



**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**  
**PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 10, 2025**  
**ZOOM MEETING STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. VIDEO AND AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING AT: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanFernando>

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair J. Cuellar called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno, called the roll call.

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Commissioners Julie Cuellar, Vice Chair N. Sanchez-Brooks  
Erica Friend (arrived 6:39 p.m.), Christian Garcia and Flor Sanchez.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director of Recreation and Community Services Department Julio Salcedo, SFPD Sergeant Walter Dominguez, Public Works Operations Manager Rodrigo Mora, Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez, Administrative Assistant Linda Bowden-Moreno and Office Clerk Soledad Chavez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice Chair Sanchez-Brooks

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner F. Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda for the June 12, 2025 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting. Commissioner C. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

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AYES: J. Cuellar, N. Sanchez-Brooks, C. Garcia, and F. Sanchez

NOES:

ABSENT: E. Friend

ABSTAIN:

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner C. Garcia motioned to approve the Consent Calendar approving the Minutes of the June 12, 2025 Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission regular meeting.

Commissioner F. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: J. Cuellar, N. Sanchez-Brooks, C. Garcia, F. Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: E. Friend

ABSTAIN: None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**2. SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON PARK ACTIVITY-** Sergeant Walter Dominguez provided the quarterly update on park activity and enforcement efforts, including crime trends, extra patrols, and safety concerns at various city parks. The discussion also

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addressed city services such as parking enforcement and the use of the City App to report parking issues. Commissioners had questions pertaining to vehicle access through City Montañez Natural Park and the wash, specifically safety concerns for the public due to transients and encampments along Foothill. Additional questions included police patrol, response times and protocol during ICE raids.

RCS Director J. Salcedo informed Commissioners that the Public Works Dept. now provides a “Wash Update” regularly to City Council. Commissioners are encouraged to communicate concerns regarding the wash to their respective council member and download the City App. to report issues promptly.

**3. CESAR E. CHAVEZ RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** – RCS Director J. Salcedo informed Commissioners that City Council has reactivated the Ad Hoc Committee at the City Council level. The Ad Hoc recently conducted a walkthrough at the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial to identify items in disrepair and discuss how to move forward with improvements. Pueblo Y Salud (PYS) participated in the walkthrough and continues to work with the City on this matter. Copies of the MOU will be provided to commissioners again and staff will continue to provide updates as they become available.

**4. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE** – Staff provided a presentation with updates on the programs, events and activities at the parks, such as the Independence Day Event, Summer Day Camp Program, senior activities, sports programs and more. Staff opened the floor for questions and comments.

Chair J. Cuellar commented that the Independence Day Celebration was a great event.

Commissioner C. Garcia commented that parking issues such as handicapped parking violations occur frequently. He asked about reporting these issues on the City App. Director J. Salcedo recommended parking violations be called in directly to Parking Enforcement and said he will invite the Assistant to the City Manager, Will Pettener, to discuss the City App.

Vice Chair Sanchez-Brooks had questions regarding the Summer Day Camp Program.

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## **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

The RCS Department would like to acknowledge staff member Samantha Morales who is a very gifted photographer who is often the designated photographer for City events and programs.

Maribel Perez reported that the Mariachi Master Apprentice Program (MMAP) students visited Washington D.C. last week to participate in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. RCS staff member, Maria Calleros, chaperoned the students and ensured the group had a great experience. The MMAP students displayed their amazing talent in their performances and enjoyed local culture and museums during their very limited free time. Upon concluding the Smithsonian event, MMAP students headed directly to Albuquerque for another Mariachi festival. The MMAP program continues putting the City of San Fernando on the map with their outstanding talent.

Direct J. Salcedo thanked the RCS team for the hard work and a successful Independence Day event, especially Marisol Diaz, Patty Garcia and Juan Salas for the planning and execution of the event.

## **COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

With Commission consensus, Commissioner E. Friend requested to add the following agenda items:

1. Dog park update and status of the Kalisher Pocket Park
2. Hummingbird Habitat update

Commissioner F. Sanchez had questions regarding possible plans to beautify the City in preparation of the upcoming World Cup and Olympic events.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair J. Cuellar adjourned the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:50 p.m.