

CROCKETT RECREATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR RECREATION MEETING ON JULY 7, 2025.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cusack called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Commissioners Airolodi, Cusack, Leuba, and Valentini were present. Commissioner Choquette was absent (excused).

Staff present included General Manager (GM) Goodman, Recreation Manager (RM) Maria, and District Secretary (DS) Rivas
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Multiple Pickleball enthusiasts attended the meeting, requesting that at least one of the tennis courts be converted into two Pickleball courts and noted the benefits to the community. The group has been playing consistently for five months, several times a week, and would like to host clinics to teach others how to play the sport. Pickleball is growing and is played by all ages. Multiple issues were discussed, including noise and tape striping. Staff will obtain quotes for repaving the tennis courts to submit a grant request from the Crockett Community Foundation (CCF) in September and will inquire about any additional costs to add Pickleball markings. A special meeting may be needed for the Commissioners to review the application on August 29th.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 4b was carried to the next meeting. A motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented passed. (Airolodi 1st, Leuba 2nd, 4/0, 1 absent).
 - a. Approve minutes for May 5, 2025.
 - b. Receive Recreation Transmittals (May and June 2025): Pulled.
 - c. Receive report on actions taken by the District Board for May 28 and June 25, 2025.
5. BUDGET AND FINANCE: Reported by the GM.
 - a. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Discussion rolled into 5b.
 - b. UPDATE ON BUDGET PROCESS FOR FY 2025/26: Three budget handouts were presented and explained (ADA Pool Project breakdown, the Approved Recreation Budget for FY 2024/25, and the Proposed Recreation Budget for FY 2025/26). The Budget and Finance Committee (Airolodi and Valentini) met with the GM to discuss the Department's needs. The GM noted that the financial chart of accounts has changed, resulting in a different budget look from previous years, and proceeded to explain the budget changes by line item. The pumpkin patch and Christmas tree lot did not generate any significant money, but were good events for the community and will be brought back this year. An error was discovered, and the budget was corrected from \$781,170 to \$770,073.

The pool office was remodeled, and a new gender-neutral ADA restroom was added. The breakdown of the costs was presented in the ADA Pool Project spreadsheet. It appears that professional services drove costs due to frequent site visits and design modifications. The original proposal included improvements to the paths and park area but had to be cut due to a lack of funding. Staff reported that the ADA restroom was greatly needed, as it now serves as a much-needed family restroom.

There are three public hearings at the July Board meeting, including the adoption of the budget.
 - c. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FINANCIAL MATTERS: The cash account balance is \$209,267. The balance should be sufficient to carry the department through December, when a new tax levy

installment will be received. The pool will remain open for a few more months and will continue to incur expenses, as well as other non-pool expenses that will draw from the cash account balance.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- a. CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR A TAX BALLOT CAMPAIGN PLAN: The current \$110 (\$9.17/month) Recreation tax generates \$136,400 annually. The Recreation tax has not been increased since 2012; previously, the tax was only \$50. The GM previously recommended doubling the tax to \$220 (\$18.33/month). An Ad Hoc Committee is needed to lead the effort in generating support for a ballot measure for the next election cycle in 2026.

Commissioner Leuba expressed interest, and the DS will ask Commissioner Choquette. Director Spinner and the GM have volunteered to assist in the effort. Including people who participated in the first ballot measure in 2012 was suggested.

7. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT MANAGER:

- a. MANAGER'S REPORT MAY AND JUNE 2025: Manager's report by RM Maria presented. The setup for Supervisor Scales-Preston's office hours on July 21st is being developed. Assemblymember Farias' office has not confirmed the July 25th date. These elected officials are not charged with using the community space because they are providing a service to the community. Commissioner Leuba asked how these events are being promoted. Community events are posted on Facebook and the District website as soon as materials are available to post. One of four air conditioner units is out. Keller Air is assessing whether the unit can be fixed or needs to be replaced.

A significant number of private pool parties are booked from June through August for Fridays and Saturdays and bring in between \$500 - \$700 per event. Private swimming lessons have become very popular. Recreation is considering reabsorbing private swim lessons back into Recreation for 2026. Swim lessons draw families from surrounding communities, including Richmond, Benecia, and Grand Canyon.

The pool had to close for several days due to a pump failure. Due to the pending grand opening date of May 24th, Staff had to act fast to replace the bad pump. A local electrician volunteered his labor to fix the pump. After several attempts, he concluded that the pump was faulty. The pump is under warranty, but the replacement process would take too long, so the Recreation Manager will have to drive to Sacramento to pick up the replacement unit. Once installed, the unit will need to run for a little while to balance out the chemicals. Staff is hopeful to reopen the pool by Wednesday (7/9). The pool issues have affected Swim Team and Water X programs and open swim days.

With the increased popularity of Pickleball, the RM will be preparing a CCF grant proposal to resurface the tennis court and possibly consider adding Pickleball striping. The most recent restriping occurred in 2018.

- b. No meeting scheduled for August.

8. REPORTS / COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. TENNIS COURT USE POLICY.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM until September 8, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
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District Secretary