



MINUTES  
CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: Council Chambers  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Thursday, February 05, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Emiko Stewart  
Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Celeste DeWald  
Commissioner Francisco Estrada  
Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher  
Commissioner Araseli Campos

Youth Representative: Isabella Alvaro

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services  
Imelda Negrete, Asst Director, Parks & Community Services  
Jessica Beebe, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Comm Svcs  
Elizabeth Shea, Impact and Comm Engagement Coordinator,  
Parks & Comm Svcs  
Jeremy Sanders, Asst Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs

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1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

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Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Celeste DeWald  
Commissioner Francisco Estrada  
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher  
Commissioner Araseli Campos

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Commissioners Absent:

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

3.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARKS &  
RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nick Calubaquib provided an update on the Parks Department upcoming events.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2026.

Motion: Motion: It was moved by Commissioner DeWald and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the minutes of JANUARY 22, 2026.

AYES: Schacher, Campos, Ibarra Stewart, DeWald, Estrada, Leonor  
NOES: None  
ABSENT:

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.a. 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Report Only

- a) Staff Report: Elizabeth Shea Impact and Community Engagement Coordinator provided a report on the Parks Department accomplishments through the year 2025 highlighting activities and projects completed.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioners discussed the report. Commissioners agreed that there were many great things highlighted throughout the year.
- c) Public Input

6.b. 2026 STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Report only

- a) Staff Report: Nick Claubaquib, Deputy City Manager and Parks Director provided the commission with an update on the 2026 Strategic Action Plan.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioners discussed the report.
- c) Public Input

7. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 16, 2026 at 6:30pm.