



**GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING: AGENDA
DATE & TIME: MONDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
LOCATION: 618 APPLE AVENUE, GREENFIELD, CA**

CALL TO ORDER:

TIME: 5:31 PM

Adjourned: 7:13 PM

ROLL CALL: David Kong (Chair), Beatriz Diaz (Clerk), Raul Rodriguez, Clara Valdivia, James Thorp.

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 comment was made when prompted on public comment.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Greenfield Public Recreation District will introduce and discuss future planning for the Greenfield Oak Park.

1. Community Surveys

A. Item Will Be Introduced

- Janet informed the board that on August 4th, 2026 that Anival, Beatriz, and herself attended National Night out and produced surveys to the public. Janet read off some of the responses.
- The series of questions were:
 - 1) How often do you visit the park?
 - ✓ A vast majority go several times a year.
 - 2) What brings you to Oak Park?
 - ✓ Family Gatherings, BBQ's, and Events were consecutive.
 - 3) What events would you like to see at the park?
 - ✓ Holidays, Vendors & Pop Ups, Movie Nights, Ag Event, Competitions, & Activities were consistent.
 - 4) What improvements would you most like to see?
 - ✓ The pool, cleanliness, and expansion/making sure everything works were responses.
 - 5) Suggestions for the parks future?

- ✓ Bringing the community together, restore buildings, more walk ways, more trash cans, the pool, and more courts/activities were reported.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ Armando Perez states that he thinks that Janet did a good job in asking people. We had our picnic recently and we were probably one's that she asked. We need places to gather. We want more events at the park and it will help bring the city together.
- ✓ Armando also stated that since Anival became manager at the park that it has been looking better. He commented on the work being done at the park and you can tell the difference.
- ✓ Anival said it was fun to go out there and talk to members of the community.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez stated that he thinks it would be a good to team out to the city and get this survey out to the community with the monthly water bill. He thinks that the community might respond and it's a good opportunity.
- ✓ David Kong suggested that maybe we can have people coming to the park take the survey and drop them off in the suggestion box.
- ✓ Beatriz Diaz thanked Anival and Janet because she was at National Night Out and they did a good job. She also thanked Armando for his comments.

2. Equipment

A. Item Will Be Introduced

- ✓ Janet introduced the item and suggested that the Oak Park definitely needs equipment because there are projects that Anival cannot do at the moment due to not having a tractor.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ Anival Mireles stated we needed a tractor. A backhoe would be nice to clean the other parking lot or pull out stomps. It would be nice to have a tractor as well with a grader, a disc, and a box scraper.
- ✓ Anival said it would be nice to fix the truck.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about what equipment the park currently owns.
- ✓ Jim Thorp stated that there is the old dodge pick-up in his equipment yard. Finding parts is difficult. It has a bad transmission. It's probably \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00.
- ✓ Jim stated in his opinion was that a utility tractor was needed along with the items Anival said: grader, disc, and scraper. This will help maintain parking lots and keeps the weeds down. He believes a backhoe isn't a necessity at the moment, but does inquire about the Cemetery District's

old backhoe. The Rec District could put money into that and put a smaller digging bucket onto that. He believes that there is a mower there.

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez stated that the Cemetery District has a potential buyer for the backhoe and he was asking if Jim was suggesting that the Rec District purchase it. The backhoe was borrowed from the cemetery last Thursday and suggests maybe the District if they needed could rent/make a donation rather than hiring someone to do work that may charge.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez suggested that one could purchase a good backhoe for \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00.
- ✓ For a tractor Raul asked if that the District would be interested in buying/investing in a new one. Asked Jim to do that favor and get quotes. He's encouraged after to by new.
- ✓ Jim stated that he's been working with Coastal Tractor, but they sold to a franchise, so it's been slightly difficult.
- ✓ David Kong asked if we needed a golf cart. – Anival stated he didn't think the park needed one.
- ✓ The board inquired about taking the truck locally. Jim Thorp stated he could take it to Nick's Garage.
- ✓ Jim stated that we should keep the equipment maintained.

3. Buildings & Property

A. Item Will Be Introduced

- ✓ Janet introduced the item by naming the properties:
 - 1) The Lions Hall
 - 2) The Restrooms at the back of the park
 - 3) The concession stand
 - 4) The ADA compliant restrooms
 - 5) The bar
 - 6) The pool room/pool
 - 7) The old gun range
 - 8) A steal building for storage
 - 9) The big BBQ pits.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ Armando Perez suggested that the park has a lot of remove for suggestion. There is a building in the back – when he was younger it was an old gun range. He suggested that it could be demolished and a hall could be put in its place. A party's hall, make a parking lot, and such for events/parties.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Jim Thorp started with the fact that he previously got a quote on the roof of the big bbq pit area. The roof needs to be redone. Salinas Steal

Builders gave him an estimate and it's probably 2 years old. The quote was for cleaning/resealing. He could e-mail and ask them to update the quote.

- ✓ He suggests every roof and every building down there needs to be redone.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about the Lions Hall. Where are we at with that? Stated that we're in no rush.
- ✓ Jim stated the CET finished the lights. There is still work that needs to be done and he states we should check in with him though about materials because we didn't pay for the lights or anything. They spoke about painting and roofing. This opportunity helps them and us.
- ✓ Jim spoke about the one thing we need to do to the haul is replace the electric panel.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez regarding new construction a building at the park would be a long-term goal. It sounds good because it'd be a huge source of revenue. Every town they're looking for place to have gatherings. The park would offer a unique location. Proposed a steal alternative when it came to price.
- ✓ Jim Thorp states that it would be wise and to get community involvement; solicit and get donations.
- ✓ Raul made a suggestion as another possibility would be RV parking. The big lot it would be ideal. Cover it with decomposed granite. Do some plumbing. Do some RV hook ups and RV storage. There is some potential. It's a great opportunity that lot to make some money.
- ✓ Jim Thorp proposed maybe looking for a portable classroom like they did with the city. Would that be big enough?
- ✓ David Kong suggested turning the park into an emergency center if needed and there could possibly be some grants – and opportunity in that respect.
- ✓ A steal building would need to adhere to the building standards of California according to Jim.

4. Maintenance

A. Item Will Be Introduced

- ✓ In terms of maintenance Janet brought up there was a lot of things that need to be done and turned it over to the manager to understand a big project.
- ✓ Anival informed the board that a new irrigation system is important because leaks keep springing up.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ Armando Perez states that a lot of the work depends on the cost and setting.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about who would be able to do the irrigation system.
- ✓ Jim Thorp states that the work could be done in-house. Bring a trencher in during the off season (winter), and section by section add in pipe. Someone would need to come in and design it. It would be important to find where all the old lines are and where the electric is located.
- ✓ Jim informs the board he talked to Chris Voelker (park neighbor) today, and he'll be getting treated waste water from the city. The park and cemetery could tap into it for irrigation purposes. That water would not be able to be used for the restrooms, house, or pool.
- ✓ David asked if it would be a new one or repairing.
- ✓ Jim suggested it be new, even if it was adjacent to the old one.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez suggested that one would have to hire someone to find all the electric lines.
- ✓ Jim Thorp stated that a maintenance schedule needs to be made for lawn equipment, the truck, and have it regularly maintained. Have a log.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about the restrooms and whether or not they should be remodeled after all the work was done in those spaces.
- ✓ Jim states that the inside is not that bad of shape. The old restroom needs roofing and a new sky light. A privacy wall also needs to be put back in. The bathrooms need to be fixed and opened up again.
- ✓ Raul states the hardest thing to do is find a handyman to do some of the small end jobs we have at the park. A measured risk could be taken. It would be nice to have a handyman on call to do work.
- ✓ Janet brought up the ADA compliant bathrooms and the cement in front of it being cracked.
- ✓ Jim saw it as well, and said that once it's replaced need to make sure people don't drive over it.
- ✓ Beatriz Diaz brought up the netting at the playground equipment. She also brought up the wood chips. It's a weed barrier. It needs to be torn out and new net needs to be put down.
- ✓ Janet stated that there might be a company that would bring wood chips down to the park for free.
- ✓ Bea brought up the sand needing to be brought to the volleyball court.
- ✓ Anival stated he was going to get it with a wheel barrow because he can get sand from the back.
- ✓ Bea brought up the second volleyball court. The board discussed placement in the second lot and the need for a barrier for pit 14.

5. Activities & Events

A. Item Will Be Introduced

- ✓ The District has hosted three events at the park so far: Halloween, Easter, and a Sunday Funday Pop Up Event. There is a rib bbq competition coming centup with Halloween following again. A lot of people were interesr pop

up's, food festivals, AG events, car shows, competitions (dance, beans, salsa, and music), and movie nights. There is a lot of possibilities if the park is open.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ Armando Perez states that there's a nice event coming up. They're trying to join the competition and park a couple cars and attract more people.
- ✓ Armando brought up Christmas from Paso and lights hanging from trees.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez stated that music at the park would be nice. Greenfield is going to have something next to the visitor center and that's a nicer area – next to the library, but it's something we can do until they figure it out. Raul states that Easter, Halloween, lends itself perfect to the park – and festive days could inspire curiosity at what might be happening at the park.
- ✓ The broccoli festival has been a conversation around town. People expressed interest in the fourth of July out at the park (the seating would be ideal – Raul). Janet brought up National Night Out – out at the park might be a possibility.
- ✓ Anival expressed interest in bringing Christmas out to the park. One could do a toy drive. We could add lights and people could drive/walk around.
- ✓ Janet stated that weather would be a big factor in being able to do Christmas.

6. Additional Items

A. Introduction of Items by Board Members & Staff

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez presented the tree maintenance and brought everyone copies of the tree's being marked. Daniel Rickets inspected the trees. Jose Ortiz is usually called and he suggests planning on removing trees and having him come a couple times a month for maintenance.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about the benches. He says after they're all complete – we should find a way to reseal some of the cement. It would be a big step forward.
- ✓ Janet brought up the wood splitter for the park. It'd be something for the board to consider.
- ✓ Janet also brought up the bbq pits and some of them need to be redone.
- ✓ Janet suggested in the future cement tables at each pit could be something for the board to consider for community involvement – long-term.
- ✓ Janet also suggested in terms of sponsorships maybe a friends of the oak park could be a possibility/making donations.

B. Public Comment

- ✓ No public comment was made on this item.

C. Board Discussion & Questions

- ✓ Jim Thorp stated that some of these trees are marked. Also some of the things previously done by Ortiz could be done by Anival.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez states that the equipment should be a top priority.
- ✓ Jim Thorp states the pits need to be inspected every weekend.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC RECREATION ACTION ITEMS

7. The board will discuss the District's budget for 2026-2027 & 2027-2028; and adopt a new budget for one to two fiscal years.

A. Item will be introduced by Janet Thorp.

- ✓ Last meeting Janet provided the board all copies with the budget. This meeting she provided copies of the deposited money from Monterey County property taxes. She informed the board that some of the money is still not accounted for being that it gets deposited towards the middle of August.

B. Public Comments

- ✓ No public comment was made on this item.

C. Board Discussion

- ✓ Raul Rodriguez inquired about the over \$2,000,000 in secured in the bottom of the property tax money form. It was determined that it may be the total for property owned by the Greenfield Public Recreation District. She could further inquire.
- ✓ The ending balance is the \$1,071,112.65.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez had previously asked Janet to find out how much of our budget could be used for capital projects. Janet said unlike the cemetery district there isn't a restriction but to be fiscally responsible the board would want to keep a certain percentage; it'd be to the board's discretion.
- ✓ The board is in a good position financially. Once the differed maintenance is taken care of than expenditures would slow.
- ✓ Jim stated that we should develop a long term plan for the park and then we start looking for grant money. He's been in contact with the city's grant writers.
- ✓ Raul Rodriguez stated that if they see our budget when applying for grants they might be less inclined to give us a grant.
- ✓ Once projects are prioritized then we can get a better idea and get numbers.
- ✓ Jim suggested that we increase the budget by the inflation rate – it's 4%.
- ✓ Raul suggested 5% and 10% for capital outlay.
- ✓ Janet suggested to the board before that we add in items. Asked if there was interest to put an estimate and it'd be something to determine tonight as well.
- ✓ Jim stated that it could be put into capital outlay – pool, roofing, remodeling.
- ✓ Raul suggested we do a nice healthy amount.
- ✓ Amending of the budget could happen as well.
- ✓ Janet inquired events and setting a budget for events.
- ✓ Raul suggested for events \$12,500.00 and it could be amended. Discussions could happen prior to the events with expenses. He suggests keeping a log.

Motion by: Jim Thorp made a motion to increase the budget for 2026-2027 by 5% and to do the same for 2027-2028 – with a 10% increase to capital outlay.

Seconded by: Raul Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Motion: The motion was unanimously carried by all board members replying with "aye" when prompted.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

- Each board member will get a minute to introduce agenda items for the August 17th, 2026 meeting.
 - ✓ Janet inquired about agenda items.
 - The California Rec Society
 - Raises
 - The pool
 - The house
 - Trees
 - Equipment
 - Manager's attendance at meetings