

**CITY OF RIALTO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026
IN PERSON SPECIAL MEETING
1411 S. Riverside Ave., RIALTO CA, 92376**

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Britt.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT TO DATE
Jose Aparicio	X		
Joe Britt	X		
Albert Calderon	X		
Oscar Hinojosa	X		
Jan Morrison	X		
Nataly Sandoval		X	
Mauricio Serrano	X		
Cynthia Alvarado	X		
Ebony Perkins	X		
Randy Solis	X		

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

d. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve March 3, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Morrison **Seconded by:** Serrano

MOTION PASSES YES: 6 **NO:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** _____

Noting the absence of Commissioner Sandoval

e. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

f. **STAFF UPDATES**

Staff provided an overview of current operations and programming across all divisions. Administration reported 13 park shelter rentals for March and 20 for February. Community Engagement highlighted key initiatives, including the Spring Eggstravaganza, Color Run/Walk 3K, and Black History Month Spotlight. In Sports, the staff completed 66 games during the season playoffs.

Contract Classes currently serve 168 active participants across youth and adult programs. Child Development facilitated activities such as Valentine Grams and the “Jailhouse Rock” performance.

Social Recreation Programs continue to offer Teen Socials on the fourth Friday of each month, along with a Mentor Program and a budgeting workshop. Rec N' Roll featured Valentine-themed slime and craft activities held on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The Fitness and Aquatic Center continues to provide swim lessons, including those supported through Red Cross scholarships. Senior Services hosted the Senior Sweethearts' Dance. Parks Maintenance completed ballfield preparation for Opening Day and continues to implement the ongoing park improvement project.

g. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 26-0197: Intro to Deputy. The Deputy introduced himself to the commission.

ITEM 26-0198: Frisbie Park Playground

ACTION: Approve Frisbie Playground replacement Design 3 for Gravity Rail Replacement

MOTION: Morrison **Seconded by:** Serrano

MOTION PASSES YES: 6 **NO:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** _____

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ITEM 26-0199: Bud Bender Park Virtual Tour.

ITEM 26-0200: Park Projects updates

Fergusson Park will be starting soon. We are waiting on the colors to arrive.

Inclusive Playground: the equipment is on its way. Specifications are being reviewed by building and safety. Looking to be completed by Summer 2026.

Birdsall Park: The building will be delivered end of May and we anticipate the project being completed in early July.

Carl Johnson Center: They are working on getting the designs done for the new bleachers and the winches so it can go out to bid.

Sensory room: is being painted and lights are being installed. The project is coming along. We are looking at asking for a Contract service agreement to bring a Recreation Therapist to training and work with staff so we can be more inclusive.

h. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hinojosa: Thank you for all the info its good to see the city investing in the community. We were able to get a field trip scheduled to Joe Sampson Park and the Farmers market. We will work with the Gardens and have a presentation with the master gardener (Tim). This will happen on April 29th. He got a bus from his principle. This is a trial run. ELP students

small cohort. The Vision is to have busses leaving everyday and going to the parks. Hoping that next year we can do this once a month. He will be taking 19 students.

Commissioner serrano: its great to meet Randy. He's going to be a great addition. Thinks the parks information would be interesting so that we can use our resources. Would like to see what the cost comparison for the playgrounds are. Showing what we are spending our money showing the visibility of the funds. Excited to see the changes going on at the parks.

Commissioner Aparicio: Welcome Randy if you need anything from us let us know. I almost made it to Saturdays event. Got an invitation for the prom. Also in the summer they have the cooling center—are we still doing that. Can we jump start on the hall of fame? Have a discussion on it. Grafitti, have we thought about putting a cage where people can put on their locks (locks of love). They have one at Victoria Gardens.

Commissioner Morrison: Happy to be back missed last time. The virtual park tours is that going to take the place of the parks tour. Thank you for the idea. Wants more detail on the people who are presenting i.e. John Epps. Extravaganza likes some of the changes, I'm used to seeing it at City Council. When we took it to Frisbie it helped out a lot there are more places to sit and more shade. The Egg hunts are contained in the ball parks. The bigger space was nice. Saw more people sitting. Wanted to check on the Fergusson park Complaint did she follow up? Is working with the Juneteenth Committee and will bring up the parking issues. Block the area off where the houses are and put the vendors there. Loves the idea of the sensory room, even if you don't have disabilities sensory room is cool. The arts council is hoping we can pick that back up with the policy. We are half way through the process, are there anything we need to do to get it going? Noticed Mr. Wilson is no longer with us, hopes he's ok. Recognition of parks and rec team can we do it at the end of our year in June. We have a great team, in summer they work above and beyond. Its been a while since we did that. I like to celebrate the people and say thank you. The beautiful thing about that we are the second line under city council. I want to make sure they know we appreciate them.

Vice Chair Calderon: got an invite from Senator Eloise for those who are interested in being a state commissioner and its open to anyone. So if you are interested its available.

Chair Britt: Staff training is this Saturday from 12-6pm. We have prom on Thursday. Welcome Randy, whatever you need just holla at us.

i. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to attend, __Chair Britt_____ adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm with the next regular meeting to be held at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the City Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Ave, Rialto, CA 92376

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director
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