

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #142, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, November 20, 2025
4:00 pm

Call to order: The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

PARC Members present: Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson.

PARC Members Absent: Sarah Bowerman

Staff Present: Ana Padilla, Jasmin Rodriguez, Selena Reyes, Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda, Ron Ramirez, and Eric Urfer.

Call to the Public: None

Approval of minutes:

- a. Jaimie McGalliard, seconded by Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson, made a motion to approve October 16, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson.

Nay: None.

Schedule Items:

- a. **Director's Update**

- i. **Park Evaluation Assignments**

- Parks and Recreation department is finalizing park assignments. Each member will be receiving between 3-5 locations depending on size of park. The department is working on getting a checklist together, so that commissioners can understand expectations of what needs to be done during their assessment.
- When doing evaluations, we encourage all to have a fresh pair of eyes. If there are any recommendations that commissioners feel should be added to our criteria, do not hesitate to share.
- The Parks and Recreation team is working on using Open Gov to log and keep track of the assessments completed.

- ii. **Clean and Beautiful Commission Presentation**

- The Clean and Beautiful Commission would like to collaborate with the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) as they both have similar goals in beautifying public spaces and have requested the PARC commission to make a presentation at their January meeting.
- The PARC commission requested the presentation date be moved to the February meeting.

- b. **Staff Update**

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i. Project Updates

Ron Ramirez reported:

- The Parks Construction Crew is working on the installation of Ramada #01 at Joe Henry Memorial Park.
- The Kennedy Skate Park that was installed earlier this year has begun to display cracks which will not be good for the long-term. The contractor was contacted and will be returning to completely demolish and rebuilding the skate park. This will be under warranty work and at no extra cost to the City.
- Demolition is expected to begin in December, and re-opening of the skate park is expected to be in March 2026.

Eric Urfer Reported:

- We received most of the shades damaged from the storm in the downtown area. We are continuing to work on getting the letters for the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC) entrance sign to be replaced.
- Desert Hills Golf Course PAR 3 will have a ribbon cutting on December 13, 2025 and the Parks and Recreation will be hosting a tournament the same day.

ii. Program and Events Updates

Ann-Jeanette reported:

- Aquatics:
 - High School swim has completed at our facilities. Some students qualified to progress further in competitive meets.
 - Competitive swim teams will be switching over to Marcus and Carver pools once plastering project begins at the Valley Aquatic Center.
 - Reminder that the Valley Aquatic Center will close starting November 24 for replastering and is expected to open mid-February. Light work has already begun on the Leisure Pool.
 - Infant Self-Rescue program is popular and we are considering resuming the program into next year.
 - Water temperature at the pool is set at 82 degrees which may feel cold to non-swimmers, but it is good temperature for active swimmers.
- Youth Co-Sponsor Sports:
 - Yuma Youth Soccer Association (YUSA) will begin practices in mid-December and start games in January.
 - American Youth Football (AYF) has completed their season. They played 142 players, number of games unknown.
 - Yuma Boys Baseball League (YBBL) has completed their season with 512 players and 325 games.
 - Yuma Fastpitch and T-Ball League (YFTL) will be completing their season early December due to delays from rainouts. They have 368 players and have played 785 games.
 - Catch and Go flag football league will be having their championship games in 2 weeks.
- OnVida Turkey Trot run had over 400 participants
- Hero's Run had nearly 200 participants

Ana Padilla reported:

- Tribute of the Muses took place on November 14, 2025.
- Art in the Park is scheduled for January 10 and 11, 2026 at Gateway Park. Vendor applications can be submitted online.

- Artist has been chosen for the Art Fence and he has submitted his art piece. Some adjustments will need to be made as the scaling is smaller than anticipated. To avoid stretching out the image, the artist will be adding onto the image. which will be revealed at Downtown Christmas event taking place on December 6, 2025.

Action Item:

- a. A motion was made by Jamie McGalliard, seconded by Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson to present at the Clean and Beautiful Commission meeting in February. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 Brannick Harris, Priscilla Ibarra, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Nora Morris and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson

Nay: None.

Summary of Current Events: None.

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions: None.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: None.

Adjournment

Jaime McGalliard, seconded by Kieth "Kwadwo" Stevenson, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at

5:00 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Jaime McGalliard, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson.

Nay: None.

Minutes approved this 18 day of December, 2025.



Brannick Harris, Chairperson