

**PARK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Shrout, and Commissioners Arbogast, Fagin, and Jimenez
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager; Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator, Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator, and Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant, Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant, and Catherine Sena, Administrative Assistant

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Vice Chair Shrout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Chuck Dubie, Vice President of Tracy Friends of the Library, mentioned that last week at the city council meeting, there was no mention of the library in the Parks Commission's presentation. He stated the library is part of Tracy for recreation, and we seem to have been forgotten. A representative from the recreation department used to attend our monthly meetings and disappeared after COVID. He is asking that they rejoin the city. He knows that Stockton runs the library with the aide from the city.

Mr. Dubie mentioned that Debbie, a past realtor of Tracy, left an inheritance to the Tracy Library that is being held in Stockton City funds and is close to half a million dollars. He stated that exciting things can happen with the library if they have support.

Mr. Dubie was originally coming in to ask for a parking lot in the back of the library to alleviate the stress of parking for the library and Lincoln Park, but when he saw that the library wasn't mentioned, he thought this was important to mention, and maybe we can do both.

Chair Lieberg clarified with Mr. Dubie that the commission cannot comment, but staff can address it with you.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Reviewed and approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2025.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Arbogast motioned to approve the meeting minutes for December 2, 2025, and Vice Chair Shroud seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,1 vote. Commissioner Jimenez abstained as she did not attend this meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **REVIEW APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC NAMING PROCESS FOR THE RENAMING OF THE TRACY SPORTS COMPLEX, AND PRIORITIZE THE TOP THREE (3) NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

Brian MacDonald, Director of the Parks and Community Services Department, presented the staff report to the commission.

Commissioner Shroud asked questions of the staff.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, answered the commission's questions, and Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, made a clarifying statement to the commission.

Commissioner Fagin asked questions of the staff.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, answered the question.

Commissioner Jimenez asked questions of the staff.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, answered the question.

Commissioner Jimenez addressed the audience.

Chair Lieberg asked questions of the staff.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, answered the questions of the Chair.

Chair Lieberg open item 6. a for public comment.

Cierra Huff spoke in support of nominee Paulette Keeney, citing her lifelong service to the community as a mother, teacher, mentor, and athletic leader. Ms. Keeney, a Tracy native and Tracy High School graduate, founded the first Bobby Sox softball league for girls and served as a teacher and varsity coach at Tracy High School.

Richard English stated that the original City Council discussion focused on renaming only the baseball fields after Brent Ives, but later expanded to the entire sports complex. He supported naming the facility the Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex to honor the 1965 Pioneer Soccer Club, citing their role in building and maintaining the fields, promoting youth soccer, and leaving a legacy of community service. He concluded that while the baseball fields should honor Brent Ives, the overall complex should recognize the Pioneers' foundational contributions.

A clarifying question was asked by Chair Lieberg.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, along with members of the audience, answered the chair's question.

James Abundis shared personal connections to the fields, noting his father helped install the original goalposts and that he played there as a youth. He said confusion at the prior meeting stemmed from a misunderstanding that the proposal was to rename the entire Tracy Sports Complex, not just the soccer fields. He supported honoring the "Pioneers," suggested the name "Pioneers Park," and noted the park's multiple fields provide opportunities to recognize others who contributed to local sports history.

Andrew Hernandez expressed concerns about the fairness and transparency of the park renaming process, stating that community trust was undermined when discussions expanded after public comment closed. He emphasized the historical significance of the current name tied to the 1965 Pioneers Soccer Club and local families. He recommended keeping the existing name and called for any future renaming efforts to include clear notice, defined scope, and meaningful community involvement, concluding that public spaces should not serve as political rewards or personal legacies.

Tracy residents shared historical materials documenting the origins of youth soccer in Tracy, starting in 1965, including the first boys' team in 1966 and girls' team in 1970, noting the multi-generational community connection. They suggested naming individual fields after Lawrence B. and Paulette Keeney while keeping the overall complex as the Pioneer Sports Complex to honor the community's early contributions to athletics.

Alice English urged honoring the pioneers as a group rather than renaming the entire sports complex after one individual, noting the collective contributions of migrant workers, early community leaders, and families who built and sustained Tracy's youth sports programs. She emphasized that the pioneers' legacy continues through generations who still teach and coach, making group recognition the most meaningful way to preserve this history.

A Tracy resident urged keeping the Pioneer Sports Complex name to honor the community members who built soccer in Tracy, questioning the timing of renaming. They recommended a prominent sign explaining the history and additional recognition, emphasizing preserving local history and protecting the pioneers' legacy.

Robert Iniguez, with his family, supported keeping the Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex name, suggesting individual fields could honor other individuals. He emphasized preserving pioneer history, noted efforts to compile it, and recommended enlarging the existing plaque for better public visibility and understanding.

Elizabeth Spikes urged the commission to listen to the community and honor the pioneers who laid the foundation for local sports. She stated that the current name should remain unchanged, emphasizing that “if it isn’t broken, don’t fix it,” and encouraged leaving the Pioneer designation in place.

Ruben Cordova, an original Pioneer soccer member, described the challenges the group faced in establishing youth soccer in Tracy, including limited fields, a lack of city support, and managing logistics themselves. They formed the first boys’ and girls’ teams, provided transportation, and refereed games, supported by community donations. He urged the commission to recognize the pioneers’ contributions, noting their dedication preserved historical records and helped grow soccer for thousands of local youths.

Jimmy Vasquez recalled playing soccer in Tracy before organized leagues, highlighting the pioneers’ coaching, family involvement, and local sponsor support. He expressed gratitude that the field honoring the Pioneer Soccer Club will remain while noting the commission must still decide on the complex’s final name.

A Tracy resident suggested naming the soccer field “Pioneers of Tracy” with a larger sign for the C5 Pioneer Club, the baseball field after Mr. Guillen, and recognizing Debbie Nelson for her coaching and mentorship. These choices would honor Tracy’s true pioneers and reflect both soccer and baseball history.

Chair Lieberg closed public comment for item 6. a.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she is not in favor of changing the name, Tracy Sports Complex, as there are baseball, softball, soccer, and cricket, and it recognizes all the sports. Having stated that, she said, “We need to make a choice tonight.” She strongly supports that we remember the history of the city and the people who live here. She supports us in saving the names for those people, whether it’s to name a historical landmark, park, or area.

Commissioner Jimenez’s 1<sup>st</sup> choice = Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice = Yokut Community Sports Complex, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice = did not name a 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked everyone who submitted an application and stated everyone is deserving to be recognized; however, she would like to see that we remain with the history and that we don’t forget it.

Chair Lieberg stated for the commission and the audience that they can recommend no name. That could be a choice of ours.

Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, clarified that if you are not able to make a recommendation to the City Council from the list provided, it will be considered as no action or a hung vote.

Chair Lieberg asked if we could have 1 no action and 2 actions?

Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, stated it is one request, so it's either you have a list of 3 names, you have a hung vote, or you can recommend that the commission did not take action.

Chair Lieberg stated 3 names or none. Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, stated yes, or that the commission failed to take action.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if she needed to make another choice or say none. To confirm. Deputy City Attorney confirmed she can say none for the third vote.

Chair Lieberg stated to the audience that these are the initial thoughts of the commission and that these are not motions we are voting on. He also confirmed what Director MacDonald stated, that we, the commission, only make a recommendation; it is the City Council on March 17 that will likely decide if one is to be made.

Commissioner Arbogast stated that this was a really hard decision, as there are so many deserving people on the list. He stated his 3<sup>rd</sup> choice = Paulette Keeney, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice = Lawrence Guillen, but the Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex has to be the right choice from what I am hearing tonight, and to remember that history.

Commissioner Fagin mentioned he learned a lot about the Pioneers, which was awesome information. One of the commissioners brought up a good point, where the complex is now, is not where the Pioneers started, so the complex is something new, and he would like to see maybe looking into a new plaque or bigger plaque where the soccer fields are, but I did a lot of research on this as there are a lot of names and everybody on this list is qualified a good name to consider. I talked to a lot of people, and the thing that I found out was that the former Mayor Brent Ives, from the time he was on the Parks Commissioner until he got on council and became mayor, he was the person who pushed the most to have the sports field property purchased and have the developers put money aside to the sports field bought and purchased. Without that, the sports field wouldn't be there, and the pioneer soccer fields would not be on the facility. Although everyone is deserving, I think if I had to narrow it down to encompass everyone on this list, who the field is possible, without him, it wouldn't be there, my 1<sup>st</sup> choice would be Mayor Brent Ives Sports Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice = no vote, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice = no vote.

Commission questions were asked to clarify how they can vote. Director MacDonald and Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, clarified for the commission.

Vice Chair Shroust stated that he will be taking a no vote. He feels it should remain the same for a few reasons. We get fired up on naming things like the MGRC. He was the

one who said it shouldn't be named after somebody. I feel like this is with the commission because the rules weren't followed elsewhere, so I don't think this would be with the commission if that hadn't happened. He feels this will disrespect the pioneers and take it away from the soccer fields. I think there is room for it to be the Sports Complex and to rename the baseball fields later. There are many deserving people. He feels that the softball/baseball fields could have their own name, but soccer stays the same. He feels that the name we have now is good. He believes a larger plaque is deserved, as we have asked for our newer parks, and that it reflects who they are/were.

Vice Chair Shroul mentioned to the audience member who holds a lot of the history for the pioneers to hold onto it, as he is part of putting together the Hall of Fame, and he would like that information.

Vice Chair Shroul stated he is a no vote as he thinks the name should remain the Tracy Sports Complex. If they want to rename the softball/baseball fields, then they can come back to the commission with that request.

Commissioner Fagin mentioned he would like to do a no vote and asked if he could get a second one.

Director MacDonald said if he wanted to follow suit as Vice Chair Shroul, and you don't want to vote for any names, you can do a no vote for all three. So, it would be a complete no vote.

Director MacDonald asked if he would like to change or keep his vote.

Commissioner Fagin stated he will keep it the same way.

Chair Lieberg mentioned to the audience that these are initial thoughts, and we will make a motion shortly.

Chair Lieberg is a huge history fan. He feels it is important to recognize what the people have done for the community and country. He does not want to erase history. He greatly respects the Pioneers and all they did for soccer in Tracy. He has visited many national parks and looked at what they have done with their monuments, and they are tiered. He looks at this as a Pioneer; we have the Pioneer Fields that have been around for 20 years, promoting it to Pioneer Park would go along with history and what the country has done, and recognizing this is advanced. There is valuable community support and history for that. Going back to the October 22 agenda 3 years ago, the Commission did vote not to change it. He feels Tracy Sports Complex is broad enough to encompass multiple sports. The agenda item before us tonight is very limited, as we have the option to rename the whole complex and make a recommendation to the City Council or, as legal mentioned, make no decision and no recommendation.

In that same October 2022 meeting that we held here, one of the things we brought up again was the name of not only this individual field, but also the specific parks. There are multiple parks in Tracy that are named after individuals. The chair has repeatedly

requested that, next to the name of the park, we get a plaque describing what the individual did to warrant naming the park for them. There are a lot of us who are new to this community. Why are we honoring this person? Tell us more than just their name. He thinks that it would be important not only for the Pioneer Soccer Team, Pioneer Soccer Club fields, to explain who they were, what they did, why they're important, but also for all the names of the parks. Obviously, that costs money. Unfortunately, like any city government, there's just not enough extra money to spend. That is something that he has repeatedly requested.

That being said, his votes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> choice is no renaming, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is some version of the Pioneer Sports Complex. Declined to state a 3<sup>rd</sup>

Commission discussion occurred.

Chair Lieberg asked staff for a recap on what everyone's recommendations were.

Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant, read each commissioner's recommendations.

Chair Lieberg called for a 2-minute recess before proceeding to a motion and sought advice from the parliamentarian.

Chair Lieberg recalled the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Chair Lieberg stated for the record and for clarification that yes, one of 3 of our choices, we can proceed with no name change.

Commissioner Fagin stated for the record that he would like to change his recommendation to no name change, and Brent Ives Sports Complex to second, third remained the same.

Chair Lieberg proceeded to explain to the commission how they were going to proceed with voting.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Jimenez motioned to submit to the City Council for their recommendation of the 1<sup>st</sup> choice as the Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex. Further clarification was provided by the Chair. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioner Jimenez and Arbogast in favor, with Commissioner Fagin, Vice Chair Shrout, and Chair Lieberg not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Fagin motioned to submit to the City Council with no vote (no name change) with no 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> recommendation. Vice Chair Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioner Fagin and Vice Chair Shrout in favor, with Commissioners Arbogast, Jimenez, and Chair Lieberg not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Shrout motioned to recommend that the 1<sup>st</sup> is no vote, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is no vote, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is no vote – all no name change. Commissioner Fagin seconded the motion. Roll call found Vice Chair Shrout and Commissioner Fagin in favor, and

Commissioners Arbogast, Jimenez, and Chair Lieberg not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

**ACTION:** Chair Lieberg motioned to recommend that the 1<sup>st</sup> option be no name change, the 2<sup>nd</sup> option be Pioneer Sports Complex, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> option be Brent Ives. Motion dies, as no one seconded the motion.

Chair Lieberg amended the motion to be no vote as option 1, Pioneer Sports Complex as option 2, and no vote as option 3. Vice Chair ShROUT seconded the motion. Roll call vote found Chair Lieberg and Vice Chair ShROUT in favor, with Commissioners Arbogast, Fagin, and Jimenez not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

**ACTION:** Chair Lieberg motioned to recommend no vote as the 1<sup>st</sup>, Pioneer Sports Complex as the second, and Mayor Brent Ives Sports Complex as the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Fagin seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg and Commissioner Fagin in favor, with Commissioners Arbogast and Jimenez and Vice Chair ShROUT not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

Chair Lieberg asked staff to get clarification regarding whether the commission is unable to get a consensus; the default decision of the commission would be that we could not reach a consensus, and there would be no recommendation to the council.

Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, stated yes, the consensus is that the commission has failed to take action, and there will be no recommendation to the council.

Conrad Levoit, a Tracy resident, is seeking comment from the public.

Chair Lieberg asked the attorney if public comment could be heard.

Kamal Gill, Deputy City Attorney, stated that public comment has been closed for this item.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Jimenez motioned to put forth to the City Council 1<sup>st</sup> choice of Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of Yokut Community Sports Complex, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of no name change (remaining Tracy Sports Complex). Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioners Jimenez and Arbogast in favor, with Commissioner Fagin, Vice Chair ShROUT, and Chair Lieberg not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

Commission discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Chair Lieberg motioned to recommend no name change as 1<sup>st</sup>, Pioneer Sports Complex as 2<sup>nd</sup>, and no name change as 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg and Commissioner Arbogast in favor, with Commissioners Fagin and Jimenez and Vice Chair ShROUT not in favor. Motion did not pass with a 2,3,0 vote.

Commission discussion occurred.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Jimenez motioned to recommend the 1<sup>st</sup> choice is Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex, the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is no name change, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> choice is no name change. Chair Lieberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote found Commissioners Jimenez and Arbogast and Chair Lieberg in favor, with Vice Chair Shrout and Commissioner Fagin not in favor. Motion passed with a 3,2,0 vote.

Chair Lieberg stated for the record, the recommendation to City Council will be 1<sup>st</sup> choice, is Tracy Pioneer Sports Complex with no name change as the second and third option. He encouraged everyone to come back on March 17 to the City Council.

Comments from the commission occurred.

## **7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

### a. Receive the Aquatics Annual Report

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator, presented the report to the commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

### b. Receive the Community Facilities Annual Report

Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator, presented the report to the commission.

Commission comments followed.

Chair Lieberg reopened item 4. Items from the Audience:

Connor Levoit, Tracy, California, wanted to express that the commission made a very hard decision. Mr. Levoit stated he was a commissioner from 2016 to 2020 with Parks and Recreation, and he sat right there next to Todd and Linda. He stated he sees some new faces here, and it's a lot of work. He stated that the importance of making this decision will lay a foundation for the community and what the commission stands for, which is to help bring a recommendation to the City Council. It's a tough decision, but somebody has to make it, and that gets to be you. He also encouraged the commission to get out more in the community. He knows there is a calendar, but mentioned he is out there; he stated he sees Todd and Scott every once in a while. He stated he would love to shake your hand and see you guys do your thing and get more community awareness. He loves Parks and Rec and loves the parks. He mentioned he loves what the city has done with legacy fields. He wants to see this whole Tracy communication thing work. I'm out there doing my part, and I hope to team up with you guys and continue making Tracy a better place to live.

Chuck Dubie wanted to remind the commission that the next library meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. He mentioned the county has hired a new librarian who is a go-getter, and he is hoping things will happen at the library.

## **9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Chair Lieberg stated that since Commissioner Jimenez left early, he reported she did not have any reports tonight.

Commissioner Fagin stated, stay healthy, be happy, and remember kindness is free.

Vice Chair Shrout asked staff about the comments from Mr. Dubie and if there is anything we can do, as he has been on the commission for 2 to 3 years, and this is the first time he has heard something about the library.

Director MacDonald stated that, unfortunately, there is nothing the commission can do as it is under the county and they are contracted with the City of Stockton. He mentioned that the city does own the building, and we do provide seed money for extra hours to the library.

Mr. Dubie clarified that what he is looking for is support from the city with the Friends of the Library, so when Stockton wants to do something with the money, we have a unified fix. He just wants to know what jurisdiction the council has over the library.

Director MacDonald stated that if a request came from the community to do improvements to the building itself, that is under our purview, as we own the building. He stated that there is some opportunity there from the donation that Mr. Dubie previously spoke about. This would be a discussion we would need to have when we discuss capital improvement projects during budget discussions with the City Council.

Chair Lieberg thanked everyone for the reappointment, and he will be here another 4 years. Chair mentioned he would like staff to come back to the commission with a plan to articulate why parks are named for individuals, with plaques, signage, etc.

Director MacDonald clarified for the commission that the commission can't direct staff; the commission can ask questions. He also mentioned that since our last conversation a few years ago, we are putting narratives at all new parks and when we renovate them. We did this at Ken Yasui Park and will also be doing it at Clyde Bland Park.

Chair Lieberg asked about Ray Morales and Dan Schack Park. Director MacDonald stated he will need to ask Richard Joaquin, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, as they were supposed to be doing that. Director MacDonald stated he will definitely get back to the commission during his Director's Report. Chair asked if he needed a second, and Director MacDonald stated no, he would add it to his director's report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Time of Adjournment: 9:03 pm

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Chair Lieberg and seconded by Commissioner Fagin to adjourn the meeting at said time of 9:03 p.m. Roll call found all in favor, passed, and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote. Commissioner Jimenez left the meeting before the adjournment.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on January 30, 2026. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department.

  
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Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison  
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