

# CITY OF REDLANDS

## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

Douglas Gonzales, Chair  
Roy Cencirulo, Commissioner  
Justin Weekley, Commissioner  
Noah Nguyen, Student Commissioner

Adam Hebden, Vice-Chair  
Joanne Lessard, Commissioner  
Scott Carlson, Commissioner

**This will be an in-person meeting held in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.**

The following information comprises the agenda for a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to be held at the date and time noted below.

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

**4:30 P.M.**

### **HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:**

Speakers are encouraged to turn in a “Speaker Sign Up Sheet” before the meeting is convened. However, completion of speaker forms is not required to speak before the Commission. Once the meeting has convened, you may submit the speaker form to the Staff Liaison. Forms are available prior to the meeting in the Office of the City Clerk or in the Council Chambers/Conference Room during the meeting. Due to time constraints and the number of persons who may wish to give oral testimony, public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Anyone desiring to speak on an agenda item at this meeting may do so during the consideration of that item. Anyone wishing to address the commission/board on a non-agenda item may do so during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Individuals with a disability, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, who need assistance with public comment, may contact Joe Bierma by telephone [909-798-7655](tel:909-798-7655) or by email at [jbierma@cityofredlands.org](mailto:jbierma@cityofredlands.org) at least two hours before the meeting to make alternate arrangements.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*(At this time, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, within the jurisdiction of the Commission, which is not already scheduled on this agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any public comment made, except that the Commission members or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. However, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.)*

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. March 14, 2014 Minutes (Attachment A)

**4. STATUS REPORTS**

- A. Individual Commissioner park reports (Attachment B)
- B. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities
  - 1. Shawn McIntosh – Parks
  - 2. Dave Jaffe - Recreation
  - 3. Don Crow – FCS
- C. Student Commissioner report
- D. RUSD Liaison report

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the PRC priority project list to be utilized during budget development for FY 24-26. (Attachment C)
  
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal from Music Changing Lives to update the mural in the classroom at the Redlands Community Center as requested by the PRC at the Dec 14, 2023 meeting. (Attachment D)

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action of recommendations for naming of Park and Recreation Facilities. (Attachment E)
  
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the installation of Bike Lockers at Community Center and/or Parks.

**7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**8. ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, May 9, at 4:30 P.M.**

**9. ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. Commissioner Park Assignment / Report List
- C. PRC Priority List
- D. Music Changing Lives Proposal
- E. Staff report regarding facility naming recommendations

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# CITY OF REDLANDS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

DOUGLAS GONZALES, CHAIRMAN  
ROY CENCIRULO, COMMISSIONER ADAM HEBDEN, VICE-CHAIR  
JOANNE LESSARD, COMMISSIONER SCOTT CARLSON, COMMISSIONER  
JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER NOAH NGUYEN, STUDENT COMMISSIONER

The following information comprises the minutes for a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission which was held at **4:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 14, 2024**, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance.

- A. Present: ADAM HEBDEN, VICE-CHAIRMAN; JOANNE LESSARD, COMMISSIONER; ROY CENCIRULO, COMMISSIONER; JUSTIN WEEKLEY, COMMISSIONER; NOAH NGUYEN, STUDENT COMMISSIONER
- B. Absent: DOUGLAS GONZALES, CHAIRMAN; SCOTT CARLSON, COMMISSIONER
- C. Absences were excused unanimously.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*No public comments were received or given.*

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A. The minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cencirulo, second by Commissioner Weekley, approved unanimously.*

## 4. STATUS REPORTS

- A. Individual Commissioner park reports
  - a. *The commissioners present gave reports on their assigned parks. Commissioner Weekley requested the shade sails be put up by the Skatepark BBQ, and requested the dumpster be moved away from the handicapped parking spot. Commissioner Cencirulo asked that the restrooms at Brookside and Smiley be tended to, and will be given a tour of Joslyn Senior Center. He also asked for a timeline on bleachers at Israel Beal Park. Commissioner Lessard gave a report on Oakmont, Caroline, and Centennial parks.*
- B. FCS staff report on Recreation and Park activities
  - a. *Don Crow gave a report on the Day of Service, improvements at the lower pond in Ford Park, stakeholder meetings for the parks master plan.*
- C. Student Commissioner report

- a. *The student commissioner gave an update on sports activities at Redlands high schools as well as recent musical performances.*

D. RUSD Liaison report

- a. *Jim O'Neill gave an update on school district happenings including the construction of the stadium at REV; the retirement of a large number of teachers; the possible lay off of a number of teachers; the hurdles of the City using RUSD swimming pools.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the PRC priority project list to be utilized during budget development for FY 24-26. Ad Hoc Subcommittee of Cencirulo and Gonzales to provide update.
  - a. *Priorities were reordered. High priority projects are: splash pad, care taker house, bluffs park, dog park lighting, pickleball courts, and security fencing at Prospect Park.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposal from Music Changing Lives to update the mural in the classroom at the Redlands Community Center as requested by the PRC at the December 14, 2023 meeting.
  - a. *Josiah Bruny spoke about the mural at the Community Center. This item will be brought back to the April meeting.*

**7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Music Changing Lives mural
- Recreation Center modifications
- Bike cages for Community Center

**8. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:38 PM TO REGULAR MEETING on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.**

# **ATTACHMENT B**

## CITY PARKS - PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

City Park Facilities	Commissioner	Last Reported
Brookside Park 1630 Brookside Ave	Roy Cencirulo	Mar-24
Smiley Park 168 S. Eureka St	Roy Cencirulo	Mar-24
Jocelynn Senior Center 21 Grant St	Roy Cencirulo	Jan-24
Community Park 1535 N. Church St	Doug Gonzales	Feb-24
Isreal Beal Park 255 Riverview Dr	Adam Hebden	
The Terrace 106 & 500 E. Colton Ave	Doug Gonzales	
Community Center and Senior Center 111 Lugonia Ave	Doug Gonzales	Feb-24
Texonia Park 1321 Texas St	Doug Gonzales	Feb-24
Crafton Park 601 N. Wabash Ave	Adam Hebden	
Ed Hales Park 101 E. State St	Justin Weekley	Jan-24
Caroline Park 206 & 320 W. Sunset Dr	Jo Lessard	Mar-24
Sylvan Park 730 Chapel St	Justin Weekley	Mar-24
Heritage Park 11126 Iowa St	Scott Carlson	Jan-24
Jennie Davis Park 923 W. Redlands Blvd	Scott Carlson	Jan-24
Sports Park 1790 N. Dearborn St	Scott Carlson	Jan-24
Oakmont Park 31212 Sutherland Dr	Jo Lessard	Mar-24
Ford Park 955 Parkford Dr	Adam Hebden	
Prospect Park 352 Prospect Dr	Scott Carlson	Jan-24
Laramie Park N. Lincoln St. & Laramie Ave	Justin Weekley	Mar-24
Centennial Park Riverview Dr. btw Orange & Riverbend	Jo Lessard	Mar-24

Updated as of 3.14.2024

# **ATTACHMENT C**



## Parks & Recreation Priority Project List 3.14.2024

Priority 1-10	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Project Site
1	Pump Track	Install new pump track in the city.	Design Is In Progress	Sylvan Park
1	Parks Master Plan	7-10 Year planning guide for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs in Redlands	In Progress	All
1	Texonia Park Renovations and Improvements	Upgrade existing facilities including sidewalks.	Design Is In Progress	Texonia Park
1	Fire Garden Regeneration	Cooperative agreement with partners for demonstartion garden space	Going to City Council May 2024	Ford Park or Sylvan Park
2	Caretaker House	Fully rennovate caretaker house and grounds.	Future	Sylvan Park
2	Splash Pad	Install splash pad	Future	TBD
2	Additional Basketball Court at Community Center	Install additional basketball court	Future	Community Center
2	Complete Redlands Bluffs	Plan and complete Redlands Bluffs Trail	Trees planted last 2 years as part of Community Day of Service	Centennial Park
2	Additional Pickle Ball Courts	Install additional pickle ball courts	Future	TBD
2	Redlands Theatre Festival Fence	Security fence for Sewell Theater and at Prospect Park	Future	Prospect Park
2	Dog Park Lighting	Install lighting at Ford Park Dog Park	Future	Ford Park

# **ATTACHMENT D**



Dear Parks & Recreation Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for consideration at the upcoming March Commission meeting. Our proposal pertains to the reconfiguration of the Art Room mural at the Redlands Community Center, specifically focusing on the theme "Make the Right Choices." Our mural design seeks to combat a concerning trend observed among young adults where they feel pressured to conform to negative influences and peer pressure.

As an organization committed to fostering positive youth development, we believe it is imperative to provide spaces where young individuals can feel safe, encouraged, and inspired to dream big. The Redlands Community Center serves as a sanctuary for children to explore their creativity, develop essential skills, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

To further reinforce this message and create an engaging and interactive space, we propose to re-paint half of the existing mural in the Art Room using a paint-by-number model. The theme "Make the Right Choices" will serve as the central message, reminding children and young adults that they have the power to make positive decisions and shape their futures.

The paint-by-number model offers a unique opportunity to involve the broader community in the creation process. By inviting community members of all ages to participate in re-painting the mural, we aim to foster a sense of ownership and pride in the space while promoting collaboration and unity within the community.

We believe that this initiative aligns with the mission and values of the Parks and Recreation Commission, as it seeks to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Redlands Community Center while promoting positive youth development and community engagement.

In summary, our proposal seeks approval for the reconfiguration of the Art Room mural at the Redlands Community Center, utilizing a paint-by-number model with the theme "Make the Right Choices." We are excited about the potential impact of this project and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the Commission and other stakeholders to bring it to fruition.

Thank you for considering our proposal. Should you require any further information or clarification, we're open to discussion.

Sincerely,





EVERYBODY HAS CHOICES

MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE



# **ATTACHMENT E**

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.A

**DATE:** 04/11/2024  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission Members

#### **SUBJECT:**

Consideration of name suggestions for renaming of Community Park, The Redlands Community Center, The Redlands Community Senior Center, and the Senior Center Dining Room at the Redlands Community Senior Center.

#### **MOTION:**

If the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission determines the recommendations are appropriate and are in favor of recommended names for the facilities, the following motions are provided:

"I move to recommend that the City Council accept the recommended name of "Joe Gonzalez Community Center" for the Redlands Community Center located at 111 W Lugonia Ave."

"I move to recommend that the City Council accept the recommended name of "Eddie and Gloria Flores Senior Center" for the Redlands Community Senior Center located at 111 W Lugonia Ave."

"I move to recommend that the City Council accept the recommended name of "Mary Reyes Sanchez Dining Room" for the Dining Room at the Redlands Community Senior Center located at 111 W Lugonia Ave."

"I move to recommend that the City Council accept the recommended name of "Martinez Park" for the park currently known as Community Park, located at the corner of Church St. and San Bernardino Ave."

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The following name recommendations were submitted for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission pursuant to Resolution 7771.

### **1. Joe Gonzalez Community Center**

- a. *Mr. Gonzales, past commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission, was a dedicated advocate for recreation services and parks. He worked diligently and never gave up hope to one day see park and recreation services for all youth in the City of Redlands. He dedicated his life to equality and equity!*
- b. *Joe is a past parks and recreation commissioner and led the effort for building the Redlands Community Center. He was dedicated to helping young children of Redlands and a strong advocate for free or low cost sports fees for children who were unable to paying fees.*
- c. *Joe Raigoza Gonzales was born November 2, 1929 and passed away November 7, 2018 in Redlands. He was second generation Redlands native. He was raised in North Side Redlands. Went to Lincoln Elementary, Redlands Junior High and Redlands High School. He was employed at Mittens manufacturing plastic lettering. He was employed at Norton Air Fore Base until he retired he retired in 1988. He was married to Irene Gloria Sevilla in 1949 and had three daughters. Joe was interested in helping the Latino youth being productive adults. He became a member of the Menudo Group Group, a community activism group intent*

*on improving facilities for the children of North Side Redlands. He lead the effort for the building the Community Center. He had good Police relations with the North Side, his Commission Service on the Parks and Recreation Committee, membership with Menudo Group, North Side Impact Committee, North Redlands Visioning Committee, he was also running the snack bar at the at the ball fields, a strong advocate for free or low cost sports fees to the children who could not afford it, he was also involved in giving out bicycles to children who could not afford them. Joe was dedicated individual in helping the less fortunate children of Redlands, He loved the City of Redlands where he was born.*

## **2. Eddie and Gloria Flores**

- a. Background information pending, will be presented at meeting.

## **3. Mary Reyes Sanchez Dining Room**

- a. Mary Reyes Sanchez demonstrated commendable commitment to the City of Redlands Senior center for over 25 years, making her a perfect candidate for this very prestigious award. Mary volunteered at the Joslyn Senior Center and Redlands Community Senior center assisting with the senior bingo program, serving coffee handling the collection of monies and assisting with the Senior Nutrition program. Despite the many activities that Mary was involved, she still found time to volunteer and participate in senior events. She stepped in to help with serving the disabled, setting up and decorating for special events and selling raffle tickets. Mary enjoyed line dancing and traveling with other seniors. Her dedication to this community was a tremendous asset to the success of the Joslyn Senior Center and Redlands Community Senior Center programs. Her hard work and dedication truly makes Mary Reyes Sanchez a perfect honoree for the distinguished 2023 Redlands Hometown hero award.
  - i. Senior Center Volunteer from 1995 – 2020
  - ii. Senior Activities Advisory Board member 2008-2019
  - iii. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member 2008-2012

## **4. Martinez Park**

- a. In honor of the first two Latino City Council members in Redlands:
  - i. Norman N. Martinez (1925-1998)
    - Lifelong resident of Redlands
    - Grew up in the citrus industry thanks to his father who managed groves for various growers
    - Veteran of WWII serving on US Navy PT boats in the South Pacific, 1943-1946
    - Worked as a salesman for the Jim Glaze Lincoln/Mercury car dealership for 36 years
    - First Latin American to serve on the Redlands City Council, serving from 1958 to 1970
    - Served as Redlands's Vice Mayor (Mayor Pro Tem)
    - Very active in the community, including serving as President and Co-Founder of the Redlands Boys Club, President of the Kiwanis Club, President of Redlands Pony League Baseball, and on the boards of the House of Neighborly Service, Red Cross and Community Chest
    - Charter member, state vice-commander and commander of American Legion Post 650 (since 1949), and district commander for the group
    - Officer for 40 & 8 Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars

ii. Oddie J. Martinez (1928-1995)

- Lifelong resident of Redlands
- Grew up in the citrus industry thanks to his father who managed groves for various growers and worked in the groves and packing houses himself while still in school
- Veteran of U.S. Navy during and after WWII (1945-1949), where he was stationed on Iwo Jima in the Aviation and Intelligence Service
- First Commander of the American Legion Post 650 in Redlands and was very involved in veterans' issues in the region
- Graduate of University of Redlands, earning a master's degree in administration, and did additional graduate work at Claremont Graduate School and University of Oregon
- Second Latin American to serve on the Redlands City Council, serving from 1978 to 1985
- Served as Redlands's Mayor from 1978 to 1980, becoming the city's first Latin American mayor and the first person to serve in that position from the north side
- Longtime educator who taught at McKinley Elementary School and Cope Junior High School, and was principal of McKinley, Mariposa, and Cram elementary schools over 30 years
- RUSD foreign language coordinator for Cope Junior High and Redlands High School, 1961-1963, and Director of Title I programs and Inter-group Relations Coordinator for the district
- Visiting lecturer at University of Redlands, the University of California, Riverside, California State University, San Bernardino, and San Bernardino Valley College
- Served on the boards of the House of Neighborly Service, Community Chest, YMCA Redlands Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Redlands Community Hospital, Redlands Community Music Association, and Red Cross