



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

Wednesday, April 1, 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 MARCH 4, 2026 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.**

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **EVENTS AND PROJECTS DISCUSSION**
Continued discussion of the event calendar.

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 May 6, 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: April 1, 2026

PREPARED BY: Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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, Yaiza Benson, Commission
Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. **APPROVE THE ACTION MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026. REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN.**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VAN HYNING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON-SMITH, CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AS WRITTEN.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Item 2. EVENTS AND PROJECT DISCUSSION

- a. *Staff provided a brief overview of the Community Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with egg distribution, the prize/information booth, and the craft station. Commissioners offered support across these areas.*

Public Works Director Shakir provided an update on the Community Clean-Up scheduled for April 25, which will include compost and shredding services at Mesa View Middle School.

Staff also provided an update on the proposed Community Garage Sale, noting logistical and location challenges and recommending that the event be postponed to allow for further research. Commissioners discussed potential approaches, including event promotion and marketing strategies. There was general interest in hosting the event in May, and commissioners suggested creating an interest sign-up sheet to be available at the Community Egg Hunt, along with other event information.

The remaining to be continued for discussion at the next meeting.

Staff provided an update on the Farmers Market, noting that the coordinator has begun the permit process in advance of City Council approval in order to maintain the planned event date of April 29. The City Manager indicated no concerns with Council approval of the event.

Commissioners and staff briefly reviewed the Summer Food Series, noting that the event will run from June through September on the second Friday of each month. Vendor and musician interest forms are scheduled to be released next month.

- b.** *Commissioners and staff discussed potential locations for displaying Citizen Recognition recipient information. Staff advised that there are a few new opportunities, including the recently acquired former Bank of America building, which will serve as the future City Hall. Additionally, the city is pursuing funding for a historical society or “Calimesa Museum,” which may include a Veterans Park and provide a secondary display location. The Commission requested to continue this discussion once more information on the historical society building becomes available.*

Item 3. PARK EXPANSION

Director Shakir reminded the Commission of the upcoming park grand opening, noting minor delays due to the need to treat the open play area for weeds prior to seeding, which requires an approximately 90-day establishment period. The City Council will consider weather conditions when determining whether to keep the park closed or proceed with a soft opening limited to the pickleball courts. Staff anticipates providing additional information soon. Director Shakir added that the Engineering Department will be conducting a traffic study in the area due to increased pedestrian activity.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

Chair Aponte: Commented on how impressive it is that the Commission and staff are able to deliver these events with a budget under \$30,000. Thanked staff for their efforts and expressed willingness to assist with preparation for upcoming events.

Vice Chair Taylor: Shared excitement regarding the park opening, noting they have followed the park’s construction throughout the process and are pleased that the opening date is approaching.

Commissioner Roberson-Smith: Expressed satisfaction with the continued growth of City events and inquired about the status of the former digital display sign on Calimesa Boulevard.

Commissioner Stamper: Absent.

Commissioner Van Hying: Expressed excitement about the continued growth of the events and thanked staff for their hard work.

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Staff responded to the Commissioner's inquiry regarding the digital display, advising that the cost of repairs is too high to justify, particularly as the repairs would not be covered under any warranty.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m. to a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commissions on April 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yaiza Benson

Commission Secretary



Commission Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item No. 2

SUBJECT: Event Calendar and Projects discussion

MEETING DATE: April 1, 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 reminder.

Community Garage Sale: Update.

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.

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 MEETING IN DECEMBER	\$500.00

ATTACHMENTS:

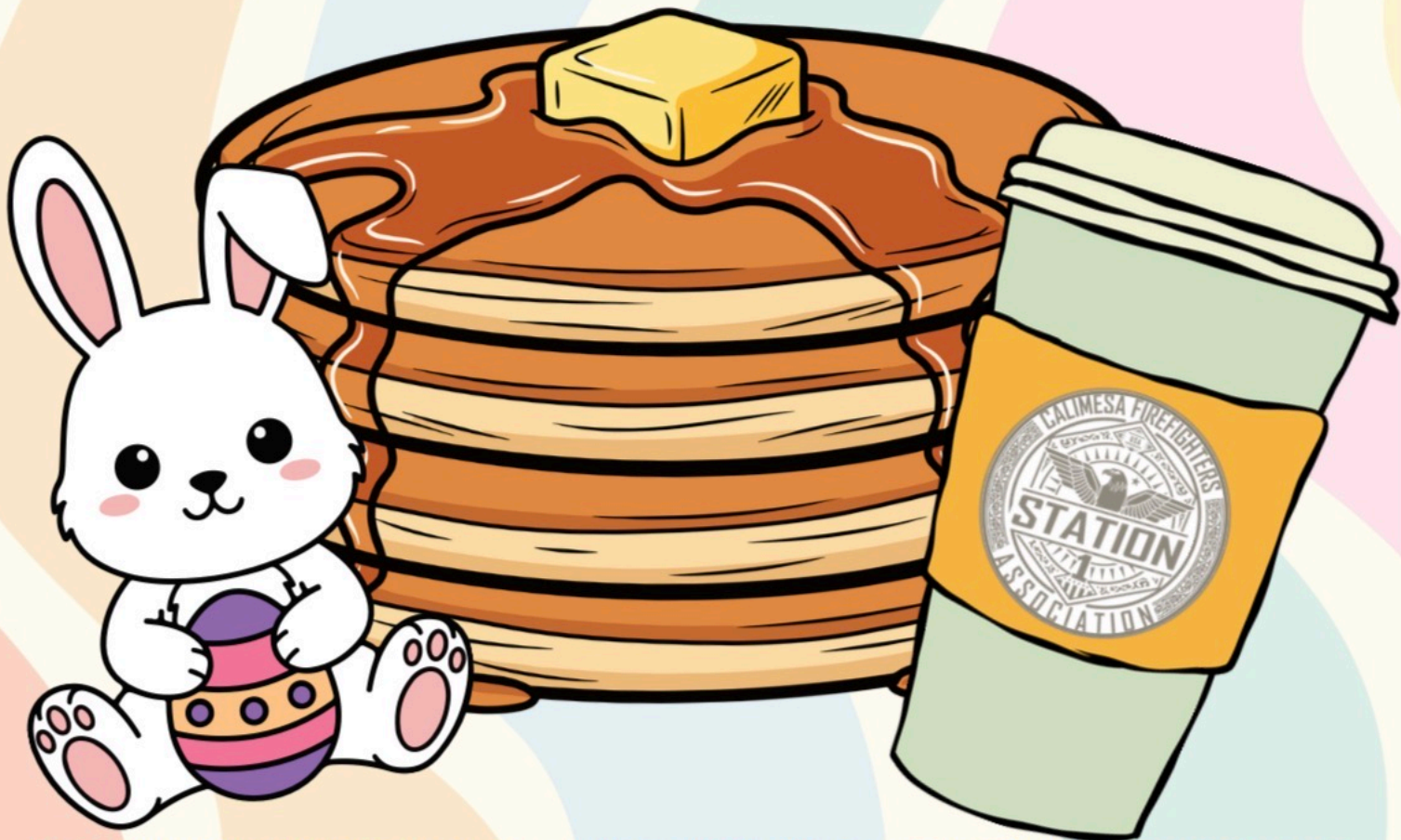
ATTACHMENT A: Community Egg Hunt Flyer

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WITH CALIMESA
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

APRIL 4TH-9AM-SUMMERWIND PARK

ALL DONATIONS GO TO CALIMESA FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION



FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT FIREFIGHTER LOGAN YOUNG 909.795.9801

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

Calimesa's

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT



Summerwind Park
1000 Engleman Dr.
Calimesa, CA 92320

9am to 11am

EGG HUNT SCHEDULE BY AGE

INFANT - 2 YEAR OLDS: 9:30AM 🍳 3 - 5 YEAR OLDS: 9:45AM
6 - 9 YEAR OLDS: 10:00AM ● 10-12 YEAR OLDS: 10:15AM
ADAPTIVE AREA 9:30AM TO 10:15AM

9 am Pancake Breakfast fundraiser held by
Calimesa Firefighters Association

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, PARENTS SHOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THE HUNT AREA
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ASSIST IN THE ADAPTIVE AND INFANT-2 YEAR OLD AREAS.
PLEASE BRING A BASKET.

MORE INFORMATION AT CALIMESA.GOV

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ITEM 3

MOUNTAINVIEW PARK PROGRESS UPDATE

Item to be presented as an oral report.