



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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
4:30 P.M.

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

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 FEBRUARY 4, 2026 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.**

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **EVENTS AND PROJECTS DISCUSSION**
 - a. Continued discussion of the event calendar.
 - b. Citizen recognition award placement discussion.

3. **PARK EXPANSION**
Mountainview Park (4th 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 April 1, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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: March 4, 2026

PREPARED BY: Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission approve the action minutes as presented of the February 4, 2026, Regular Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Action minutes of the February 4, 2026, 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, February 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Secretary Benson.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Roberson-Smith Commissioner Van Hying.

Commissioners Absent: Chair Aponte, Vice-Chair Taylor.

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 DECEMBER 3, 2025. REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VAN HYNING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON-SMITH, CARRIED 3-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Item 2. COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Commission Secretary Benson advised that, pursuant to the Municipal Code, each Commission shall elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the first meeting of the year. Staff recommended no action at this time, noting that the Commission completed a reorganization in October 2025 and has held only one meeting since then. The Commission reached consensus to retain the current Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Roberson-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Stamper, carried 3-0 to continue with the current Chair and Vice-Chair as selected during the October 2025 reorganization

Item 3. EVENTS AND PROJECT DISCUSSION

Commissioners requested that an hours/timeframe column be added to the 2026 event tables.

Egg Hunt: Staff provided a brief overview of the Community Egg Hunt event scheduled for April 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The event will be similar to last year's program and will include crafts, egg hunts with an adaptive area for children with special needs, and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Staff noted the need for volunteers to assist with egg scattering, staffing the craft booth, supporting the adaptive area, and event clean-up. Commissioners discussed various ways they could provide assistance.

Earth Day: Staff advised that, due to low attendance and the workload required to prepare for the event, the decision has been made not to hold the event this year. The Community Clean-Up will still take place, providing residents with compost and shredding services. Staff noted that the event may return in the future when operations are more centrally located along Calimesa Boulevard.

Community Garage Sale: Staff briefly discussed logistical considerations for the Community Garage Sale, including the potential to observe similar events in neighboring cities. The Commission discussed hosting the event in late spring and fall and considered implementing a minimal fee for participation spaces.

Farmer's Market: Staff advised that an agreement has been drafted and is currently under legal review, with the intent to present it to Council in March. The agreement is proposed for a one-year term with an option to extend. The event is tentatively scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Staff noted that the Wednesday timeframe was selected to avoid conflicts with similar events in neighboring cities.

Popsicles in the Park: The Commission briefly discussed the event, including potential timing, and agreed to continue the discussion and determine a date at a future meeting. It was noted that the event has typically been held on a Thursday and, in past years, aligned with Juneteenth to capture attendance from the Free Lunch in the Park program at Mountain View Park. However, this year Juneteenth falls on a Friday when staff are not in the office. The Commission discussed that turnout at Summerwind Park has been inconsistent and agreed to evaluate attendance this year before determining whether to continue hosting the event at that location. Staff also advised that professional signage will be produced this year to support promotion of this and other events, and Commissioners indicated they will assist with outreach to local school districts to help share information about the event.

Food Round Up – Summer Food Series: Staff provided a brief update on the event, noting the event will continue in a scaled-back format as a once-a-month program held on the second Friday during the summer months. The event will remain at Summerwind Park and will continue to feature a musician, with hours adjusted to 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Item 4. PARK EXPANSION

Director Shakir provided an update that the park grand opening has experienced minor delays, as the open play area must be treated for weeds prior to seeding, which requires an approximately 90-day establishment period. The parking lot and landscaping are nearing completion. City Council will consider potential options to address concerns regarding the completed pickleball courts while also preventing damage to the park before it is fully ready to open. Staff anticipates additional information will be forthcoming and remains hopeful for a grand opening in April or May.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

Chair Aponte: Absent.

Vice Chair Taylor: Absent.

Commissioner Roberson-Smith: Requested that the Citizen Recognition Project, award placement, be added to a future agenda for discussion, and inquired about the success of the Fall and Winter Home Display Spotlight.

Commissioner Stamper: Inquired about development tour dates.

Commissioner Van Hying: Thanked Staff.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Noted that the park reservation program will be reviewed, including updates to the fee schedule and removal of the bounce house restriction, pending Council approval.

Staff advised that the Fall and Winter Home Display program continues to grow, with increased participation compared to the previous year. Halloween participation experienced greater growth than the winter program this year, and staff expressed interest in reintroducing a contest component to further support program expansion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Yaiza Benson

Commission Secretary



Commission Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item No. 3

SUBJECT: Event Calendar and Projects discussion

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2026

PREPARED BY: Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

REQUEST: That the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commission review and discuss ongoing planning for 2026 community events and provide direction regarding the Citizen Recognition Project, including award placement considerations.

DISCUSSION:

A. 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 updates and continued planning.

Community Garage Sale: continued venue discussion and planning.

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

Popsicles in the Park: continued date selection discussions.

Trunk or Treat: Early discussion regarding event date selection.

Tree Lighting: Early discussion regarding event date selection.

Fall and Winter Home Decorating Spotlights: Selection of the timeframe for the Fall and Winter Home Decorating Spotlights and discussion regarding implementation of an award component, such as a judged category or community-favorite recognition.

B. Citizen Recognition Project: The Commission will discuss the Citizen Recognition Project, including award design concepts and potential placement locations for recognition elements. Staff is seeking Commission input to guide project development and future implementation.

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.

	2026 EVENT DATES			
EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	EVENT TIMES	BUDGET
EGG HUNT	SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026	SUMMWIND PARK Backup location Senior Center	9AM – 11AM FIRST HUNT 9:15AM	
SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP	SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026	MESA VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	8AM – 12PM	
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE	TBD	TBD POSSIBLE LOCATIONS CITY HALL PARKING LOT	TBD	
POPISCLES IN THE PARK – JUNE	TBD	4 TH STREET PARK	TBD	\$250.00
POPISCLES IN THE PARK – JULY	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	TBD	\$250.00
FRIDAY FOOD ROUND UP	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	6PM – 9PM	\$7500.00
FARMER'S MARKET	LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH	1055 CALIMESA BLVD	4PM – 8PM	2K
STATE OF THE CITY	4 TH THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER	TBD	TBD	10K
9/11 COMMUNITY GATHERING 25 TH	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 TH	FIRESTATION	TBD	TBD
FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026	MESA VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	8AM – 12PM	CONTRACT
TRUNK OR TREAT	TBD	SUMMERWIND PARK	TBD	4K
TREE LIGHTING	TBD	CITY HALL	TBD	2K
CALIMESA LIGHT PARADE	DECEMBER 5, 2026 (NOT CONFIRMED)	CALIMESA BLVD	TBD	2K
FALL FLAIR HOME SPOTLIGHT	TBD	COMMUNITY WIDE	NO TIME – ONLINE SPOTLIGHT	\$250.00
DECK THE STREETS OF CALIMESA	TBD	COMMUNITY WIDE	NO TIME – ONLINE SPOLIGHT	\$250.00

CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROJECT	YEAROUND	COMMUNITY WIDE	APPS: OPEN DEADLINE: 10/1 AWARD: FIRST COUNCIL MEETIING IN DECEMBER	\$500.00

ATTACHMENTS:



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ITEM 3

MOUNTAINVIEW PARK PROGRESS UPDATE

Item to be presented as an oral report.