Absent: Fields

A motion was made by Commissioner Kushon, seconded by Commissioner Litwin, to re-appoint Vice Chair Freeman for the remainder of the one-year term.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Litwin, Perez, Ahlswede, de Vries, and Kushon

Noes: None

Absent: Fields

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Community Services Director, Emily Bustamante provided a comprehensive departmental status update on personnel and operations.

Parks and Facility Services Manager, Robert Ambriz Jr. provided updates on current CIP projects.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

The next Regular Park Planning & Community Events Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

/s/Emily Bustamante

Emily Bustamante
Assistant Community Services Director