

Minutes
City of Yuma Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
One City Plaza, Conference Room #142, Yuma, Arizona
Thursday, December 18, 2025
4:00 pm

Call to order: The City of Yuma's Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

PARC Members Absent: Sara Bowerman and Jaimie McGalliard

Staff Present: Ana Padilla (arrived at 4:06pm), Jasmin Rodriguez, Selena Reyes, Ann-Jeanette Mosqueda, and Ron Ramirez.

Call to the Public: Bryan Nance and Williem "Willy" White with Green Goats, LLC.

Approval of minutes:

- a. Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson, seconded by Priscilla Ibarra, made a motion to approve November 20, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5 Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Kwadwo Fodwo.

Nay: None.

Schedule Items:

- a. **Director's Update**

- i. **Park Evaluation Assignments**

Jasmin Rodriguez reported that this assignment has been delayed due to continued storm repair. Expected start day in January. Parks and Recreation staff will prepare and provide a packet which will consist of definitions, expectations, etc. The assessments will begin with smaller community parks and then will move on to larger regional parks.

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

Jasmin Rodriguez shared that at the request of the Clean and Beautiful Commission the Park, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) will be present at the Clean and Beautiful Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2026. The Parks and Recreation Department is working on putting a presentation template together for the PARC Commission to review and approve.

- Jasmin Rodriguez presented the questions "What do you all think we should mention in the presentation in regard to projects we have accomplished?" and "What do you feel the mission of the PARC commission is?"
 - The commissioners submitted their responses, which will be used in preparation for the presentation to the Clean and Beautiful commission in February.

- iii. **Upcoming Call for Artist**

Ana Padilla reported that the Mascot Project Design is still moving forward.

- We are finalizing information with procurement.
- We are in the process of putting together a Call for Artist for the art needed at East Mesa Community Park. The Call for Artist will include art work to be

completed for the functional art benches purchased for this park. Some of these benches were donated and in recognition the artist will work with organization to develop a concept. The fees to adopt these pieces will cover the artist fees and labor costs for installation.

iv. Budget Updates

Jasmin Rodriguez informed the Commission of the following:

- The department's request for personnel, equipment and vehicle for Fiscal Year 2027 has been submitted.
- Estimated costs for Fiscal Year 2026 have been submitted.
- Working with the Department divisions to adjust their wish lists, so that we can finalize the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

b. Staff Update

i. Project Updates

- Archery Range grant will be used to add a shade structure and some landscaping to allow easy access for maintenance. We are preparing to get the shade structure installed.
- Rooster Mascot is still in the process, we aim to unveil at AG Festival to take place on January 24, 2026.
- East Mesa Park
 - Playground is being installed as well as the footings for the shade structures.
 - Pond is being filled. We are coordinating with the Arizona Department of Game and Fish for placing fish and simulating the natural habitat of the fish into the pond.
 - Phase 1 is expected to be completed in Fall of 2026 due to City Council's recent approval of additional pieces.
 - We would like to take the Commission out to tour the park site and we are working with the Project Manager to schedule when we can do this.
- Desert Hills Golf Course (DHGC) is finishing up the irrigation project. There are minor issues that will be ironed out. The warranty for this project is 5 years.
- Civic Center Panel has been delivered, and we are pending installation.
- Skatepark demolition has begun, and rebuilding will begin in January. Expected completion is in Spring of 2026.
- The Friendship Park splashpad will need to be completely replaced and redone. We expect the revenue bond will allow us to replace the splashpad and we hope to put the project out for bid to install a new modern splashpad.
- We have determined that the electrical panel for the Ray Kroc Athletic Complex will need to be redone. The panel is the original panel installed in the early 70s and we hope to get the new design drawn up prior to replacing Ray Kroc Field #1 lights.
- The fencing that will be placed alongside Avenue A, adjacent to the Caballero Soccer Fields, has been postponed to approximately May. The contractor was unable to ship parts out prior to the start of the Youth Soccer League season beginning January 3rd. The next window that does not interfere with the league play in that area will not be until May.
- Woodard Backstops will be completed by next week.

ii. Program and Events Updates

Ann-Jeanette reported:

- Co-Sponsor Sports
 - Catch and Go Flag Football League has completed their season.
 - Yuma Fastpitch and T-Ball League (YFTL) will be back in the Spring
 - Yuma Boys Baseball League (YBBL) will be starting their assessments in January.

- Recreational Programming
 - Over 200 participants for the run that took place on December 6th.
 - We have on-going open gym at the Joe Henry Optimist Center on the weekends.
 - Circle of Friends just had chair yoga and Kickball And Pizza programs.
 - Rocking Around took place on December 22 at Gateway Park. It is a free event and involves a scavenger hunt and prize.
 - Senior Tournaments will be held in January and February.
- Aquatics
 - The Valley Aquatic Center replastering project is going well
 - We keep the pools at 82 degrees
 - The Infant Self-Rescue class completed December 12th. It was very popular, and we filled all 18 spots. The program was supported and sponsored by the Prison Hill Liquid Foundation and Greater Yuma Water Safety Alliance to make it affordable and accessible. We plan to add a second session in January.

Ron Reported:

- Fertilizing athletic fields
- Smucker's Park irrigation lines are now connected and we will be able to water both sides of the park.
- Maintenance at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC) is working hard to keep grass green. We have both adult softball leagues playing as well as up to two tournaments per month taking place at the PAAC.
- Arroyo Dunes ribbon cutting took place on December 13th along with a kick-off golf tournament to raise funds for the Junior Golf Camp.

Ana Padilla reported:

- Open Reception for the new exhibit took place on December 12th. The new exhibit consists of ceramic paintings and sculptures.
- We are conceptualizing footprints to be placed by the recently un-veiled art fence mural, so that when someone stands on the footprints they can view the mural.
- Art in the Park will take place on January 10 and 11, 2026 at Gateway Park.
- Dinner Theater tickets are on sale.
- There will be a new exhibit in February. We will begin preparation and installation in the gallery next month. The open reception is scheduled for February 20th. The name is "Spark! Places of Innovation". It is a Smithsonian exhibition by AZ Humanities.
- Civic Center continues to stay busy. There are no available weekends until May.

Action Item:

- a. Jasmin Rodriguez proposed that discussion of request from local artist be added to the meeting agenda for February meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Kwadwo Fodwo.

Nay: None

Summary of Current Events: None.

Commission Forum for Advocacy, Feedback, or Questions:

- Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson asked for more information regarding the goat grazing.
 - Jasmin informed the commission that we are exploring the idea and have identified areas that could benefit from it. However, this is something we will need to go out for bid and nothing has been made official. We will have more information when Green Goats, LLC. presents to the commission.
- Brannick Harris expressed his appreciation for all the work that the Parks and Recreation Department staff does for the community.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Clean and Beautiful Commission meeting proposed presentation
- Green Goats presentation

Adjournment

Judy Phillips, seconded by Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm. The Motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5 Brannick Harris, Judy Phillips, Nora Morris, Priscilla Ibarra and Keith "Kwadwo" Stevenson.

Nay: None.

Minutes approved this 19 day of February, 2026.

 for —
Brannick Harris, Chairperson

[Signed by Jaime Mc Guilliard, Vice Chairperson]