

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**CITY OF PALM DESERT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Member Randy Guyer, Vice-Chair Rob Langford, Committee Member John Maldonado, Committee Member Paul Murphy, Committee Member David O'Donnell, Chair Ralph Perry, Committee Member Tim Skogen

Staff Present: Community Services Manager Shawn Muir, Recording Secretary Damian Olivares, Management Analyst Maria Gonzalez, Director of Public Works Randy Chavez, Management Analyst Marie de Vera, Assistant City Manager Richard Cannone,

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chair Perry on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

**4.a Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by:** Committee Member Guyer

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Maldonado

Approve the Minutes of February 3, 2026.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**5.a Consideration of an Operational Model for the Civic Center Skate Park**

Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager, presented a staff report and responded to Committee inquiries.

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The Committee discussed both models and expressed interest in testing an unsupervised model and monitoring results over time.

**Motion by:** Committee Member O'Donnell

**Seconded by:** Committee Member Skogen

To recommend that the City Council consider:

1. Transitioning the Civic Center Skate Park to an unsupervised operational model;
2. Implement weekly monitoring and reporting;
3. Establish a subcommittee to assist with oversight and reporting structure; and
4. Evaluate the model through the end of the calendar year.

**Motion Carried (7 to 0)**

## **6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

### **6.a Updates from Partner Organizations**

#### **6.a.1 Palm Desert Aquatic Center**

A written report was provided in the agenda materials; no action was taken.

#### **6.a.2 First Tee - Coachella Valley**

A written report was provided in the agenda materials; no action was taken.

#### **6.a.3 Friends of the Desert Mountains**

Tammy Martin, Executive Director, provided updates on:

- Upcoming Wildflower Festival (March 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- Weather contingency planning
- Ongoing shoe drive with multiple drop-off locations
- Upcoming 5K event

#### **6.a.4 Family YMCA of the Desert**

Paula Simonds, Executive Director, provided updates, including:

- Youth & Government program participation in Sacramento
- Announcement of her departure and transition to a new role

#### **6.a.5 Desert Recreation District**

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Maureen Archuleta, Community Services Supervisor, provided updates, including:

Table tennis program schedule

Skate park participation data (memberships, classes, and usage)

**6.b City Staff**

**6.b.1 Presentation of Updates**

Staff provided updates on the following and responded to Committee inquiries regarding project timelines, delays, and future planning:

- National Public Lands Day event and community participation
- Palm Desert Aquatic Center (PDAC) repairs, delays, and anticipated phased reopening before summer
- Ongoing fee study planning for PDAC
- Civic Center Playground improvements (90-day construction timeline and expanded design)

**6.b.2 Attendance Report**

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

**6.c City Council Liaison**

City Council Liaison Mayor Evan Trubee provided updates regarding:

- Potential indoor sports facility project to support tourism and recreation
- Coordination with Visit Greater Palm Springs
- Ongoing community issues, including e-bike activity in parks

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee Members requested the following:

- Evaluate parks and opens spaces to explore opportunities for pump track facilities in parks
- Consider the addition of shade structure at the skate park
- Evaluate opportunities for temporary use of vacant commercial spaces for recreation
- Improvements to park signage
- Updates on CV Link expansion and related design efforts

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Committee adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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**9. PUBLIC NOTICES**

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Monique Lomeli, Senior Deputy Clerk  
Recording Secretary

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Marie de Vera, Management Analyst  
Secretary

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DATE APPROVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE