

**CITY OF RIALTO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 11, 2025
IN PERSON SPECIAL MEETING
150 S. PALM AVE., RIALTO CA, 92376**

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm by Chair Britt.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT TO DATE
Jose Aparicio	X		
Joe Britt	X		
James Maldonado		X	
Jan Morrison	X		
Scott Sparks		X	
Cynthia Alvarado	X		

c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Aparicio

d. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve April 1, 2025, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Aparicio **Seconded by:** Commissioner Morrison

MOTION PASSES YES: 3 **NO:** 0 **ABSTAIN:**

Noting the absence of Commissioner Maldonado and Vice Chair Sparks

e. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

f. **STAFF UPDATES**

Administration

- Received our first transportation program van & Completed first round of navigation app training.
- 80 Coaches and staff were training through our NRPA Grant (Safety and inclusion)
- 10 residents enrolled in Bike Share Program (12 helmets were distributed, promoting safe riding.
- Frances Brooks has had sound system installed. Facility improvement for rentals, classes, or conferences
- Cemetery 6 burials and sold 5 plat spaces
- 37 Park Shelter Rentals in July
- 12 Park Shelter rentals already in the books for August
- Carl Johnson Gym Project is under way

Community Engagement

- Parks & Recreation Month
- 28 days of programming
- hundreds of families in our community participated
- Sea World Ticket Winner
- Challenge Runner Winners
- Rialto City Park- Glow in the Dark Sports
- Tye Dye @ the Park
- Silent Disco at the Park
- Slime Making Rec N' Roll
- Karaoke in the Pool
- Laser Tag at the Park
- Senior Park Take Over
- Glow in the Dark Chalk

Special Events

- Hall of Fame
- Saturday, September 6th @ Carl Johnson Center
- Pet-A-Palooza
- Saturday, September 20, 2025 @ Civic Center
- Viva la Fiesta
- Saturday, September 27, 2025 @ Jerry Eaves
- Walk Like MADD
- Saturday, October 4th @ Joe Sampson
- Floating Pumpkins
- Saturday, October 18th @ Tom Sawyer Pool
- Halloween Hi-Jinks
- Friday, October 31st @ Civic Center
- Holiday Festival and Parade- December

Sports, Rentals & Contract Classes

Summer Basketball Session has finished. Fall registration starts today. Assessment participation is mandatory in order to register into the program.

Adult Ballet Folklorico dance class has started.

Child Development

- 193 Campers registered for the month of July
- End of Summer Field trip to the Science Center
- Hired temp staff to expand summer camp hours
- Held the annual lemonade stand
- Talent Show
- Public Works Tour
- Library Visit

Social Recreation

Teen Center focused on strengthening friendships and creativity. Mobile Rec was the place to be in July. Joe Sampson in the evenings one day a week. Flores Park in the morning one day a week

Willow Village two days a week

Fitness & Aquatics

July was on fire at the Rialto Fitness Center—

- over 1,100 visits lighting up the gym and pool!
- \$25 July Special brought in a wave of new members
- Steady rise in insurance-based memberships—including Kaiser, Renew Active, Aaptiv
- In July, 254 youth jumped into swim lessons, building confidence and water safety skills.
- LA84 Grant Completed (Swim Scholarship program)
- Drowning Prevention Event
- Lifeguard appreciation Day

Senior Services

- Float Your Boat – Senior Ice Cream Social! Sponsored by the Friends of the Rialto
- Up Coming Events:
- Senior BBQ | Thursday, August 14th | 3-6pm
- Ice Cream Social | Thursday, September 4th | 2–3 PM
- Feeding America – Monthly Food Distribution | August 7 & September 4 | 2:00–3:00 PM | Berglund Room

Parks Maintenance Team Rocks It—Literally!

- Station 202, the team gave the landscape a fresh new look
- Historic Adobe Building, tackled major repairs
- Parks irrigation repairs
- Shade repairs
- Ordered picnic benches for Fergusson Park

Inclusive Playground 4 options review.

g. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

ITEM: 25-0327 Review of Special Event Policy & Fees.

Commission will wait until new commissioners start to assign committees.

ITEM: 25-0325 Memorial Policy—Commission Direction Request

Commission will wait until new commissioners start to assign committees.

ITEM: 25-036 Friends of Rialto Parks and Recreation / Foundation—Commission Direction requested

h. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Aparicio- Read across America was the last time he was involved. A lot of the questions have been answered from tonight's meeting. Would like to help at feeding America. Panthers are at Fergusson park? Yes.

Commissioner Morrison- happy and impressed with activities that we did for the summer it's exciting and brings the city alive. Excited about our citizens being engaged. Especially in the south. They are getting quality recreation that are in their neighborhoods. She knows they slowdown in the winter and looking forward to fall schedule. I'm happy that there is movement and that in sept we will have more members on the commission. And to get a chance to look at new ways of operating. Working in a deliberate way. Thank you, Cynthia, for all the work. Feels strongly about the oath that she has taken to do this work she has learned a lot and feels strong about the work we do. Feels a little underappreciated by council hopefully we will be treated better.

Chair Britt

You guys are professionals. We have new people coming in share the info and lets treat the newbie with respect. Cynthia you did good this summer. Glad to be on the commission still. Do the peoples bidding for what the community deserves when it comes to recreation. Enjoys the commission. We push a lot of money for the city of Rialto, and we do a lot for the community. He appreciates you guys. Let's train the new ones coming in this year is going to be very exciting. We will have our own float in December Thank you Cynthia for all you do... You make us look real good.

i. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to attend, Chair Britt adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm with the next regular meeting to be held at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at the City Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Ave, Rialto, CA 92376.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director
Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services