



GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING: AGENDA
DATE & TIME: MONDAY MAY 18TH, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
LOCATION: 618 APPLE AVENUE, GREENFIELD, CA

CALL TO ORDER: **TIME: 7:55 PM Adjourned: 9:14 PM**

ROLL CALL: David Kong (Chair), Beatriz Diaz (Clerk), Raul Rodriguez, Clara Valdivia, James Thorp
✓ All board members were in attendance and when prompted stated they were “here”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity of a **3-minute** public comment *for items not on the agenda*, and may do so when the board opens public comments. “The board will normally not respond to public comments.” *If an item is already on the agenda and you want to make a public comment, please save your comment and make it when the public comment for the item is presented.*
✓ No public comments were made when prompted.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18th 2026 AGENDA:

✓ The board reviewed the agenda and tabled the following items:

1. Item 9
 2. Item 10
 3. Item 12
 4. Item 14
 5. Item 15
 6. Item 16
- Public comment by Frances Bengtston states that approving the agenda gives leeway and allows items to be moved around, if necessary, or prompted.

Motion by: Raul Rodriguez made a motion to table the items discussed. **Seconded by:** James Thorp seconded the motion.

Motion: The motion was unanimously carried when prompted with all board members saying “aye”.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 16TH, 2026:

Motion by: James Thorp made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 16th, meeting. **Seconded by:** Clara Valdivia seconded the motion.

Motion: The motion was unanimously carried when prompted with all board members saying “aye”.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 12TH, 2026:

Motion by: Raul Rodriguez moved the motion for approval. **Seconded by:** Clara Valdivia seconded the motion.

Motion: Board Trustee(s) – James Thorp and Clara Valdivia abstained from voting as they were not in attendance. Raul Rodriguez, Clara Valdivia, and David Kong, stated aye passing the motion.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT + PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – JANET THORP:

A. The oral report will be presented by Janet Thorp

- ✓ The Health Department came and gave us a tentative inspection with notes on what needs to be done on the pool. She's been working on the list before inspection.
- ✓ The chemical report along with the emergency plan for the pool has been submitted to CERS. A map is being worked on.
- ✓ The workman's comp claim from August has been worked on with Janet from State Fund.
- ✓ May 1st, she met with Soledad Mission Recreation District at the Oak Park Pool to discuss the up and coming season and look over the facility.
- ✓ Square is an agenda item, but briefed the board that is something she's been working on.
- ✓ Working with the park manager on the house project, budget, and quotes.
- ✓ Per last meeting immediately ordered more portables for the park.
- ✓ Briefed the board on the Oak Park Improvement Project – was previously an agenda item. Informed them that she submitted a reimbursement to the state for a total of \$118,857.00.
- ✓ Since there was no April meeting spoke on the Easter Event:
 1. There was a lot of positive feedback and reception for this event.
 2. Thanked the volunteers who helped hide eggs, stuff eggs, pass out prizes, set up, and more. Also thanked board Trustee Jim Thorp who BBQ'd for the volunteers.
 3. Thanked local businesses and individuals for spreading the word. Social media has been a powerful advertising tool.
 4. Thanked Greenfield PD and Fire for their support and attendance at the event.
 5. Informed the board that the total spent out of the \$1,000.00 allocated was \$633.12.
 6. Informed the board that Anival, Daniel, and she donated adding to some of the fun with music, games, and jumping houses. Anival also donated prizes and dressed up as the Easter Bunny for all the kids. This was also a big help in making the event a success. In total that day the park made somewhere around \$700.00.

These community events on behalf of the District continue to get people to the park and have even inspired people to bring their parties to the park; she's heard a couple people mention it firsthand. In the past David and she have spoken about a vendor and family summer fun event, which she stated she'd bring more information on next meeting. She's also spoken to a couple people about the BBQ pits and that being one of the attractions over the park – she'd also like to pitch a BBQ competition.

B. Public Comments

- ✓ Yaneley Martinez stood up and gave Janet and Anival kudos because for some time she feels the park has been forgotten. She's seen a lot of interactions on social media. It's a hidden gem that Greenfield has, and she's excited about the pool. States that the hidden events where the community is brought together and families together it makes the community sentiment. Creating more opportunities is special. States that the sad thing she did here was that a lot of people were giving credit to the city, as a former council woman, and that the project manager and staff is doing a good job. She has been seeing the info on social media. She says she'll be at the next event.
- ✓ Dorothy Telles Jones commented that the broccoli festival used to be at the park and that was amazing and it brought family together. Says it's awesome that we're doing that.

C. Final Comments

- ✓ Janet stated it is the ultimate goal to get the broccoli festival back at the park.
- ✓ Raul stated that its good people get to know what's going on at the park, and he thanked Janet. Also asked if this was the first time a Easter Egg Hunt happened at the park. To the board's knowledge it was.
- ✓ Beatriz Diaz commented that the event was wonderful. She thanked the staff – they worked pretty hard. States that she thinks all board members should go and take a peak when there is an event out there.

Motion Adopted: No

5. MANAGER REPORT – ANIVAL MIRELES:

- A. The oral report will be presented by Anival Mireles.
- ✓ Reported to the board that the total made at the park since last meeting was: \$11,870.00
 - ✓ Thanked Janet for the Event, it turned out nice.
 - ✓ Updated the board that the horseshoe pits at pit 14 were now fixed.
 - ✓ Pumped water out of the swimming pool and cleaned out the algae.
 - ✓ Scrubbed the pool with the help of the work alternative program and Jim Thorp's workers.
 - ✓ Dug out and fixed the leak at the pool. Capped the line.
 - ✓ Painted the bathrooms at the pool alongside of the help of Jim Thorp's workers.
 - ✓ Cleaned debris out from behind the office/pool. Cleared the pathway to the propane tank.
 - ✓ Replaced lawn mower tires.
 - ✓ Finished a couple benches over at the concrete tables.
 - ✓ Built new sprinklers.
 - ✓ Working on watering the park and fixing broken lines now that the water is back.
 - ✓ Made a request for the backhoe at the March meeting for Easter and some projects – including the parking lot. He did not receive the backhoe. Spoke to David, he still hasn't been able to use the backhoe. His understanding is that both District's own the backhoe. David stated he told the cemetery manager to let him use the backhoe. The park manager informed him this still has not happened.
 - ✓ Informed the board that someone approached him about potentially renting out the basketball court. He was unsure what the price might be. He wasn't sure if they were going to charge it as the stage area. This is for a gender reveal.
 - ✓ He's began working on the trails again. Wants to do a haunted trail for Halloween.
- B. Board Comments & Questions
- ✓ The board members inquired about how much a BBQ pit cost.
 - ✓ Raul Rodriguez stated we should rent it, but if it was the whole area than it should cost a fee. Prompted for the park manager's recommendation. Suggested maybe the stage price. Raul suggested \$75.00 for the slab.
 - ✓ David Kong asked about if it was a gender reveal would potentially stain the slab.
- C. Public Comments
- ✓ Yaneley Martinez complimented Anival's report. States she is going to start having her parties out there due to prices. States some people go overboard on gender reveals and to be cautious of chemicals or powder. People should leave the area better than when they find it. Encourage the community to clean up their area.
 - ✓ Dorthy Telles Jones says if people don't clean up people should charge more and suggests maybe having a deposit. Also that people should think of the animals there at night.
- D. Final Comments
- ✓ Beatriz Diaz suggests that Janet add something into the statement in order to add in do's and don'ts of gender reveals.
 - ✓ Raul Rodriguez suggests that due to Anival's comments about the backhoe that David meet with both Anival and Johnny to come to a simple understanding of the shared equipment. He thinks it's important and lay the ground rules. Raul excused himself after making these comments.

Motion Adopted: No

GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION DISTRICT GUEST ACTION ITEMS

- **ITEM 7.** The board will have a guest presentation by Soledad Mission Recreation District.
- A. The oral report will be presented by Soledad Mission Recreation District.
 - ✓ Frances Bengston introduced herself as the executive director for the Soledad Mission Recreation District. Addressed David Kong before she started her presentation as she's going to be approaching the School District and understands he's a board member. Was not

sure if he needed to excuse himself. Gave the board a packet of information on her presentation and a written proposal; has some odds and ends like – programs, scheduling, and how she came up with the costs.

- They're another public agency.

- ✓ The community hasn't had a swimming pool in the last five years. The most important thing is to bring swimming lessons to the Greenfield Community. The best way to do this is to do this with the school district. Final details – unknown.

- The Soledad Mission Rec District would rent the pool from the Greenfield Public Recreation District during those lessons. Tuesday-Friday there would be no cost.

- The second thing is what they're capable of doing at this point in time. The proposal is Rec Swim on Saturday and Sunday. The availability of Saturday and Sunday's for private rentals. Also, providing swim lessons on Saturday's.

- The proposal is for five weeks.

- This would be contingent on a successful partnership with the school district. If not the Soledad Mission Recreation District would focus on weekends.

- Made suggestions for fee schedules.

- Typically it's one lifeguard to twenty-five swimmers.

- The District would just be paying for staff, but all revenue would go to the Greenfield Public Recreation District.

B. Board Comments & Questions

- ✓ Board asked questions about rental prices and how long someone could rent out the pool.

- ✓ Jim Thorp states that this year is going to be baby steps. Everything pertains to the health department letting the pool open. It's up and operating.

- ✓ David Kong asked what date the board needs to get to Frances Bengston.

C. Public Comments

- ✓ No public comments were made on this item.

D. Final Comments

- ✓ Beatriz Diaz asked who keeps track of the rentals. Negotiations are possible.

Motion Adopted: Yes

Motion by: James Thorp made a motion to work with Soledad Mission Recreation District come up with amicable for both District's. **Seconded by:** Beatriz Diaz seconded the motion.

Motion: The motion was unanimously carried with "aye" when prompted.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **ITEM 8:** The board will discuss the well and any further updates with the water system (well and pump) at the park.

A. The oral report will be presented by James Thorp.

- ✓ The well was cleaned, gravel packed, the pressure was turned up, and it's back up and running. Jim Thorp states that he thinks that it should be good for another 50-60 years. The metal casing is not going to hurt us anymore.

B. Board Comments & Questions

- ✓ David Kong asked about the pump.

- ✓ Jim Thorp states that it's a brand new pump.

C. Public Comments

- ✓ No public comment was made on this item.

D. Final Comments

- ✓ No further comment was made on this item.

- **ITEM 9:** The board will discuss a rental agreement for the house at the park.

- ✓ This item was tabled.

- **ITEM 10:** The board will discuss a water schedule for the park and cemetery.
✓ This item was tabled.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION ACTION ITEMS

- **ITEM 11:** The board will be updated on Square and discuss prices for credit transactions.
 - A. The oral report will be presented by Janet Thorp
 - ✓ In March, she brought the board information on Square and the unit. Since then the following has happened:
 1. The unit was purchased.
 2. The unit has been programmed for the gate, pits, and other items.
 - ✓ Janet presented the board with a graph of popular items being purchased together down at the park along with calculations on the processing fees. Ultimately what it would cost the board/consumer. Asked for board direction on how to implement possible processing fees. Especially but not limited to pits and combined items.
 - B. Public Comments
 - ✓ No public comments were made on this item.
 - C. Final Comments
 - ✓ David Kong stated for the convenience of using the card that the processing fee would go to the consumer for the charge of the 3.5% and the \$0.15 square is charging the District. He also suggested that for the gate fee's card users will pay \$6.00 for vehicles and \$3.25 per walk in.
 - ✓ James Thorp thought that sounded fair.

Motion Adopted: Yes
Motion by: James Thorp made a motion to adopt the suggested changes of adding the processing fee into the transaction if an individual would like to use a card. **Seconded by:** Beatriz Diaz seconded the motion.
Motion: The board unanimously voted to pass the motion by stating "aye" when prompted.
- **ITEM 12:** The board will be updated on the house project and discuss the budget.
 - A. The oral report will be presented by Anival Mireles/Janet Thorp.
 - ✓ This item was tabled.
- **ITEM 13:** The board will be updated on the pool and discuss equipment.
 - A. The oral report will be presented by James Thorp
 - ✓ James Thorp stated that the pool is up and running. The pump is running. The office and bathrooms were painting. Stated that everything but a urinal was currently working. The only struggle at the moment was keeping birds out of the restrooms due to not having doors. Basically what is needed is the chemical pumps. The estimated cost is \$3,900.00. Jim states that at this time the District has spent just under \$80,000.00 on the pool which was previously approved. He thinks that the District will be really close to that number. He states that the old vacuum set up doesn't work. He puts a guy down there every day cleaning the pool because the unit needs to be replaced. Minimum says that another \$7,200.00 will need to be spent.
 - B. Board Comments & Questions
 - ✓ David Kong suggests putting a screen on the bathrooms.
 - C. Public Comments
 - ✓ No public comments were made on this item.
 - D. Final Comments
 - ✓ No final comments were made on this item.

Motion Adopted: Yes

Motion by: Clara Valdivia made a motion that the board allow Jim to do whatever he needs to do to get the pool up and running. **Seconded by:** Beatriz Diaz seconded that motion.

Motion: The motion was unanimously carried when prompted with all board members stating “aye”.

- **ITEM 14:** The board will discuss a creation of a subcommittee review and the creation of board policy.
 - ✓ This item was tabled.
- **ITEM 15:** The board will discuss the scheduling of an evaluation of the park manager.
 - ✓ This item was tabled.
- **ITEM 16:** Approve finishing of the Basketball Court not to exceed \$15,000.00; striping and hoops.
 - A. The item will be presented by David Kong.
 - ✓ This item was tabled.
- **ITEM 17:** Arroyo Seco Academy is interested in having a function at the park on June 2nd, 2026 – the board will discuss fees and possibly waiving fees.
 - A. The item will be presented by David Kong.
 - ✓ David Kong sent a proposal to the Admin Assistant – Janet Thorp for a proposal of a sponsorship for an event at the park and waive the fees for the BBQ Pit.
 - B. Board Comments & Questions
 - ✓ David Kong excused himself since he’s on the School District board.
 - ✓ The board was informed that the 6th graders will also be going out to the park on May 22nd, and they’ve also inquired something similar about this – and they also had sober grad pitch to them last year. For consistency purposes – is this something that is going to happen for all the schools in the District?
 - ✓ Beatriz Diaz says that we need to be transparent and consistent.
 - C. Public Comments
 - ✓ No public comment was made on this item.
 - D. Final Comments
 - ✓ James Thorp states that if one school is going to be let in free that all schools should be let in free.
 - ✓ Clara Valdivia states charge them our fees.

Motion Adopted: Yes

Motion by: Clara Valdivia made a motion to keep fee’s the same for Arroyo Seco Academy.

Seconded by: James Thorp seconded the motion.

Motion: David Kong abstained from the motion. Clara Valdivia, Beatriz Diaz, and James Thorp said “aye” when prompted and the motion was carried.

EXPENSE SHEETS

- **ITEM 18:** The board will review the expense sheets attached to the agenda’s for the last month.
 - ✓ James Thorp found that the accountant charging \$34,000.00 for the audit was outrageous.

FINAL BOARD COMMENTS:

ITEM 19: Each member of the board will take 1 minute to finalize comments and introduce items for June.

- ✓ No comments were made.