



CITY OF GILROY

PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 | 6:00 PM

CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
7351 ROSANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020

**Chair:** Javier Martinez

**Vice Chair:** Emily Miller

**Commissioners:** Luis Ramirez, Jorge Vargas, Jesse Jimenez, Salvatore Bozzo, Andrew Brinton, and Greg Felios

**Staff Liaison:** Public Works Director John Doughty

**Mission Statement**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Gilroy is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens by promoting planning, acquisition, development, and sustainability of parks, trails, cultural, historical and other recreational areas. The commission embraces wellness and recreation, park safety, and inclusiveness for all ages and abilities because Parks Make Life Better.



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The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. FLAG SALUTE**
  - 3.1. Commissioner Jimenez to lead the flag salute**
- 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**
  - 4.1. Agenda posted on April 16, 2026**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 5.1. Approval of Minutes from the March 24, 2026 Special Meeting**
- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - 6.1. Approval of Agenda for the April 21, 2026 meeting**
- 7. INTRODUCTIONS**
  - 7.1. Juanita Menig – Public Works – Fleet and Facilities Division Management**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
  - 8.1. This time has been set aside for the public to address the Commission on items that are NOT on this Agenda. The Commission may not act upon these comments at this meeting, other than to provide directions to staff to review the comments and return to them at a future meeting. ALL speakers should submit a speaker's slip to the Secretary before this portion of the meeting and prepare a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes.**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 9.1. Brown Act Training**
  - 9.2. National Bike to Wherever Month (May)**
  - 9.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Affirm Formal Parks and Recreation Commission tabling at:**

- 9.3.1 Arbor Day at Sunrise Park – April 22, 2026
- 9.3.2 Dia de los Ninos – May 1, 2026
- 9.3.3 Cinco de Mayo Celebration – May 3, 2026
- 9.3.4 PW Works Week Community Event – May 20, 2026

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**10.1. Parks and Recreation Commission Work Program**

**10.1.1 Initial Outreach Schedule for Bike/Pedestrian Safety**

**10.2. Authorize Chair to sign letter regarding Joint-Use (see attached draft)**

**11. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**11.1. Public Works Park Maintenance and Operations Updates**

**11.2. Recreation Division Updates**

**11.3. Parks CIP Updates**

**12. COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**12.1. Commissioners may provide brief informational reports regarding parks, meetings attended, or community events related to Commission business. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action will be taken. Matters may be referred to staff or requested for placement on a future agenda.**

**Chair Martinez - Rainbow, Los Arroyos, Las Animas Vice**

**Chair Miller - Cydney Casper, Gilroy Sports, Christmas Hill/Ranch Site**

**Commissioner Bozzo - Carriage Hill, Gateway, Prieto**

**Commissioner Brinton - Gilroy Sports, Las Animas, El Roble**

**Commissioner Felios - Del Rey, Christmas Hill/Ranch Site, Hecker Pass**

**Commissioner Jimenez - Farrell, Forest, San Ysidro**

**Commissioner Ramirez - Miller, Butcher, Renz**

**13. DIRECTOR REPORT**

**13.1. Recreation Assessment**

**13.2. Disc Golf**

**14. FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**16. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**16.1. May 19, 2026 at 6:00pm**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Month XX, 20XX – Location – 6:30 PM

**City of Gilroy  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Javier Martinez called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM, noting the presence of a quorum and welcoming Commissioners, staff, and members of the public.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Attendee Name</b>
<b>Present</b>	Javier Martinez, Chair Emily Miller, Vice Chair Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Andrew Brinton, Commissioner Greg Felios, Commissioner Jesse Jimenez, Commissioner
<b>Absent</b>	Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Vice Chair Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary reported that the meeting agenda and packet were posted on March 18, 2026, in compliance with the Brown Act.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Approve the minutes as presented

**RESULT:** Pass

**MOVER:** Vice Chair Emily Miller

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Luis Ramirez

**AYES:** Commissioners Felios, Martinez, Brinton, Jimenez, Ramirez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bozzo

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**6.1 Approval of March 24, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Special meeting agenda**

The Commission reviewed the agenda for the March 24, 2026 meeting.

**Motion:** Approve the March 24, 2026 agenda as presented

**RESULT:** Pass

**MOVER:** Commissioner Ramirez

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Felios

**AYES:** Chair Martinez , Vice Chair Miller, Commissioners Felios, Martinez, Brinton, Jimenez,

Ramirez  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bozzo

## 7. INTRODUCTIONS

Staff introduced Ryan Osenton, Project Manager with Public Works, who would be presenting the Civic Center Master Plan item.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

### **Mila Krupa– Community Member**

Expressed ongoing concerns about lack of shade at playgrounds, noting increasing temperatures limit usability for children. She encouraged adding natural shade trees in addition to structures and identified Carriage Hill and Sunset Parks as examples.

### **Malachi Diaz – Community Member**

Presented a proposal for a disc golf course with a defined loop layout, signage, and safety guidelines. He proposed a community kickoff event and requested staff collaboration to refine the plan.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### **9.1 Civic Center Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report Update**

#### **Presenter Ryan Osenton – Public Works Project Manger**

Mr. Osenton presented the Civic Center Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report. He explained that the existing plan was adopted in 2002 and that significant population growth has created increased demand for updated civic facilities.

He reviewed conditions of existing buildings, including City Hall, Wheeler Auditorium, the Senior Center, and the Annex, noting that these facilities are aging and require substantial reinvestment. He explained that one factor prompting the plan update was the cost of major system upgrades, including multi-million-dollar estimates for building systems such as HVAC.

Mr. Osenton outlined proposed redevelopment elements including:

- New City Hall
- Multi-generational facility
- Recreation facility with aquatic components
- Civic park space

He clarified that the police station and library are not part of the redevelopment scope. He also stated that the public comment period for the Environmental Impact Report remains open through Friday.

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Alicia – Community Member**

Alicia provided comments regarding the pool design and encouraged the City to review facilities in Morgan Hill, specifically noting preference for centrally located stairs and channel features.

She also encouraged the City to consider inclusive programming, referencing Mitchell Park Community Center and Ada's Café in Palo Alto as examples of spaces that provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

In response, staff noted that the project remains at a very early stage and that programming for the buildings has not yet been developed but agreed that the idea was a valuable one to consider.

### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioners asked questions regarding project scope, timeline, and community use.

## **9.2 Update of Las Animas (Oaks) Restroom Installation**

### **Presenter Matt Jones – Deputy Public Works Director**

Matt Jones reported the replacement of a 30-year-old restroom with a modular CXT unit, completed largely in-house over 6.5 months (336 labor hours).

He credited John Souza for leading the project and noted a target opening date of April 10.

### **Commission Discussion:**

Commissioners asked questions regarding:

- the anticipated installation timeline
- long-term maintenance requirements
- durability and performance of modular restroom units
- how the new facility will improve park usability and accessibility

Staff responded that the selected unit type has performed well at other locations and is expected to provide a reliable long-term solution for park users.

## **9.3 Discussion and Recommendation Closure of El Roble Tennis Courts**

### **Presenter John Doughty – Public Works Director / Staff Liaison**

Mr. Doughty stated that the El Roble courts are in extremely poor condition and described them as unsafe and no longer playable. He noted ongoing complaints from the public and stated that the courts present liability concerns.

He explained that repair is not feasible and recommended closure and eventual removal, with the possibility of relocating courts to a more visible and appropriate area.

### **Public Comment**

#### **Allison Robinson – Community Member**

Ms. Robinson emphasized the importance of maintaining recreational space and stated that local families already lack access to sufficient courts.

She encouraged the City to replace or repurpose the courts rather than eliminate them and suggested basketball or pickleball as alternatives.

### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioners discussed safety concerns, liability, and potential future improvements, including replacement options such as basketball or pickleball courts.

**Motion:** Close the El Roble tennis courts due to safety concerns

**MOVER:** Vice Chair Miller

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Ramirez

**AYES:** Vice Chair Miller, Commissioners Felios, Jimenez, Ramirez

**NAYES:** Chair Martinez, Commissioner Brinton

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bozzo

**RESULT:** Motion Passed (4–2)

#### **9.4 Discussion and Recommendation on Potential Reopening of the Wayland and Hanna Parking Lots**

Staff presented background regarding the continued closure of the Hanna and Wayland side parking lots at Las Animas Park. The presentation included discussion of prior Council direction, safety concerns, operational challenges, ADA-related issues, pavement and lighting conditions, and neighborhood impacts.

Staff explained that the Hanna Street area had previously been barricaded in advance of July 4 due to concerns about fireworks and other problematic activities. Staff also explained that the Wayland lot is a unique site adjacent to a planned unit development and has generated recurring concerns from nearby residents.

##### **Public Comment**

##### **Mario Maciel – Community Member**

Mr. Maciel, a long-time Gilroy resident living adjacent to the parking lots, expressed opposition to reopening them. He stated that nearby residents experience ongoing impacts related to crime, homelessness, and disruptive behavior. He referenced past incidents affecting his household and emphasized that the park should remain a safe and positive asset for the neighborhood.

##### **Joe Pagoaga – Community Member**

Mr. Pagoaga stated that he moved to the neighborhood during a time when significant issues were occurring at the Wayland parking lot, which impacted his quality of life. He noted that he works in park operations and is familiar with similar challenges. He shared that nearby residents remain concerned and referenced a letter submitted by a neighbor who was unable to attend.

##### **Letter read by Joe Pagoaga on behalf of Shannon Glasper – Wayland Court HOA Treasurer – Community Member**

Ms. Glasper expressed opposition to reopening the Wayland parking lot, citing ongoing impacts to nearby residents, including safety concerns, disruptive behavior, and reduced quality of life. She emphasized that the burden of these impacts falls primarily on adjacent homeowners and noted that alternative parking options remain available.

##### **Alicia – Community Member**

Alicia expressed concerns regarding reopening the Wayland and Hanna parking lots, citing potential impacts to neighborhood safety and quality of life. She encouraged careful consideration of long-term effects and balancing public access with resident well-being.

##### **Daniel Medina – Community Member**

Mr. Medina expressed support for reopening the parking lot, citing concerns about loss of public access, aesthetics, and emergency access. He also noted issues related to overflow parking and safety in surrounding areas.

#### **Skip Bloom – Community Member**

Mr. Bloom expressed opposition to reopening the Wayland parking lot, citing past issues including noise, disruptive behavior, and safety concerns. He stated that conditions improved following the closure.

#### **Daphne Deithcman – Community Member**

Ms. Deitchman expressed support for keeping the parking lots closed, citing personal safety concerns and improved conditions since closure. She noted that reopening could negatively impact neighborhood safety.

#### **Araceli Vaquera – Community Member**

Ms. Vaquera expressed concerns about reopening the Wayland parking lot, citing prior negative impacts to neighborhood safety and quality of life. She supported maintaining the closure and prioritizing resident well-being.

#### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioners discussed the tradeoffs between neighborhood impacts and public access, as well as safety, enforcement, emergency access, parking demand, condition of the lots, possible future resurfacing, lighting, and the need for broader community input.

**Motion:** Recommended City Council keep the Hanna and Wayland parking lots at Las Animas Veterans Park closed pending further evaluation and community input

**MOVER:** Vice Chair Emily Miller

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Luis Ramirez

**AYES:** Chair Martinez , Vice Chair Miller, Commissioners Felios, Martinez, Brinton, Jimenez, Ramirez

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bozzo

**RESULT:** Motion Passed Unanimously (6–0)

### **9.5 Update on Maintenance Efforts at Los Arroyos Park**

#### **Presenter Matt Jones – Deputy Public Works Director**

Mr. Jones provided an update on maintenance and sidewalk repair efforts, noting a more targeted and proactive approach due to staffing and operational constraints. He reported that staff have been identifying and addressing trip hazards in phases, prioritizing high-use areas, including a location near the KinderCare preschool.

Commissioners asked questions about prioritization, long-term maintenance, and how staffing levels affect the pace of repairs.

### **9.6 Discussion and Possible Action to Affirm Formal Parks and Recreations Commission Tabling**

Staff introduced the item regarding Parks and Recreation Commission participation in community outreach efforts, including opportunities for Commissioners to engage with the public through tabling and event attendance.

Staff explained that participation in community events provides an opportunity for Commissioners to connect directly with residents, share information about parks and programs, and gather feedback from the community.

Staff also discussed the possibility of coordinating logistics for tabling, including staffing, materials, and scheduling, and emphasized the importance of ensuring consistent messaging and representation when participating in public events.

### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioners discussed:

- interest in participating in community events and outreach efforts
- the value of engaging directly with residents to better understand community needs
- opportunities to increase visibility of the Commission and its role
- coordination with staff to identify appropriate events and expectations for participation

Commissioners expressed general support for increased outreach and indicated interest in participating in future events as opportunities arise.

### **Direction to Staff**

The Commission provided general direction to staff:

- identify upcoming events suitable for Commission participation
- provide additional information regarding logistics and expectations
- coordinate future opportunities for outreach and engagement

No formal action was taken.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

### **10.1 NONE**

## **11. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

### **11.1 Public Works Park Maintenance and Operations Updates**

Staff provided updates on ongoing park maintenance efforts, including repairs to park infrastructure and addressing safety-related issues such as damaged amenities and general upkeep.

Staff noted that maintenance work continues across multiple park locations and is prioritized based on safety, usage, and available resources.

### **11.2 Recreation Division Updates**

Staff provided updates on recreational programming and community activities within the park system.

Staff discussed ongoing and upcoming programs and noted continued efforts to provide opportunities for community engagement through park-based activities.

### 11.3 Parks CIP Updates

Staff provided updates on current and upcoming park-related projects, including coordination and progress on improvements discussed throughout the meeting.

Staff noted that project timelines and priorities continue to be evaluated based on available funding and operational capacity.

## 12. COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners provided updates regarding park conditions, recent site visits, and community feedback.

**Commissioner Jesse Jimenez** shared observations related to park conditions and noted the importance of ongoing maintenance to address issues before they become larger concerns.

**Vice Chair Emily Miller** discussed recent community interactions and emphasized the importance of maintaining clean, safe, and accessible park spaces.

**Commissioner Luis Ramirez** provided observations regarding park usage and noted continued activity at various park locations. He emphasized the importance of maintaining amenities such as restrooms, lighting, and seating areas.

Commissioners also discussed:

- general park conditions across multiple locations
- maintenance needs and response times
- safety-related concerns, including lighting and trip hazards
- the importance of maintaining high-quality park facilities for the community

Commissioners acknowledged recent maintenance efforts and emphasized the importance of continued communication with staff regarding park conditions and improvements.

## 13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

John Doughty provided updates on ongoing projects and coordination efforts within the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Doughty reported that a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Story Walk at San Ysidro Park has been received. Staff noted that coordination with the school district and final site logistics are ongoing, and installation is anticipated in May.

He also discussed opportunities to align the project rollout with upcoming community events, including Party in the Park at San Ysidro Park, to enhance community engagement and visibility.

## 14. FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS

**Commissioner Jesse Jimenez** asked about the appropriate process for bringing forward future discussion items and whether commissioner-initiated topics should be included under this section.

Staff clarified that this section is intended for identifying future agenda items and that coordination with staff would be needed to schedule items for upcoming meetings.

Commissioners also discussed the value of including a more structured opportunity on the agenda for Commissioner report-outs, including participation in meetings, events, and other related activities.

Staff indicated that adjustments to the agenda format could be considered to better capture Commissioner updates and feedback.

Commissioners also discussed follow-up related to the disc golf proposal, and staff noted that additional review and coordination may be needed before bringing the item back for future consideration.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 8:38 pm

# EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY — CELEBRATION —

**Join Us for a Community Tree Planting Event!**



**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**



**Time: 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM**



**Sunrise Park**

9525 Saddler Dr • Gilroy, CA

## EVENT ACTIVITIES

- Community Tree Planting
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Family-Friendly Activities
- Volunteer Opportunities

Bring your family and help us grow a greener

**Gilroy!**



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# DÍA DE LA TIERRA Y DÍA DEL ÁRBOL

## — CELEBRACIÓN —

¡Únase a nosotros para un evento comunitario de plantación de árboles!



**Miércoles, 22 de abril de 2026**







**Hora: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm**



**Sunrise Park**

9525 Saddler Dr • Gilroy, CA

### ACTIVIDADES DEL EVENTO

-  Plantación comunitaria de árboles
-  Proclamación del Día del Árbol
-  Actividades para toda la familia
-  Oportunidades de voluntariado

¡Traiga a su familia y ayúdenos a hacer de  
Gilroy una comunidad más verde!



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**TREE CITY USA**<sup>®</sup>  
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West Coast Arborists, Inc.



# PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

 **Wednesday,**  
**May 20, 2026**  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

 **City Hall**  
7351 Rosanna Street  
Gilroy, CA



### Discover How Public Works Serves Our Community

Public Works staff will be on hand to teach about **water conservation, engineering, park maintenance, road maintenance, and more.**

Vehicles and equipment will be on display for **learning and exploration.** Interactive displays will help enhance the learning experience for visitors of all ages.

Come meet the team that helps keep Gilroy clean, safe, and running every day.

### Event Highlights



**PUBLIC WORKS  
EQUIPMENT  
SHOWCASE**



**INTERACTIVE WATER  
& INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEMONSTRATIONS**



**PARKS & ROAD  
MAINTENANCE**



**CITY CAREERS &  
PUBLIC WORKS  
EDUCATION**

**Fun for Kids • Families Welcome • Free Community Event**

# SEMANA DE OBRAS PÚBLICAS

## CASA ABIERTA COMUNITARIA



**Miércoles,**  
**20 de mayo de 2026**  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



**Ayuntamiento de  
Gilroy**

7351 Rosanna Street  
Gilroy, CA



### Descubra Cómo las Obras Públicas Sirven a Nuestra Comunidad

El personal de Obras Públicas estará disponible para educar sobre la conservación, la ingeniería, el mantenimiento de parques, calles y más.

Los vehículos y equipos estarán en exhibición para aprender y explorar. Las exhibiciones interactivas ayudarán a mejorar la experiencia de aprendizaje para visitantes de todas las edades.

Venga a conocer al equipo que ayuda a mantener Gilroy limpio, seguro y funcionando todos los días.

### Aspectos Destacados del Evento



**EXHIBICIÓN DE  
EQUIPOS DE  
OBRAS PÚBLICAS**



**DEMOSTRACIONES  
INTERACTIVAS DE  
AGUA E  
INFRAESTRUCTURA**



**MANTENIMIENTO  
DE PARQUES Y  
CALLES**



**CARRERAS Y  
EDUCACIÓN EN OBRAS  
PÚBLICAS**

**Diversión para Niños • Familias Bienvenidas • Evento Comunitario Gratuito**

# FY26 and FY27 Revised Parks Recreation Commission Work Plan

Project Name	Project Description	Vision
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Engage the Community</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Participate and/or sponsor citywide events such as Arbor Day, Bike to Wherever Day, Earth Day, Coffee in the Park, and Citywide Clean-up Efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek funding from City Council to develop and produce outreach materials</li> </ul> </li>   <li>2) Facilitate development of a pedestrian and bicycle training program in conjunction with GPD, GUSD, Public Works and City Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek authorization from City Council to utilize remaining FY27 VTA Measure B funds (app. \$18K) to develop program including outreach materials</li> <li>• Seek additional funding as deemed necessary to develop and produce outreach materials</li> <li>• Host and participate in training programs as appropriate</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maintain and Enhance Existing Park Facilities</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Request that the City Council support and authorize Public Works to focus capital repair, maintenance and improvements on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Las Animas Veterans Park with focus on handball courts</li> <li>• Christmas Hill Park with focus on repair and maintenance</li> <li>• Replacing play structures throughout City parks</li> </ul> </li>   <li>2) Monitor city parks by commissioners and report findings at regularly scheduled Commission meetings.</li>   <li>3) Work with Arts and Culture Commission to identify ways to enhance City Parks (consider Las Animas handball courts for mural opportunity)</li> </ol>	

<b>Establish Permanent Pickleball Facilities</b>	1) Pickleball project is funded and planned for Las Animas Park in accordance with commission's study of potential park locations	
<b>Plan for the Future</b>	1) Commence preparation of the Parks and Recreational Trails Master Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider emerging activities such as disc golf as part of the plan</li> </ul> 2) Provide Commission input on the Recreation Needs Assessment 3) Work through the City Council on identifying opportunities for expanded joint use with the Gilroy Unified School District	
<b>Evaluate Potential Revisions to Park Regulations (GCC Chapter 18)</b>	1) Consider potential modernization of park regulations city wide including evaluation of park hours. Any change would be by ordinance, subject to approval of the City Council.	

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Initial Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Outreach

May - Table at Public Works Day regarding safety (if not PRC, then PW)

June, July, Aug – PRC table at Downtown Music Series and provide presentations to local groups about driver and pedestrian safety (would need to identify groups)

September – PRC to visit parent clubs to share video and resources about driver and pedestrian safety (back-up for those schools who don't identify a parent ambassador)

October – PRC to submit a request for a Pedestrian Safety Proclamation to the Mayor (and be at the Council Meeting to receive it)

April \_\_, 2026

Mayor Greg Bozzo  
Council Members  
7351 Rosanna Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020

Subject: Joint Use with Gilroy Unified School District

Dear Mayor and Honorable Council members:

The Parks and Recreation Commission by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_, authorized me to send this letter in support of the negotiation of a new Joint Use Agreement with GUSD. Joint use has been the subject of discussion by the Commission over the last year. The Commission included joint use in its FY 26- FY 27 Work Plan which was presented to the City Administrator last May. The Commission has followed closely the recent discussions with GUSD including the February 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting between City Council and the School Board. As a Commission we believe that: 1) community members deserve greater access to GUSD facilities; 2) recreation programming benefits from access; and 3) GUSD can also benefit from access to City parks and facilities. In the end, we are talking about access to taxpayer funded facilities.

As your Parks and Recreation Commission we want to offer our time, community knowledge and expertise in any way that will be helpful to the City Council. We are planning to work together to identify recreation programming that could be enhanced or added with the use of GUSD facilities. These recommendations will be provided to the recreation assessment consultant and shared with the City Council.

Moving forward, we are eager to continue collaborating in a meaningful way to make sure Gilroy residents have access to parks, facilities and recreational programming through City-owned and GUSD-owned sites and facilities. Our Commission is prepared to participate in any way the City Council see fits.

We look forward to working with the Mayor and City Council on this and other important initiatives. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to parks and recreation opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

Javier Martinez, Chair  
Gilroy Parks and Recreation Commission



# MEMORANDUM

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To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Parks Division, City of Gilroy

Through: John Doughty, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Subject: Parks Division Updates – April 2026

The following is an update on recent activities and programs managed by the Parks Division.

## **Parks projects**

- Concrete walkways installed at the new Oaks restroom.
- Oaks Restroom at Las Animas Park has been opened for public use.
- Construction of the Hecker Pass Park playground has been completed.
- Tennis court repair has started at Las Animas Park courts 5 and 6.
- Play fiber installation at Hecker Pass Park has been completed.
- Park turf has been aerated and fertilized.
- Streets Div replaced sidewalk damage at Carriage Hills Park

## **Projects in Process**

- Playground retro fits El roble Park, Rainbow Park targeting May 11<sup>th</sup> start date
- Small BBQ'S received planning to install at Christmas Hill Park
- Las Animas Park Oaks restroom Landscape
- Play fiber installation to continue all parks
- Restoring plant material at Sunrise Park along Jicarrillo Pl
- Arbor Day
- Upcoming event prep CHP – Plant sale, Compost giveaway
- Weed abatement
- Dug out improvements at Christmas





# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**From:** Adam Henig, Recreation Manager, Recreation Division, City of Gilroy

**Through:** John Doughty, Public Works Director

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2026

**Subject:** Recreation Division Updates – April 2026

\*I want to invite all commissioners to participate in the annual **Bike to Wherever Day**, which will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30am-9:30am, at the levee by the entrance of Christmas Hill Park, between Miller Avenue and Uvas Park Drive. Email me if you can attend and which shift you can make: **Shift A** (6:30-8am) or **B** (8am-9:30am) – *Adam*, [adam.henig@cityofgilroy.org](mailto:adam.henig@cityofgilroy.org)



The following is an update on recent activities and programs managed by the Recreation Division.

- **Adaptive** – This month, the Adaptive program had an Easter Egg Hunt, went to a San Jose Giants baseball game, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- **“Beyond Gilroy”** – In the past month, the “Beyond Gilroy” program went on two more excursions, Henry Cowells Redwood Park in Felton (see photo) and Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing. Participants are having a fun time learning



about the importance of the environment and ways to combat climate change.

- **East Gilroy** – There’s a new program being offered at San Ysidro Park on Wednesdays, “Hang Out & Connect.” It’s an opportunity for youth and adults to have a free and safe place to spend time as well get connected to services they may need. In addition, on April 17, the park will be hosting a prom event where students in need of a dress or suit can receive one free of charge. The community is preparing for the annual Day of the Child event at San Ysidro Park on Friday, May 1. It’ll begin at 5:30pm.
- **Recreation Needs Assessment** –Administration Department staff (including myself) served on the RFP selection committee for the Recreation Needs Assessment. The City received four submissions. Interviews were conducted with each firm. Staff issued a recommendation to City Council at the April 6 meeting to retain the services of PROS consulting. Council supported the decision. Staff will be meeting with PROS to discuss a schedule and next steps.
- **Senior Center** – There are lots of activities happening at the Senior Center. There’s the ongoing mediation, Tai Chi, and chair yoga classes as well as one-time special events such as holiday celebrations for Nowruz (Persian New Year) and Easter.
- **Summer Day Camp** – The City is advertising positions available for seasonal work at the summer day camp program, which is held at the lodge at Gilroy Gardens. Fortunately, more than half of the camp staff will be made up of returning recreation leaders and year-round staff.





# MEMORANDUM

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To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Public Works Capital improvement Projects (CIP) Division

Through: John Doughty, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Subject: Public Works CIP Updates – April 2026

The following is a synopsis of parks related capital project work currently underway in the City.

## I. Major Projects

### 1. San Ysidro Park Healthy Living Enhancement

- Project design is scheduled to be complete Spring 2027.
- Project advertising and contract award is expected Summer 2027.
- Construction is expected to begin Fall 2027.

### 2. Las Animas Veterans Park Pickleball Courts

- Project is in the bidding phase.
- Contract award is scheduled Summer 2026.
- Construction is expected to begin Summer 2026.

### 3. Civic Center Master Plan

- Initial community outreach completed.
- Study and conceptual layout complete.
- Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) public review ended in March.
- EIR and Master Plan document approval anticipated Summer 2026

## II. Other Projects of Note

### 1. Las Animas Park Restroom Replacement

- Anticipated completion Fall 2026
- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

2. Third Street Park (AKA Hecker Pass Park) Shade Structures

- Anticipated completion December 2025
- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

3. Del Rey Park Playground Retrofit

- Anticipated completion December 2025
- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

4. Park Playground Equipment Retrofits (Locations TBD)

- Anticipated completion TBD
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Improvement Program funding

5. Park Sport Court Surface Enhancements (Locations TBD)

- Anticipated completion FY26
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Improvement Program funding

6. Repair and re-surfacing Tennis Courts 6 and 7 (Las Animas Park)

- Anticipated completion Spring 2026
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Program funding