

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Park Planning and Community Events Commission

September 16, 2025

The Parks Planning & Community Events Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on September 16, 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 5:38 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Freeman.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present Freeman, Fields, Perez, and Romero

Absent Litwin, Ahlswede, and Kushon

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 May 20, 2025

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Fields, Perez, and Romero

Noes: None

Absent: Litwin, Ahlswede, and Kushon

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.1. Capital Improvement Project Planning for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Robert Ambriz Jr., Parks and Facilities Manager, provided a comprehensive report on potential Park Capital Improvement projects for Fiscal Year 27.

Commissioners provided input on the collective list of potential park capital

improvement projects for Fiscal Year 2026-27 by considering public interest, safety, priority, and available funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to recommend the collective list of potential park capital improvement projects for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to City Council for approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Freeman, Fields, Perez, and Romero

Noes: None

Absent: Litwin, Ahlswede, and Kushon

4.2. USA250-Orange Planning Update & Request for Input

Emily Bustamante, Assistant Community Services Director, provided a brief report on the Semiquincentennial Subcommittee's approach and status of commitments from community groups.

Vice Chair Freeman shared updates from the Semiquincentennial Subcommittee. Commissioners provided input to staff on ideas to include community groups in celebrating the Semiquincentennial.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Community Services Director, Emily Bustamante, provided the Commission with updates on current projects including Grijalva Area Lighting, Hart Park Pickleball and Fitness Circuit and Skatepark of Grijalva Park Projects, as well as plans to work with community groups who have committed to hosting event programs such as Concerts in the Park, Treats in the Streets, and the Tree Lighting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The next Regular Park Planning & Community Events Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Emily Bustamante
Assistant Community Services Director