

**PARK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Shrout, and Commissioners Arbogast and Fagin
- b. Absent: Commissioner Jimenez
- 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 Program Coordinator; Jayne Ward, Transit Coordinator; and Robert Tombari, Cultural Arts Manager
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

4. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS CURRENT AND FUTURE SENIOR CONCERNS AND NEEDS.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, asked: What do they like about the Senior Center?

Tracy resident expressed her love for Karaoke and requested the use of both rooms on Tuesdays due to the large crowd. She noted that Fridays are not as crowded as Tuesdays. She also mentioned her enjoyment of the new chess group.

Tracy resident shared that she enjoys the fitness classes and inquired about the possibility of expanding them.

Tracy resident expressed that it feels quite cold in their art class and inquired about the reason for keeping the temperature so low. Additionally, she raised concerns about parking, stating that the building lacks sufficient parking spaces. She is also very worried about senior housing and affordability. She also noted that the Manteca Senior Center offers significantly more amenities and activities than those available in Tracy.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, emphasized that based on previous meetings like this one, there has been an expansion of activities such as ping pong, as well as more trips and events. The staff actively listens to the feedback from seniors.

Tracy resident expressed that she is thankful for scholarships, the variety of activities, especially the fitness classes offered at the Senior Center.

Multiple Tracy residents expressed their appreciation for the staff at the Senior Center, highlighting their helpfulness and accommodation. Joy Daniels provided an example of how the staff is extremely supportive during meetings.

Another resident mentioned her enjoyment of the ukulele classes and inquired about adding an afternoon session. She would also like Chair Yoga in the afternoons; the current class is too early.

Steve Ridolfi shared that he enjoys the bus trips to different locations.

Sonia Lee attended the meeting to thank the staff for the Halloween Bash and for dressing up for the occasion. She requested the option to register for events over the phone, similar to Lathrop. She suggested that the Senior Center send blast emails or text messages to keep residents informed about upcoming events. For next year, she proposed incorporating dance into karaoke and utilizing the ukulele group for other events, such as line dancing.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, confirmed that they currently send email blasts. She mentioned that anyone experiencing issues receiving the emails can seek assistance at the front counter.

Tracy resident mentioned she had a friend who would like to volunteer for a sewing service.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, explained the process for filling out a volunteer packet and scheduling an interview. She mentioned that anyone with questions should go to the front desk. Eileen, a current volunteer, has gone through the same process. Caitlin then asked the following question: What new programs or improvements have made the biggest difference at the Senior Center?"

Tracy resident expressed a desire for more computers and training sessions. She noted that those who do not check emails appreciate the current process of registration and communication, and have had very positive experiences.

Tracy resident shared that his father was involved in designing the Senior Center and praised the new addition to the facility.

Another Tracy resident echoed the request for computer training, specifically for assistance with accessing emails on their phones.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, posed the next question: What do you believe are the current and future needs of seniors in Tracy?

Tracy resident who is part of the Golden Agers organization requested a larger room for their meetings, as the group is growing, and round tables make it difficult to face forward.

Loraine, a Tracy resident, expressed that something should be named in honor of Donald and Charlotte Bisby. She mentioned that Donald was a teacher for many years and suggested that a school or park be named after him. She had previously put in a request for the Multi-Generational Recreation Center, but it did not move forward.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, acknowledged the comments regarding naming facilities and appreciated the feedback.

Tracy resident in the Golden Agers group stated they are currently facing funding issues for their bus trips. Although seniors pay for their tickets, the ticket sales do not cover the full cost of the bus. In previous years, they have received donations to help with these costs. They would like to request an annual donation to fund their charter bus from the City, allowing them to continue adding value and services for seniors.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, mentioned that the Senior Center offers multiple trips each year. Scholarships are available to cover costs for seniors. He emphasized the strong

partnership with the Golden Agers but noted that the Senior Center already provides these types of trips that are different from the ones provided by the Golden Agers. He appreciates the feedback received.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager, mentioned that a similar request was addressed last year by Commissioner Jimenez, who connected the organization to the Tracy Friends Foundation. She recommended that they reach out to them for donations, as the City would not be able to donate directly.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, stated he would provide contact information for the new chair of the Tracy Friends Foundation.

Lorraine, Tracy resident, also suggested starting a walking group in the afternoon at Lincoln Park, not just in the morning.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, responded that the new Multi-Generational Recreation Center will have an indoor walking track that will most likely be available in the afternoons.

Tracy resident expressed interest in adding a guitar class to the Senior Center.

Tracy resident requested more chair fitness classes throughout the day for individuals with mobility issues. They advocated for an ongoing mechanism for feedback beyond just the annual meeting, suggesting a more formal approach, such as a monthly or quarterly newsletter, as well as surveys to address additional needs and concerns.

Chair Lieberg acknowledged this by stating that while this is an annual meeting, the Parks and Community Services Commission meets monthly on the first Thursday. He encouraged everyone to bring their concerns to those meetings.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, stated there is also another meeting for needs and concerns hosted by staff in the month of May.

Tracy resident expressed they would like a recap of this meeting and others so that others who cannot physically attend these meetings to have information as well. They also suggested adding more pickleball sessions on Fridays at 3 PM. Additionally, they noted that the suggestion box sometimes does not receive enough attention.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, responded that staff attempts to collect suggestions weekly. These suggestions are then presented to the Parks and Community Services Commission quarterly and are available online for anyone interested.

Tracy resident mentioned that she cannot attend meetings at night due to visibility concerns.

Tracy resident inquired about the Multi-Generational Recreation Center.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, replied that the facility will be managed by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department and will incorporate activities for seniors.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, stated that the current timeline for the opening of the Multi-Generational Recreation Center is next fall. He also highlighted some of the amenities that this Recreation Center will offer.

Tracy resident asked if the swimming classes at Joe Wilson pool will continue.

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Program Coordinator, confirmed it will continue.

Tracy resident agreed with others about the need for technical support. Another concern is the fitness classes filling up and causing issues with parking.

Tracy resident suggested the possibility of barbecuing food for some classes or activities.

Tracy resident asked if there is any way to add more lines in different directions for pickleball at Hoyt Park. She also asked if Hirsh Park will have the same process for Seniors as Hoyt.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, stated that Hirsh Park is currently getting restriped, and Gretchen Talley Park will also be bringing in four new pickleball courts with lights.

Tracy resident had concerns with housing for seniors, as a lot of people are moving away.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, said they will be taking all this feedback from this meeting and package it for the City Council in February. This type of question will be for the development services that they would be able to address.

Tracy resident stated that good leadership is needed and a safe, happy environment for seniors to build connections.

Tracy resident expressed that Life Lessons on the fourth Monday of the month needs more publicity to have more attendance.

John Giehl, leader of Life Lessons, explained what the classes are about and the topics discussed.

Tracy resident requested more educational programs similar to those offered at the Grand Theatre.

Robert Tombari, the Cultural Arts Manager, responded that they can work on bringing some programs to the Senior Center.

Another Tracy resident inquired about the process of becoming a commissioner.

Chair Lieberg explained the application process, noting that the City Council will appoint the commissioner.

Andrea Pedigo, executive assistant, mentioned the current vacancies and the terms that are ending soon for the commissioner positions.

Tracy resident expressed a desire to see more commission vacancies.

Chair Lieberg added that there are other commissions within the City beyond just Parks and Community Services.

Tracy resident requested a cell phone class to teach seniors how to use them, as well as how to navigate social media.

Tracy resident spoke about the importance of Black History Month and asked to continue and expand the time allocated for speakers to enhance learning.
Tracy resident inquired about financial aid and the city limits required to qualify for resident fees.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor, clarified the difference between county and city limits based on zip codes.

Tracy resident expressed concerns regarding transportation services available to those outside the city limits.

Jayne Ward, Transit Coordinator, mentioned that they have expanded their service as of August this year in response to feedback, and encouraged residents to utilize this service.

Chair Lieberg urged the community to attend Parks and Community Services meetings and to reach out to staff whenever they need information.

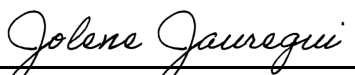
Commissioner Fagin noted that the staff is exceptional and continuously striving for improvement.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 3:00 pm

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Shrout and seconded by Commissioner Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at said time of 3:00 pm. Roll call found all in favor, passed, and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 30, 2025. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison

Recreation Services Manager