

# Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes



April 22, 2026

4:30 PM

City of Turlock, Yosemite Room  
156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bohlender called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

2. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Present: Commissioners Shehu Hassan, Bob Holly, Barbara Jensen, Michael Casale, and Vice Chair Brent Bohlender

Absent: Commissioners Lupe Aguilera, Chair Keristofer Seryani

Commissioner Casale	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
None	None	None	None	None	Absent	Absent

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Accepting the Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting

Vice Chair Bohlender opened public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Vice Chair Bohlender closed public comment.

Action: **Motion:** by Commissioner Hasaan, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, to adopt the Consent Calendar as posted and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Commissioner Casale	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent

4. **STAFF UPDATES**

A. Donnelly Park Grant Opportunity

Recreation Superintendent Vargas provided updates about Donnelly Park and the potential of grant opportunities.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Vice Chair Bohlender opened public comment. There were no comments from the public, and Vice

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Chair Bohlender closed public comment.

**6. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**A. Community Events and Activities Grant Application Presentations**

The Commission received presentations from the following applicants: Alegria Performing Arts, Associated Students Inc., East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District, Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge, Love Turlock, California State University Stanislaus, Pitman High School Band Boosters, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Science in Our Community, The Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, Turlock Historical Society, Turlock Moms Club, Turlock Police Chaplaincy, Carnegie Art Center, The Market Turlock, Westside Ministries, Family Advocacy & Resource Alliance, and Turlock Senior Citizens.

Following the presentations, Commissioners individually scored each applicant.

Vice Chair Bohlender opened public comment. There were comments from the public, and Vice Chair Bohlender closed public comment.

Motioned by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Hassan, and carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Commissioner Casale	Commissioner Hassan	Vice Chair Bohlender	Commissioner Holly	Commissioner Jensen	Commissioner Aguilera	Chair Seryani
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent

**Action:** Approved **Motion:** Transit the scoring sheet information for the 2026/2027 Community Events and Activities Grand Funding Requests, with modified funding, for the following organizations:

- Alegria Performing Arts — Downtown Turlock Community Trick or Treat & Fall Fest - \$1,000
- Associated Students Inc. — Warriors Explore Downtown - \$3,000
- East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District — Turlock Urban Hedgerow & Public Lands Workshop - \$1,500
- Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge — Ball Drop for Hope - \$3,000
- Love Turlock — Love Turlock - \$3,000
- California State University Stanislaus — Presidential Celebration Series - \$1,500
- Pitman High School Band Boosters — Preview of Champions - \$3,000
- Stanislaus County Fairgrounds — Art Day featuring the Performing Arts Showcase - \$1,000
- Science in Our Community — Later Learning Summer STEM Camp - \$3,000
- The Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East — Assyrian Festival - \$3,000
- Turlock Historical Society — Turlock Melon Carnival - \$3,000
- Turlock Moms Club — Annual Spring Family Fun Day - \$1,000
- Turlock Police Chaplaincy — Run for First Responders - \$3,000
- Carnegie Art Center — Garden Party at the Greenery - \$2,000
- Carnegie Art Center — CAC Block Party - \$2,500
- The Market Turlock — The Market - \$2,500
- The Market Turlock — The Holiday Market - \$3,000
- Westside Ministries — CUPS Christmas Production - \$3,000

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- Westside Ministries — CUPS Summer Performing Arts Intensive - \$3,000
- Family Advocacy & Resource Alliance — Cinco de Mayo - \$3,000
- Family Advocacy & Resource Alliance — Night of Remembrance - \$2,500
- Family Advocacy & Resource Alliance — Día del Niño - \$3,000
- Turlock Senior Citizens — Open House - \$2,000
- Turlock Senior Citizens — Dinner Series - \$1,500
- Turlock Senior Citizens — Hotdogs & Hotrods - \$2,000

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Jensen stated that she was excited about the reports for Donnelly Park grant opportunities.

Commissioner Hassan thanked staff and fellow commissioners.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Bohlander called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, and carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



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Nichole Fiez, City Clerk