



**City of Calimesa**  
PARKS, TRAILS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMISSION  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**4:30 P.M.**

Norton Younglove Multi-Purpose Senior Center  
908 Park Avenue, Calimesa, CA 92320

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair Aponte, Vice-Chair Taylor, Commissioner Roberson-Smith, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Van Hying.

**STAFF:** Mari Shakir, Public Works Director, Chrissy Couture, Administrative Assistant II, Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Anyone wishing to address the Commission on any item that is not on the agenda may do so at this time. This is not a time for Commission comment or action, but the Commission may ask questions for clarification or make a referral to staff for factual information to be reported back to the Commission at a later meeting.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS.**

Approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting as written.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**2. COMMISSION REORGANIZATION**

Pursuant to Section 2.20.030 of the Calimesa Municipal Code, the Commission is required to choose one of its members as Chairperson and another of its members as Vice Chairperson.

**3. EVENTS AND PROJECTS DISCUSSION**

Continued discussion of the event calendar.

**4. PARK EXPANSION**

Mountainview Park (4<sup>th</sup> Street Park) expansion progress update and grand opening.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*This is the time for additional general comments, announcements, reports on meetings attended, requests of staff, and other issues of concern to Commissioners which may be presented briefly at this time. The Commission may not legally take action on any item presented at this time other than to request staff to investigate a complaint or place an item on a future agenda.*

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission will be held on March 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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**Commission Members**

Jennifer Taylor – Commissioner ♦ Christine Van Hying – Commissioner  
Alicia Aponte – Commissioner ♦ Ronna Roberson-Smith – Commissioner ♦ Scott Stamper – Commissioner



Commission Meeting  
**Agenda Report**

Agenda Item No. 1

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PARKS, TRAILS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission approve the action minutes as presented of the December 3, 2025, Regular Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission Meeting.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Action minutes of the December 3, 2025, Regular Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission Meeting.

## *City of Calimesa*

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commission Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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- *Housekeeping item: Secretary Benson noted a minor correction to the posted agenda. It currently reads "Special Meeting Agenda" and should read "Regular Meeting Agenda".*

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Aponte.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chair Aponte, Vice-Chair Taylor, Commissioner Roberson-Smith  
Commissioner Van Hying.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Stamper.

Staff Present: Mari Shakir, Public Works Director, Administrative Assistant, Chrissy  
Couture, Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Item 1. **APPROVE THE ACTION MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025. SPECIAL MEETING  
AND THE OCTOBER 1, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON-SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER APONTE,  
CARRIED 3-0-1 WITH COMMISSIONER TAYLOR ABSTAINING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF  
THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

**MOTION BY CHAIR APONTE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VAN HYNING, CARRIED 4-0 TO  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AS  
WRITTEN.**

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### **2. Item 2. CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY 7, 2026 MEETING**

Commission Secretary Benson, noted that due to the City's holiday closure, staff availability is limited to preparing and posting the agenda within the required Brown Act timelines. Historically, the Commission has cancelled its first regular January meeting and held a Special Meeting later in the month once City operations resume.

The Commission was in consensus to cancel the January 7, 2026, Commission Meeting and discussed scheduling a Special January meeting.

*Motion by Vice-Chair Taylor, Seconded by Chair Aponte to tentatively schedule the Special Meeting for Wednesday, January 14. It was further noted that the Senior Center building will be tented at that time, and if the facility is unavailable, the meeting may need to be rescheduled for Wednesday, January 21.*

### **Item 3. EVENTS AND PROJECT DISCUSSION**

Commission Secretary Benson reviewed the remaining 2025 events with the Commission.

Trunk or Treat: The budget was increased to purchase additional candy for the event, which was accurately estimated and sufficient to last for the entire duration of the event. Staff noted that volunteer participation was lower this year, which made event set-up more challenging. As a result, available volunteers were primarily directed to the trunk area to help fill space, which unfortunately left the trail area without treat distribution. Staff also reported that a volunteer application was implemented, resulting in the addition of several new volunteers.

For 2026, Halloween will fall on a Saturday. The Commission discussed the possibility of hosting the event on an alternate date rather than the traditionally established and successful Halloween schedule, as well as reaching out to regional service clubs to assist with volunteer support. The Commission will continue discussions regarding Trunk-or-Treat planning as the date approaches.

Winter Wonderland: Secretary Benson advised that the Winter Wonderland Home Decorating Spotlight is currently ongoing. Commissioners were encouraged to submit addresses of participating homes or provide flyers to residents who may wish to participate.

Christmas Village: Public Works Director Shakir and Administrative Assistant Couture reported that 10 craft vendors have been confirmed and reviewed the list of confirmed food vendors. Director Shakir also advised that Santa will be available for visits at the conclusion of the parade. A musician will be present, and event decorations will be installed. The event is scheduled to take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with activities paused during the parade.

2026 Event Date Planning: The Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Continued planning for the 2026 event will take place at the January Commission meeting.

Staff also briefly discussed the City Garage Sale event and noted that the Library Commission has expressed interest in participating by hosting a used book sale in conjunction with the event.

Public Works Director Shakir provided a brief update on the Farmer's Market. Staff recently met with a vendor coordinator and are exploring potential locations, as well as canvassing nearby businesses to evaluate potential impacts of hosting a market in the area. One proposed location discussed was Myrtlewood Drive. An additional potential location identified was the former Bank of America property, which Council has authorized for purchase as the future City Hall complex.

### **Item 4. PARK EXPANSION**

Director Shakir provided an update that the block wall has been installed along the south side of the park, as previously requested by the adjacent residents.

Director Shakir also suggested the idea of hosting an exhibition game between the City Council and the Fire Department and expressed interest in beginning plans with the Commission for a Park Grand Opening event.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS**

Chair Aponte: Thanked staff, expressed regret for not being able to attend the Trunk-or-Treat event, and shared excitement regarding the success of the Citizen Recognition Award Program, noting the hard work the Commission put into its development.

Vice Chair Taylor: Expressed excitement that the Citizen Recognition Award program had recipients and noted regret for not being able to attend the meeting. She also stated her appreciation for the positive and collaborative atmosphere of the Commission.

Commissioner Roberson-Smith: Reported that she was in attendance at the December 1st City Council meeting for the Citizen Recognition Award and stated that the ceremony was wonderful and the award itself was very nice. She suggested that, moving forward, staff consider reaching out to recipients’ families in advance and ensure that contact information is collected so families can be included or contacted as part of the recognition process.

Commissioner Stamper: Absent.

Commissioner Van Hying: Thanked staff. Added that she would like to include a more personal element in the Citizen Recognition Awards by hearing from the families of the recipients.

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Staff mentioned that the Commission will continue to work on the Citizen Recognition Award as we fine tune to the program.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. to a tentatively scheduled Special Meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commissions on January 14, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Yaiza Benson*  
Commission Secretary



# Commission Meeting Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 2

**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE PARKS, TRAILS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

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**RECOMMENDATION:** No action is recommended at this time, as the Commission completed a reorganization in October of 2025, and has held only one meeting since that time; however, the Commission may proceed with a reorganization at its discretion.

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**BACKGROUND:** Calimesa Municipal Code Section 2.20.030 states: At the first meeting following regular appointments by the City Council, and at least annually thereafter, commencing in January, commissions shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from their members, who shall serve at the pleasure of each commission.

Due to the recent resignations of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, it is necessary for the Commission to reorganize its leadership. A nomination and vote are required for each office. Nominations may be made by any member of the Commission. A motion and a second are required with affirmative vote of at least three-member majority for each nomination.



# Commission Meeting Agenda

## Agenda Item No. 3

**SUBJECT:** Event Calendar and Projects discussion

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

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**REQUEST:** That the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commission review and discuss Community Events and continue planning of the 2026 Calendar year.

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### **DISCUSSION:**

The Commission will continue discussions related to upcoming community events and the establishment of event dates. The following events are scheduled for further planning and coordination:

Egg Hunt: event discussion and planning.

Earth Day: staff to provide an update on this event.

Community Garage Sale: continued venue discussion and planning.

Farmer's Market: staff will provide an update on the status of this project.

2026 Event Planning Calendar: Staff and Commission to continue discussions to develop the remaining 2026 event calendar. This will include reviewing current event performance, and potential new events.

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**BACKGROUND:** The 2026 Community Events calendar includes recurring seasonal events and pending activities. Event proposals are evaluated based on their alignment with community interests, feasibility and cost effectiveness.

<b>2026 EVENT DATES</b>			
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
EGG HUNT	SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026	SUMMWIND PARK Backup location Senior Center	
SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP	SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026	MESA VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE	TBD	TBD POSSIBLE LOCATIONS CITY HALL PARKING LOT	
POPISCLES IN THE PARK – JUNE	TBD	4 <sup>TH</sup> STREET PARK	
POPISCLES IN THE PARK – JULY	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	
FRIDAY FOOD ROUND UP	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	
FARMER'S MARKET	TBD	TBD	
STATE OF THE CITY	4 <sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER	TBD	
9/11 COMMUNITY GATHERING 25 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH	FIRESTATION	
FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026	MESA VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	
TRUNK OR TREAT	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	
TREE LIGHTING	TBD	CITY HALL	

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**ATTACHMENTS:**



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ITEM 4

MOUNTAINVIEW PARK PROGRESS UPDATE

Item to be presented as an oral report.