

**Minutes**  
**City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**One City Plaza, Conference Room #141, Yuma, Arizona**  
**Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**4:00 pm**

**Call to order:** The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**PARC Members present:** Brannick Harris, Priscilla Ibarra, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, and Nora Morris (via Teams).

**PARC Members Absent:** Sara Bowerman and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson.

**Staff Present:** Ana Padilla, Jasmin Rodriguez, Ron Ramirez, and Eric Urfer.

**Call to the Public:** John MacDonald. Dogs of leash at West Wetlands Park: recommended to find a way to enforce the code for dogs on leash and advertise enforcement, post sign that states no dogs off leash. Post signs of no vehicles on trails. Ask the commission/parks to do some advertising.

**Approval of minutes:**

- a. Jaime McGalliard, seconded by Judy Phillips, made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:  
Aye: 5 Brannick Harris, Priscilla Ibarra, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, and Nora Morris.  
Nay: None.

**Schedule Items:**

- a. **Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Introductions**  
Completed.
- b. **Director's Update**
  - i. **YMPO Transportation Plan – Review and Comment**  
Eric Urfer requested the Commission's assistance in reviewing the draft YMPO Transportation Plan. The Commission was asked to bring comments to the next meeting.
  - ii. **Art Projects Update**
    1. **Downtown Art Fence**
      - Ana Padilla reported that a call to artist is being finalized to send out for design to be used on the art fence being installed downtown. The designed will be converted into a wrap that will be installed by a commercial vendor on the fence.
    2. **PAAC Art Piece**
      - Ana Padilla updated the Commission that Weld Like a Girl had been contacted to discuss the suggestions presented by the Commission. The artist has chosen not to submit new designs at this moment.
      - Jaime McGalliard suggested that the City explore the possibility to a brick wall built at this location and then release a call to artist to have the wall painted.
    3. **Rooster Sculpture**
      - Ana Padilla informed the Commission of a new sculpture donated to the City by Lia Littlewood. The sculpture will be installed downtown and will also work as a barricade.

Judy Phillips commented for the City to look into the possibility of payment the artist for the changes being done to the sculpture.

**iii. Park Inspection Assignments**

Eric Urfer reminded the Commission of the park inspection they will be assisting the Parks and Recreation complete. The assignments will be distributed to the Commission by November. Eric requested that special park requests be emailed to Jasmin Rodriguez for consideration.

**iv. Naming Rights Policy**

Eric Urfer informed the Commission that the Naming rights policy is being updated to include amenities and park facilities. Once the draft policy is finalized the document will be provided to the Commission for input.

**v. Grounds Maintenance for Sanguinetti House**

Eric Urfer informed the Commission that Parks and Recreation will be assisting with some of the maintenance responsibilities of the Sanguinetti House. A formal plan has not been created.

**c. Staff Update**

**i. Project Updates**

Eric Urfer reported the following:

East Mesa Community Park

- Lake has been formed
- Footings for shade structure for restroom are being installed.
- All playground equipment has been ordered.
- Tentative completion date is in June 2026.

Desert Hills Golf Course

- Irrigation project continues, should last about 100 years.
- 9 holes are continue to be open for continued play.

Joe Henry Memorial Park Revitalization Project

- The grant portion continues to be completed.
- Los Psychologists Bike Club will be installing a new horseshoe.

Kennedy Memorial Park Skate Park

- The concrete continues to cracking, contractor has examined, they will be removing and replacing. We will have signage on site and do PSA on the work that will be performed.

Ron Ramirez reported:

- New LED lights at Sunrise Optimist RC Track have been installed.
- Smucker Memorial Park is getting green, water is back on.

Eric Urfer added, irrigation being supplied by secondary source from City water. The primary will still come from canal, but the tank needs to be replaced. The pipe system will be the same as the Desert Hills Golf Course and will be counted as match towards the grant.

- Near future need to replace ramada at Riverside Park.

**ii. Program and Events Updates - None**

**Action Item:**

- a. None.

**Summary of Current Events:** Judy Phillips commented, Kennedy Memorial Park, Skate Park mural came out neat.

**Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions:** Judy Phillips asked, what is happening with Valley Aquatic Center, will it be emptied? Eric Ufer responded that the City will completing maintenance work at the Valley Aquatic Center. The work is tentatively scheduled to

start late November. The facility will be closed for about 3 to 4 months. Carver Pool has had a facelift to help offset the loss of a facility during the project time.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Dogs on leash, do PSA with social media.

Judy Phillips commented, add more dog areas within parks to give more opportunities.

**Adjournment**


Judy Phillips, seconded by Jaime McGalliard, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5 Brannick Harris, Priscilla Ibarra, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, and Nora Morris.

Nay: None

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Minutes approved this 18 day of September, 2025.



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Brannick Harris, Chairperson