

# CROCKETT RECREATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR RECREATION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cusack called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Commissioners Airoldi, Choquette, Cusack, and Valentini were present. Commissioner Quade was absent (excused).  
  
Staff in attendance included District Secretary (DS) Rivas, Interim General Manager (IGM) Goodman, Acting Recreation Manager (ARM) Maria, and Events Supervisor (ES) Morales. CVSAN Commissioner Wais was in attendance.
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: September 9 and October 7, 2024, minutes were approved as presented. (Valentini 1<sup>st</sup>, Choquette 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4/0, 1 absent).
5. BUDGET AND FINANCE: As reported by the IGM
  - a. RECREATION TRANSMITTALS: There were two additional check runs for October. The Cash Account balance is \$74,764.00. Maze & Associates continues to assist with data input. The Recreation finances have stabilized since receiving the Ad Valorem taxes. Commissioner Cusack asked why the PG&E bill was over \$10,000 and has multiple account numbers. Each account number is associated with different recreational uses, one at the community center and two at the pool. The pool was open a month longer than normal which increased costs. The pool usage is seasonal. It is estimated that running the pool ranges from \$8k - \$12k depending on various factors including usage, supplies, and maintenance. Commissioner Choquette inquired about the Inside Source payment of \$15,732.93. The former recreation manager used Inside Source for the furniture for the pool ADA upgrade. Once Maze & Associates is caught up, Staff will be able to provide accurate pool costs and other recreational uses. Recreation Use taxes from the County should arrive in December.
  - b. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FINANCES: All deposits have been entered but the accounts cannot be reconciled until Maze & Associates completes their entries.
6. ADMINISTRATIVE:
  - a. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD: Reported by DS Rivas. Elena Gomez was appointed to the Lighting and Landscape Commission. The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) was extended again until the end of January. The Board approved hiring legal counsel to represent the District for the 2022 odor event. Hosting a town hall meeting was approved and asked the IGM to lead the effort.
  - b. DISCUSS PICKLEBALL AS A RECREATION SERVICE: ARM Maria received a request to consider Pickleball as a service to the community. She contacted Bay Area Pickleball Association ambassador Darlene Rios Drapkin to present to the commissioners. Unfortunately, Ms. Rios Drapkin was out of town but plans to attend the December meeting. Pickleball is a cross between

tennis and ping pong. Many communities have successfully transitioned their little-used tennis courts into Pickleball courts. Crockett has a strong tennis presence and the Pickleball courts can be overlaid for dual usage. Commissioner Cusack was concerned about the noise during weddings at the community center. Commissioner Valentini replied that most weddings or events are in the evening and are unlikely to be affected by Pickleball users during the day. Commissioner Airoidi would like to see Pickleball leagues. ARM Maria has many questions but is open to the possibility because Crockett has a strong tennis community. Ms. Wais recalled that the Crockett Community Foundation (CCF) may have given funds for Pickleball to Port Costa. The item was carried to December.

c. SEASONAL REPORT ON AQUATICS CENTER: The item was carried to January.

7. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT MANAGER: Reported by ARM Maria. After two years, the pool's backwash paddle hydrostatic switch was replaced with an electrical one. The annual heater maintenance was completed. The equipment is six years old with an expected lifespan of up to eight years. A quote was requested to fix the filter because the sand keeps getting pulled into the pool. The 10-year-old sand also needs to be replaced. The cost to replace the filter and sand is unknown. Kel-Aire will be providing a quote to replace the swamp cooler. There will be a tree lot and Christmas tree lighting on the weekend following the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be vendors, singing, and sleigh rides. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the photos with Santa. The CCF will host a candidate's forum on November 14 for a new Board Member.

The first annual Pumpkin Patch event went very well. The event cleared \$2000. The remaining pumpkins were donated to the Carquinez Garden School for the preschoolers to enjoy. Staff received a cute thank you video. The community in general expressed their disappointment with the few if any tricker treaters turn out. Commissioner Cusack would like Port Costa and Crockett to be more unified with events. Port Cosa used to host a haunted house, car show, and Halloween talent shows at the school.

Due to multiple circumstances, the holiday appreciation dinner will not be held this year. IGM Goodman has proposed a potluck-type gathering in January. The Board approved a town hall meeting to provide a report on the District and field questions from community members. She would like to have commissioners attend the event. The Recreation Manager job has been posted. She noted that the salary is conservative but needed to be commiserate with the experience of the person selected. The number of qualified applications will influence if the position should be posted elsewhere. Lit flags will be mounted at 1 Rolph Park Drive and Memorial Hall in time for Veteran's Day.

8. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Choquette thanked everyone for surviving a challenging and hectic year. She will not attend the December meeting. Commissioner Airoidi appreciates the efforts of IGM Goodman and ARM Maria.
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- Recreation Use Tax for FY 25/26.
  - Aquatics report (January).
10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM until December 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonia Rivas, MBA  
District Secretary