



Agenda Item A.4
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: January 14, 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Director's Report on current events and projects supported by the Neighborhood Services Department.

DISCUSSION:

POINT IN TIME COUNT

Historically, the Point in Time (PIT) Count was a Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) mandate that counted area homeless populations every two years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, starting in 2020, the PIT count was moved to an annual frequency to better understand the impacts on the population.

However, due to the high cost to conduct the PIT, and the lack of a mandate, the Continuum of Care Organization approved the return to the two (2)-year count format starting immediately. There will be no PIT in 2026, but it will return in 2027.

The County will continue the annual shelter count and report those numbers to HUD.

CITY GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Following the completion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Goleta City Grant and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) combined grant cycle, staff conducted a program review to identify areas of the program that could be adjusted or enhanced to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and overall impact of the granting program.

Staff reviewed the overall grantmaking process, including the programs' structure, the eligibility requirements of applicants, policies, timelines, and legal compliance. Based on this, staff recommend several changes to align with best practices in grant management, ensure legal compliance, and meet the growing needs and capacity for the Goleta City Grant and CDBG Grant programs.

On October 13, 2025, staff presented the information to the Human Services Standing Committee (HSSC) and with their support, presented it to the City Council on December 16, 2026 for approval.

The City of Goleta is currently accepting applications for the grant funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 through its Goleta City Grant Program. The application period began on Monday, January 5, 2026 and will close on Thursday, February 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The City held a Technical Assistance Webinar on Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for all interested non-profit applicants.

As in years past, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be requested to review applications that fall within categories of the Commission's expertise. These reviews will likely take place at the regularly scheduled meeting in March 2026.

SPLASH PAD NOTICE OF COMPLETION

On December 16, 2025 the City Council officially accepted the Splash Pad at the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Santa Barbara. The Public Works Department, specifically the Parks and Open Space Division has taken over the maintenance of the facility and will be developing the operating schedule. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place in the Spring of 2026.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS


The organizations listed below have applied for Special Event Permits with the City of Goleta.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Sponsoring Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>
1/24/26	Winter Bird Count for Kids	Santa Barbara Audubon Society	Rancho La Patera & Stow House
2/1/26	First Sunday Concerts	Goleta Valley Historical Society	Rancho La Patera & Stow House
2/8/26	Kendra's Race 2026*	UCSB Triathlon Club	S. Los Carneros, Hollister Ave., & S. Fairview Ave.

*Rescheduled due to weather from November

For more information on the upcoming events, please visit the sponsoring organization's web page.

Respectfully Submitted:


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Neighborhood Services Director