



Agenda Item A.2
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

CONTACT: Justin Wilkins, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Manager Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report regarding recent activities and initiatives in the Parks and Recreation Division.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation division is responsible for a variety of park-related Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's), the daily operation of the Goleta Community Center (GCC), supports a variety of CIP's at the GCC, the facilitation of all facility and park rentals, and a variety of volunteer and recreational programs, among a variety of other functions and roles.

DISCUSSION

PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mathilda Park Improvements Project

On October 7, 2025, the City Council approved a Construction, Management, Inspection, and Material Testing Contract for the Mathilda Park Improvements Project (Project). A Construction Contract was awarded to KYA Services LLC., not to exceed \$404,897.57, in addition to an authorization of up to \$80,979.00 in change orders. Additionally, City Council authorized the City Manager to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Vanir Construction for Construction Management, Inspection, and Material Testing Services, all with a contract termination date of June 30, 2026.

This Project is funded through the Capital Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) Proposition 68 Per Capita Funding, and the General Fund. There are sufficient funds for the Project's construction and

construction management. The total project cost, which encompasses conceptual design, final design, construction, construction contingency, construction management, inspection, testing, and monitoring, amounts to \$686,807.65, of which 71% is funded through grants with the remaining 29% coming from general funds.

Construction is expected to begin and conclude in the first quarter of 2026.

GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECTS (GCC)

GCC CIP – 9127(a) – Skylight Replacement Project

The final project design for the skylight replacement in the dining room at the GCC was supported by the Historic Preservation Commission and received approval from City Council for authorization to bid in September. Based on current construction timelines, construction is estimated to begin the week of April 27, 2026 and the impact window could last until July 19, 2026. This window does not reflect the total length of construction, but rather the total expected interruption of service to the dining room and adjacent areas.

Staff have removed the dining room from rental availability for this period. The last major events to be held will be the State of the City (April 15th) and the Senior Expo (April 20th) prior to the room being taken offline. The actual construction will take 30-45 days, but due to unknown manufacturing, shipping, and installation factors, a longer window has been provided to ensure the Parks and Recreation team do not accept rentals that may potentially be impacted by construction delays.

Impacts on programming have been anticipated during this period and the project team will be working with GCC staff to implement daily and weekly adjustments as needed.

CIP – 9127 – Electrical System Replacement Project

Parks and Recreation staff have worked with the design team and General Services on detailed interior and exterior drawings to outline the placement of final outlets, switches, fixtures, cameras, and ancillary power for every interior room and corridor, as well as the complete exterior of the building. This process included a future HVAC analysis and lighting plan, the infrastructure of which will be installed in this phase, while the fixtures and features will be incorporated into a later project dependent on funding availability.

Banquet Chair & Table Replacement

The GCC is currently operating with approximately 200 banquet chairs that are estimated to be 25 years or older. Many chairs are nearing or at the end of their useful life cycle and require replacement due to rusting frames, torn fabric, and worn-out seating surfaces.



In accordance with the GCC Strategic Plan, Objective 1.2, *Improve the physical aesthetic of the facility within 24 months of full reopening*; and Strategy 1.2.1, Tactic 1.2.1.3, *Improve the comfort of the facility with new furnishings*, staff have been working to replace the ageing banquet chairs with high quality modern chairs with a service life of 15-20 years. The selected chair has a rust-resistance metal frame, with a modern design, in a champagne finish to coordinate with the historic colors of the facility, while the durable fabric features neutral dark tones and is stain and spill resistant.

Staff conducted compressive research and evaluation and have selected a final vendor, product and material. Staff are finalizing the purchasing agreements through the internal legal and purchasing processes. Included in the purchase will be 250 banquet chairs, three (3) rolling chair carts, and six (6) 6'ft round tables. Once reviewed internally, this item will be presented to City Council for procurement approval as the cost is approximately \$68,000.00. Funding for chair replacement was included in the 2025-26 Goleta Community Center budget.

PARKS AND RECREATION GENERAL UPDATES

Contract Class & Camp Program

The City published a press release in October 2025 asking for potential partners to submit a contractor interest form on the website by December 1, 2025 for primary consideration for Spring and Summer 2026 Programming. Currently, 12 weeks of camps have been contracted, secured and are ready to accept registrations in the City online registration system. The goal will be to offer 30 weeks of fee-for-service class and/or camp opportunities during the summer in total. Additionally, starting in January 2026, the City will be co-sponsoring a two-day a week nature/STEM after-school program with a contracted partner Nature Rangers.

Monarch Butterfly Docent Program

City Staff continue to monitor monthly Monarch Butterfly counts as conducted by Rincon Consultants, with the last count in October resulting in 20 Monarchs. Staff are evaluating the need to provide a modified docent program while continuing to track the butterfly count during ongoing restoration efforts by the Public Works Department.

Approved By:


JoAnne Plummer,
Neighborhood Services Director