

# CROCKETT RECREATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Cusack. Present: Commissioners Airoidi, Cusack, Choquette and Valentini; Staff: Interim General Manager (IGM)/District Secretary (DS) Rivas, Recreation Department Manager (RDM) Wilson and Events Supervisor (ES) Morales; Public: Commissioner Mary Wais (Crockett Sanitary - CVSAN); Absent: Commissioner Quade (excused)
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Wais announced that a candidate's forum is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 in the community center and begins at 5:30.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes for January 8, 2024, were approved with no corrections (Valentini 1<sup>st</sup>, Choquette 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous: 4/0, 1 absent)
5. Number 5 was inadvertently skipped.
6. RECREATION: RDM Wilson reported that there was no damage from the storm over the weekend but due to very high winds, there was a significant amount of debris to clear. He was concerned about the tie-downs for the pool and relieved that they held up well. The high school has started using the pool. The heater was turned on last week, the heat increases gradually and takes a few days to reach the desired temperature. Due to the heavy storm, the temperature never got higher than 79 degrees. The cooler water did not seem to bother the students very much.  
  
Fourteen contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the pool building renovations. The bids are scheduled to be opened on Friday (2/9) at 2 pm. The pool building is being renovated for ADA compliance and requires a reconfigured entrance.
7. BUDGET AND FINANCE:
  - a. RECREATION TRANSMITTALS: Chair Cusack inquired if the \$4,610 charge for landscaping services was correct. Mr. Wilson explained that the charges are for various locations: Memorial Hall, Community Center, Alexander Park, and the pool.
  - b. BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2024: IGM Rivas reported that a preliminary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (February 7) with the Board Budget & Finance Committee to discuss the budget. ASM Goodman will then follow up with the other department budget and finance committees.

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Members: Jeff Airoidi (VC), Louise Choquette, Tom Cusack (C), Valerie Quade, John Valentini

8. ADMINISTRATIVE:
  - a. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD: IGM Rivas reported that the Board is now under the leadership of Nick Spinner (President) and Diana Martinez (Vice President). Directors Barassi and Mackenzie are on the budget & finance committee and will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss the 2024/2025 budget.
  - b. SALARY UPDATES FOR NON-EXEMPT RECREATIONAL STAFF: Received.
9. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT MANAGER: Reported under Item 6.
10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.
11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: At the previous meeting, Director Barassi asked the recreation commissioners to consider recreational uses at the district office building (1RPD). A lengthy discussion was had regarding the history of the acquisition and the lack of progress in renovations that will allow the public to use the building. One of several proposed uses was a wedding chapel but there is concern that people will not want to have weddings in a former mortuary. Commissioner Choquette expressed that recreation does not have the staff or budget to run any programs at the building. She suggested that a budget be created for the repairs. IGM Rivas responded that staff is holding weekly meetings and that the renovations are a current topic of discussion. Several improvements have already been made but still require more ADA modifications.  
  
A request was made to staff to explain why Recreation has made two \$2,000+ payments towards the mortgage. Ms. Wais shared comments from the original acquisition planning discussions including there were a variety of ideas about the purpose of the building; the building needed ADA compliance upgrades; the intention was to generate income; the upstairs unit could be a rented as a private residence.
13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM until March 4, 2024.