

**CITY OF RIALTO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
IN PERSON SPECIAL MEETING
150 S. PALM AVE., RIALTO CA, 92376**

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm 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		

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

d. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approve December 2, 2025, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Sandoval _____ **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hinojosa

MOTION PASSES YES: 7 **NO:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

e. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joycia Martin lives in Las Colinas. Fergusson Park. Speaking for the community. Disenchanted in how the park has been ran the allowance and disallowances of the park. They have been lied to about what was supposed to be there. No pool, no splash pad. The only thing they got were the tennis courts. Concerned about the use of the facilities. The Football. The concession stands can only be used by the football team. Should be able to use the concession stands if they are doing the event. Many come from all over to enjoy the park. People who come around with their vendors who walk around. Speak on upcoming events. Wants to see the Juneteenth event continue to see it happen. She is disappointed about the amount of funding for the event. Wants to see if have more money allocation. The event serves the black, brown, and Asian community. People enjoy themselves. She is dissatisfied with the lack of funding.

f. **STAFF UPDATES**

January 5 facility rentals and 17 Park shelter rentals, February we have 3 park shelter rentals so far. The Point in Time Count was held at the end of January. We had 46 volunteers registered and Chic Fil A will be feeding the volunteers. The Rialto Progress Magazine

Winter/Spring Edition was released. Youth Basketball and Volleyball Programs had a total of 5,400 visits. 403 athletes are registered into these two programs. We have held 52 basketball games and 20 volleyball games. Kenneth Thomas was selected as Coach of the Year. Contract classes are going well. We have over 129 registered participants. Our Tiny Tots class is full and we will be opening up a new class in February to accommodate our waiting list. Tiny Tots held their New Years Bash celebration which was a huge hit. The Teen Center will be hosting mentor program via NRPA grant. The Fitness and Aquatics Center is doing well, we have several new memberships (staff, insurance, and regular members). The Grace Vargas Senior Center hosted its Rock N Roll New Years event—the seniors had a great time. The have kicked off the year strong with fitness classes and social programs. Flores Park had some playground equipment replaced. Jerry Eaves Park will be closing February through July for reseeding. Birdsall Park restroom and snack bar project is moving forward. The building has been demoed. Fergusson Park will have its resurfacing project start on March 23.

g. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

ITEM: 26-0054 Cemetery Services & Fees Comparison. Commission asked to bring back additional information from the city of Redlands and city of San Bernardino. They also wanted the size of each of the cemeteries to compare land size.

ITEM: 26-0053 Parks & Facilities Tour Survey. Commission gave direction to send out the survey again expanding the dates to all of March and a portion of April so everyone can attend the tour.

h. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hinojosa: Parade was great. Had fun being on the float. Helped film the parade back when he was on the cable commission. During the break he visited many parks. Looked at parks in Fontana. Wants to see splash pad so he would like to see the department to continue to look into it and see how we can continue to improve the parks.

Commissioner Morrison: Thank you for trying to set up the tours. Good to see everyone back. Thank you for the new Progress Magazine. Was wondering if there is a way for us to get a portrait of all of us in the magazine. Would like to be more visible. For commissioners that are looking for information on what is coming up and where they can get involved, the progress magazine provides a lot of information so if you have a focus then you can see what that area is doing so you can attend. I'm excited about the Teen Center having a grant. I didn't get to go by in January but will make it a point to visit in February. Heard that we have a coach of the year how will we be honoring them? Had a great time at the Christmas parade and hanging out with our folks. I get a lot of invitation to the legislation coffee klatches. If you get an invite, you should go and check it out and see and listen to another perspective. Fergusson is going to experience a change with Casa Grande opening. She is a little scared about the traffic and congestion. We will have a lot of people in Fontana coming to the park. More exposure to Sierra. Can we have a round table with our other cities to find out what they are doing it.

Commissioner Sandoval: Had a great time at the holiday event. Happy about the magazine and the updates that are provided by the staff. Looking forward to getting more involved. Did a

park clean up in riverside and wants to do more of those types of activities in our city and also getting involved with the teen center. Wants to connect with all of our programs.

Commissioner Serrano: wants to emphasize getting more information on doing two rate structures for residents and non-residents. We probably want to do adjustments for inflation. We want to make sure we cover the costs of the cemetery. Enjoyed his time at the parade. Thank you for sharing opportunities to get involved

Commissioner Aparicio: good to see everyone. Thank you Ms. Martin for coming down to address us. Fergusson park is our go to park for my family. We will be adding pickleball courts, I don't know what was promised to the public but it would be a good idea to see what was offered before and see what events are being offered at Fergusson park. Its important to offer things at all of our parks. Once we come from our tour we have a better understanding of what can be held where. What Mr. Serrano said, he 2nds what he said. We should move quickly on it. Football field at Fergusson Park. How is pickleball at the Rialto Community Center Going. Are the leagues in good standing.

Vice Chair Calderon: Had a great time on the float at the Christmas parade. They are looking forward to the next one. Volunteer at Fergusson Park with NSG for the food give away. Helping the community is impactful. We have been working to getting the class for the leagues to keep their non-profit in good standing. This will be the first time and we can see how we can keep it going and make it an annual thing. At the last council meeting they approved another warehouse and there is \$4million that are coming to the city. They will be giving \$1 mill to the Police Department. Wants to know how Parks and Rec can get some money. Can we lobby for money to come to parks and rec. What can we do to let them know that parks and rec needs moneys too.

Chair Britt: Ty for being a part of the commission. You're shining. All your thoughts and opinions are appreciated. If you want something done in the city bring it up. Ms. Martin we go a long way, lets see what we can do to rent out the concession stand to the community.

i. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to attend, __Chair Britt_____ adjourned the meeting at __8:23pm_____ pm with the next regular meeting to be held at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the City Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Ave, Rialto, CA 92376

Respectfully Submitted,

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