

CITY OF IRWINDALE

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 3, 2026**

6:00 PM

IRWINDALE CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PAULA FRAIJO - Chair

CARMEN ROMAN - Vice Chair

MARGIE CALDERA - Commissioner

EVA MICHEL - Commissioner

NATHAN ROMERO - Commissioner

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Code of Ethics

As City of Irwindale Parks & Recreation Commissioners, our fundamental duty is to serve the public good. We are committed to the principle of an efficient and professional local government. We will be exemplary in obeying the letter and spirit of Local, State and Federal laws and City policies affecting the operation of the government and in our private life. We will be independent and impartial in our judgment and actions.

We will work for the common good of the City of Irwindale community and not for any private or personal interest. We will endeavor to treat all people with respect and civility. We will commit to observe the highest standards of morality and integrity, and to faithfully discharge the duties of our office regardless of personal consideration. We shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of others.

We will inform ourselves on public issues, listen attentively to public discussions before the body, and focus on the business at hand. We will base our decisions on the merit and substance of that business. We will be fair and equitable in all actions, claims or transactions. We shall not use our official position to influence government decisions in which we have a financial interest or where we have a personal relationship that could present a conflict of interest, or create a perception of a conflict of interest.

We shall not take advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain by virtue of our public office that are not available to the public in general. We shall refrain from accepting gifts, favors or promises of future benefit that might compromise our independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being compromised.

We will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit or embarrassment to the City of Irwindale. We will be honest in thought and deed in both our personal and official lives.

Ultimate responsibility for complying with this Code of Ethics rests with the individual elected and appointed official. In addition to any other penalty as provided by law, violation of this Code of Ethics may be used as a basis for disciplinary action or censure of a Council Member and/or Commissioner.

These things we hereby pledge to do in the interest and purposes for which our government has been established.

IRWINDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.**1. CALL TO ORDER****2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. INVOCATION****4. ROLL CALL** Commissioners: Margie Caldera, Eva Michel, Nathan Romero, Vice Chair Carmen Roman, Chair Paula Fraijo**5. AB 2449 DISCLOSURES**

Remote participation by a member of the legislative body for just cause or emergency circumstances

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar contains matters of routine business and is to be approved with one motion unless a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission requests separate action on a specific item. At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding items on the Consent Calendar.

A. Minutes of the Meeting Held May 6, 2026

Department: City Clerk

Recommendation: Approve

B. Aquatics Supervisor Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Aquatics Supervisor update.

C. Public Works Supervisor Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Works Supervisor update.

D. Recreation Manager Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Recreation Manager update.

7. SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

This is the time set aside for members of the audience to speak on any item not on this agenda that is within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. The Parks & Recreation Commission is an advisory body appointed by the City Council that reviews and provides recommendations on matters related to parks and community recreation within the City. Except for very limited circumstances, state law prohibits any Commission discussion or action on items that are not on the agenda.

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Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes unless such time limits are extended. If a member of the public wishes to donate their time to another speaker, both persons must be physically present and in attendance of the meeting. The Presiding Officer may, in his or her discretion, extend the 3-minute time limitation for the particular subject for all speakers. In no event shall the total amount of speaking time exceed 6 minutes per person for the subject under discussion. Organized groups of persons wishing to address the Board on the same subject should select a spokesperson to represent the group so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.

The Commission may regulate a speaker who is speaking too long or out of order, being unduly repetitious, discussing irrelevancies, or extending to items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please be reminded that discrimination, abusive use of profanity, unruly disruption, and violent or physically threatening conduct is discouraged. Members of the public shall not disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting. The Presiding Officer will request that a person cease any disruptive conduct, and if not immediately stopped, will direct the person to be removed from the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding an item on New Business.

- A. Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding from Congressman Gil Cisneros
Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding from Congressman Gil Cisneros

9. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

- A. Public Services Director Update
Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Services Director update

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

If a Commissioner is interested in a task or project, the Commissioner shall request that the item be agendized in this section for Commission discussion of whether time should be spent on the proposed item.

11. ADJOURN

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst, certify that I caused the agenda for the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission, to be held on June 3, 2026, be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on May 28, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AH' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

**IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**MAY 6, 2026
WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.**

The Irwindale **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Eva Michel, Nathan Romero; Vice Chair Carmen Roman;
Chair Paula Fraijo

Absent: Commissioner Margie Caldera

Also present: Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager; Pedro Rodriguez, Public Works Services Supervisor; Daniel Grijalva, Aquatics Supervisor; and Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Vice Chair Roman, to approve the Consent Calendar, except for Item No. 6D, which was removed for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved; Commissioner Caldera absent.

ITEM NO. 6A

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2026

The minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2026, were approved as presented.

ITEM NO. 6B

AQUATICS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

The Aquatics Supervisor Update was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 6C

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

The Public Works Supervisor Update was received and filed.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 6D

RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

Chair Fraijo commended staff for the wonderful setup for the Easter Eggstravaganza activities, though she noted that adults were rushing to help their small children find the golden egg and suggested that staff remind the adults that the activity is intended for small children.

Manager Zepeda confirmed that announcements are made and parents are reminded that the event is for children.

Chair Fraijo also suggested that parents of children that do not find any candy speak to staff to obtain some. She then asked whether shrinking audience numbers are why there are fewer Sunset Cinema sessions scheduled for this year, to which Director Rodriguez stated that the Dive-In Movies program seems to be more popular, though the frequency of Sunset Cinema sessions could be increased next year if it seems warranted.

Commissioner Romero thanked staff for stocking the Gym lobby room vending machine with healthier options and thanked staff for purchasing a tv for the weight room.

Responding to a comment by Vice Chair Roman, Manager Zepeda advised that staff at the weight room will have control over the television remote control and will not hand it over to patrons, though the television remote in the cardio room could be checked out.

Linda Marez stated that, in the past, healthy snack options placed in the vending machines did not tend to sell.

Suzanne Gomez suggested that staff create guidelines for the use of the television in the weight room to avoid individuals from watching inappropriate content, to which Chair Fraijo stated that staff would control the tv content and that they should know what should not be played on the tv.

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Vice Chair Roman, to receive and file the Recreation Manager Update. The motion was unanimously approved; Commissioner Caldera absent.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Suzanne Gomez commended staff for beautifying the Memorial Garden area, noted an increase in the number of geese at the park and noted that they are protected under federal guidelines, and requested additional signage along Calle de Paseo to indicate where parking is prohibited.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 8A

SUMMER PARK PATROL UPDATE – VERBAL

Chief Hafford presented the verbal update wherein he indicated that the department would prioritize presence at the parks. Officers will be present every evening when the pool closes, and officers already secure the restrooms every day to make sure nobody enters after hours. During the summer concerts, two officers are generally assigned to patrol the park either on foot or on the golf cart. Additionally, the new Honor Guard will be present at the Red, White, and You event. On July 4th, all personnel are expected to report to work, except for those that must work just before and after that date. Officers will also be enforcing the city's "no illegal fireworks" laws with drones.

Chief Hofford also noted concerns about e-bikes at the parks and advised that all bikes are prohibited at the parks. He also explained the difference between e-bikes and those that are considered motorcycles since they can exceed 28 mph and discussed available enforcement actions.

Chair Fraijo stated that adults should not approach children and threaten to call the police, even if the children are utilizing e-bikes inside the parks. She also stated that a drone was hovering over her home for at least two hours recently and expressed her belief that this could be considered surveillance, to which Chief Hofford indicated that, if a drone is hovering over one location, it is likely looking much further away. He noted that the police drone can read a license plate from over a mile away. Regarding the issue with the geese, Chief Hofford stated that staff would need to look up information and return with additional details.

Chair Fraijo thanked Chief Hofford and stated her hope that officers would make efforts to meet and develop friendships with members of the community during their patrols.

Vice Chair Roman also cautioned about dogs being off-leash at the parks and worried about children on e-bikes running in to seniors as they exit the Aquatics Center, to which Chief Hofford advised that officers would talk to the parents of children who ride their e-bikes inside the park and spoke to the available enforcement actions that could be undertaken.

Chair Fraijo asked whether existing signage indicates that e-bikes are prohibited in the parks, to which Chief Hofford stated that e-bikes are not a separate specification and are also included as bicycles. Chair Fraijo stated that it may be beneficial to specifically identify on the signs that e-bikes are prohibited to make it clear to the public.

Vice Chair Roman stated that individuals have been seen looking into residents' mailboxes and pulling on car door handles, and requested increased street patrols, to which Chief Hofford replied that patrols would be increased and suggested that anybody that sees suspicious behavior should call the Police Department.

Commissioner Romero noted an uptick in illegal fireworks usage near the town outskirts, such as near Alice Rodriguez Circle, and requested additional police patrols at the area.

Commissioner Michel suggested sending a flyer to residents to notify them that e-bikes are not allowed at the parks. She also noted that the Police Department has previously gifted helmets to children and asked whether they would do so again, to which Chief Hofford advised that the helmets were donated to the department in the past and that he would check to see if more were available for distribution.

Chair Fraijo asked whether non-PD staff would inform individuals at the parks that e-bikes are not allowed there, to which Director Rodriguez said that some staffers, those that feel comfortable in doing so, inform park patrons that e-bikes are not allowed. Regarding the informational flyer that Commissioner Michel requested, Director Rodriguez advised that a social media post would be created to inform the public.

Suzanne Gomez stated that motorists frequently park in front of the fire hydrant in front of her house and requested additional patrols since motorists also park on the street during street sweeping hours.

ITEM NO. 8B

WALKTHROUGH OF IRWINDALE PARK AND JARDIN DE ROCA PARK

At 6:45 p.m., the Commission exited the Council Chambers to conduct their walkthrough inspections of Jardin de Roca Park and Irwindale Park.

At 8:09 p.m., the Commission reconvened in the Council Chambers.

At 8:10 p.m. the Commission took a short recess.

The Commission reconvened in Open Session at 8:19 p.m.

Chair Fraijo suggested for staff to check the parks' irrigation systems to avoid overwatering and underwatering, and for the grass to be mowed regularly.

The commissioners all spoke very highly about the Public Works Department and staffers' hard work in maintaining the parks and keeping them beautiful.

ITEM NO. 8C

AMERICA250 UPDATE

Manager Zepeda presented the update and made a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion was held relating to the following:

- 1) The roles that various City departments will have during the event.
- 2) The preferred pin and coin designs, their costs, and the amount that should be ordered.
- 3) Budgeting for the purchase of the pins and coins and whether they should be sold to the public.
- 4) The distribution of the purchased items to residents and how their availability would be advertised.

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Commissioner Romero, to order 300 pins (design 1) and 150 coins (design 2). The motion was unanimously approved; Commissioner Caldera absent.

It was determined that the coins would be made available to Irwindale residents for free and that they could be picked up at a booth that will be set up at the Music in the Park concerts.

Responding to a request by Chair Fraijo, Director Rodriguez indicated that a social media post could be created to advertise event activity timelines.

Vice Chair Roman objected to the price of the dri-fit shirts proposed for purchase for the softball game, to which Manager Zepeda responded by discussing the benefits of the shirt material and noted that the price listed is simply an estimate for the purchase of shirts for 24 players.

Director Rodriguez noted that the Commission has previously requested this type of shirt and indicated that residents that call to sign up for the event will be asked for their shirt sizes.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

Director Rodriguez provided the update.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Michel, Director Rodriguez advised that the Engineering Department will determine occupancy levels at the new Library once it is completed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Fraijo requested a report with details regarding an award of \$850,000 provided by Congressman Cisneros and how the funds will be used.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Aquatics Supervisor Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Aquatics Supervisor update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Daniel M. Grijalva, Aquatics Supervisor

Background and Analysis:

May 2026 Highlights:

Training: For the month of May, staff have completed eight (8) hours of in-service training that consists of lifeguarding skills review, inclusion in Aquatics, generational issues in the workplace, First Aid and CPR skill booster training, and team-building situations to foster a stronger bond between colleagues in the workplace setting. For the month of June, staff has another four (4) hours of mandatory in-service training scheduled to take place.

Aquatics Expo: The annual Aquatics Center Expo was held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 1pm to 4pm. This fun-filled event offered free recreational swimming and informational booths offering live CPR demonstrations in both English and Spanish from a representative of the American Red Cross. In addition to that, there was also a Water Safety awareness information station offered by our friends at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. The Irwindale Public Library, Irwindale Recreation, and Irwindale Aquatics Center also showcased all the fun-filled programs, events, and classes going on during summer. Attendees also received free nachos, shaved ice, giveaways and raffle prizes.

Staff would like to extend a big Thank You to Tim Travis, the Director of Community Services, from the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, the American Red Cross, Mike's Ice Cream Truck, as well as Irwindale Recreation, Irwindale Public Library, Irwindale Police Department and the Irwindale Community Foundation for all joining us to help spread the importance of water safety at this collaborative event. We look forward to next year's event. Thank you all!

Announcements and News:

The Spring 2026 season will conclude tomorrow, Thursday, June 4. Summer kicks off on Friday, June 5, at 12pm with recreational swimming. Please visit the Irwindale Aquatics Center's webpage for more information on all the fun things taking place this summer.

May highlighted water safety month, which serves as a reminder that water safety is everyone's responsibility, and a little awareness can help save lives while keeping summer activities enjoyable for all.

Dive-in Cinema: The Dive-in Cinema season begins on Friday, June 12 at 7pm with "A Goofy Movie." Resident registration began on Monday, June 1, and non-resident registration takes place on Monday, June 8 at 5pm. The next Dive-in Cinema will feature the 1991 classic "The Addams Family" on Friday, June 26 at 7pm.

Splash & Play: Splash & Play will take place on Saturday, June 13, from 12pm to 4pm and Saturday, June 27, from 12pm to 4pm leading right into the Red, White and You event.

Parent and Me, Aqua Stand Up: Classes will take place on Saturdays and Sundays beginning, June 13, at their specified class times. These class sessions will run until Sunday, July 12.

Mt SAC AquaFitness: AquaFitness begins Monday, June 22, and runs until Thursday, August 13, 2026. Class time is from 4:30pm to 5:20pm. For more information, please contact the Irwindale Aquatics Center or visit www.irwindaleca.gov.

Save the Dates:

June 1: Resident registration for Swim Lessons Session #1 at 5pm

June 8: Non-resident registration for Swim Lessons Session #1 at 5pm

June 12: Dive-in Cinema: "A Goofy Movie" at 7pm

June 13: Splash & Play at 7pm

June 15: Swim Lessons Session #1 Begins

June 22: Resident registration for Swim Lessons Session #2 at 5pm and Mt. SAC AquaFitness Class begins at 4:30pm.

June 26: Dive-in Cinema: "The Addams Family" at 7pm

June 27: Splash & Play from 12pm to 4pm and Red, White & You BBQ from 4pm to 9pm

June 29: Non-resident registration for Swim Lessons Session #2 at 5pm

Attachments:

None

Date: June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Public Works Supervisor Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Public Works Supervisor update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Pedro Rodriguez, Public Works Supervisor

Background and Analysis:

Park Maintenance

Following the busy Memorial Day weekend, staff are prioritizing the cleanup of all picnic areas and rental facilities to ensure our parks remain in pristine condition for daily public use.

In addition to routine daily operations, crews are proactively addressing the specific maintenance items identified during last month's Commission walkthrough.

Facility Updates

- **Irwindale Park:** Routine maintenance continues across the grounds. Staff capped off two irrigation heads in the tree well and adjusted the system to prevent water ponding near the Horseshoe Pit.
- **Jardin de Roca Park:**
 - Replaced a missing screw on the pillar of the picnic trellis south of the tennis courts and removed a fallen branch from the top of the trellis.
 - Replaced the instruction sticker on the Lat Pull-down exercise equipment located on the north side of the park near the tennis courts.
- **El Nido and Little Park:** The Poured-in-Place (PIP) rubber surfacing is scheduled for its roll coat application on May 28.
- **Aquatics Center:** Staff continues to paint the wrought iron fence panels and run conduit for the

new movie screen.

- **Dan Diaz Recreation Center:** Staff prepared the frontage of the center for the ceremonial check presentation from United States Representative Gil Cisneros, California District 31, to the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission for the upcoming recreation center remodel.

Events & Special Projects

- **RockAbilities Flashback Dance:** Staff completed general maintenance and cleanup of the Irwindale Plaza before the event to ensure a welcoming environment.
- **Staff Training & Professional Development**
 - **May 18, 2026:** The team attended training sessions on "*Generational Issues in the Workplace*" and "*Ethics as a Successful Business Model*," hosted by the California JPIA.
 - **May 28, 2026:** Our Maintenance Lead attended the Sports Field Management Association Training at the SDFC Training Facility. Head Groundskeeper Nate Pascual and his team led this groundskeeper workshop, which explored industry innovations and provided live demonstrations on successful field management techniques.

Acknowledgments

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the entire staff for their continued hard work. A special thank you to those team members who took time out of their evening to join us for the park walkthrough with the Parks & Recreation Commission. Their attendance was greatly appreciated and truly reflects the team's dedication to the City.

Attachments:

None

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Date: June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Recreation Manager Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Recreation Manager update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager

Background and Analysis:

Irwindale Recreation continues to provide meaningful programs, events, activities and services that strengthen community connections. Staff remained focused on delivering safe, inclusive and engaging opportunities for patrons of all ages and abilities. This report highlights key accomplishments and ongoing efforts over the past month.

May Highlights

- **Irwindale Cheer:** The Irwindale Competition Cheer team concluded the 25/26 season with their final competition on May 9. The team ended with a 1st place finish and a Division Winner designation. On May 22 the team celebrated their award-winning season with the end-of-the-year banquet at the Irwindale Aquatics Center. On May 27, they were recognized for their accomplishments by the Irwindale City Council. Congratulations to all the girls for taking 1st in every competition, to all the families that supported them along the way and to the Cheer Coaches for preparing the team and navigating through every obstacle.
- **Tiny Tot Graduation:** The Tots program concluded the 25/26 school year the week of May 18. Tiny Tots celebrated with a graduation ceremony on May 21 in the plaza at Irwindale Park. Public Services Director Elizabeth Rodriguez kicked off the ceremony with heartfelt words acknowledging the growth, friendships and learning that took place throughout the year. We would like to congratulate the eight (8) 2026 Graduates for a successful school year and wish them much success as they journey on to Kindergarten. We can't wait to see if your dreams of becoming a trash collector (1),

singer (2), police officer (3) and doctor (2) come true.

- **Training:** The Recreation staff had the opportunity to participate in several in-person and online trainings during the month of May. On May 9, staff participated in the California Parks and Recreation Society District XIII Recreation Leader training held at the Whittier Community Center. There were three (3) online trainings provided by Kids Included Together offered through San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, which included: Supporting Children with Challenging Behaviors, A 3-Step Approach to De-Escalation, and Making Sense of Disrespect. The May offering of Inclusive Recreation Connection, the monthly Zoom meetings facilitated by our Inclusion Specialist Luana Acuna, provided a speaker on supporting individuals with diverse needs in Aquatics Settings.
- **Valley County Water District:** The City of Irwindale was invited to participate in the Valley County Water District 100-year Anniversary event. Irwindale Recreation and Library were on site distributing flyers and sharing information about all the activities, programs and services offered by the City of Irwindale.

Save the Dates:

- **June 1-2:** Polling Place at the Dan Diaz Recreation Center
- **June 6:** Family Trip: Catalina Island
- **June 7:** RockAbilities Family Trip: Aquarium of the Pacific
- **June 10:** RockAbilities BBQ and Kickball
- **June 13:** Tot Family Trip: Pretend City
- **June 15:** Summer Lunch Program begins
- **June 17:** San Gabriel Valley COG Kidzone presentation: Coyote Safety
- **June 20:** Family Trip: Deep Sea Fishing
- **June 27:** Red, White and You Community vs Staff Softball Game
- **June 27:** Red, White and You BBQ
- **June 29:** Sunset Cinema: Zootopia 2
- **June 30:** Day Camp: AMC Covina

Updates:

- **Elliptical Machine:** The Elliptical Machine was ordered. Staff is still waiting to receive a delivery date.
- **America 250:** Pins and Coins have been ordered and expected to arrive no later than June 6, 2026.
- **Weight Room:** TV has been mounted and is available for use. A disclaimer for “allowed viewing” has been placed directly on the TV and weight room staff will control the remote.

Announcement/News:

- Kidzone is currently at capacity with no children on the waiting list as of May 26, 2026. After one week, staff evaluated the numbers in each Pod (K-1st, 2nd – 5th and 6th – 8th) and was able to remove the five (5) students from the waiting list and add them to their respective pods.
- Youth Sports Clinics are back and this summer, two sports will be offered. Children 10 to 14 years of age can participate in the Volleyball Clinic. Three separate Soccer Clinics will be offered by age groups: 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Staff are looking forward to working with the youth as they learn the fundamentals of each sport.
- Registration for all summer programs and classes has begun. With the exception of Kidzone, all programs and classes still have spots available.

Attachments:

None

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Date: June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding from Congressman Gil Cisneros

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding from Congressman Gil Cisneros

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Background and Analysis:

Background

Members of Congress provide local governments and other agencies with the opportunity to apply for discretionary funds for local projects that benefit the community. Discretionary spending is determined through the annual appropriations process. Each year, Congress drafts appropriations bills to fund discretionary programs, while the House Budget Committee adopts a budget resolution establishing the top-line funding levels for discretionary spending, including portions of the President's budget requests for federal agencies. The Appropriations Committee then develops spending bills consistent with these funding levels and solicits submissions from congressional offices to help inform the drafting process.

Community Project Funding

Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly referred to as "earmarks," consists of one-time federal funding requests for specific local projects that benefit communities. The House Appropriations Committee annually releases guidelines outlining eligibility requirements for these funds. For Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), guidelines included a maximum submission of 15 projects per Member of Congress, prohibiting memorials, museums, or commemorative projects, setting restrictions against for-profit recipients, and requiring applicants to provide letters demonstrating community support.

On April 24, 2025, City staff submitted a FY26 Community Project Funding application to United States Representative (Congressman) Gil Cisneros, California District 31, for the Dan Diaz Recreation Center Improvements Project. The proposed project includes renovation and expansion of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center through the following improvements:

- Energy-efficient electrical upgrades;
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements identified in the City's ADA Transition Plan;
- Purchase and installation of a new emergency generator;
- Purchase and installation of a new building security camera system;
- Seismic retrofitting to ensure structural integrity, as the facility serves as the City's designated emergency evacuation and community resilience center; and
- Expansion of the Recreation Center footprint into the existing library building, which will become available upon completion of the City's new library facility, to accommodate additional programming needs.

Recognizing the need to improve the functionality, resources, and programming capacity of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center, the Irwindale City Council identified the Recreation/Library Building Improvements as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program. Staff requested \$17,500,000 in federal funding to support all phases of the project, including community design outreach, preparation of design and structural plans and specifications, construction, construction management, and inspections.

On January 23, 2026, staff were notified that the House of Representatives approved the project for \$850,000 in Community Project Funding. At that time, the legislation still required final passage and the President's signature to become law. On February 5, 2026, staff received confirmation that the legislation had been signed into law.

Subsequently, on April 15, 2026, Congressman Cisneros' office requested a ceremonial check presentation and photo opportunity with the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission. The event took place on May 5, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in front of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center.

The awarded \$850,000 in Community Project Funding will support the community design outreach process and preparation of the project's design and structural plans and specifications. Staff estimates the design phase will cost \$1M, which requires an additional \$150,000. Sufficient funding is available in the Capital Improvement Project Budget and will be presented to City Council at the June 10, 2026 meeting for reallocation into this project account.

Staff are currently awaiting issuance of a project identification number required to complete the necessary documentation to receive the awarded federal funds. One required component is an environmental review associated with federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funding, under which this project is categorized. The environmental review is required to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposed remodeling improvements qualify for a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA; however, the City is required to retain a qualified environmental consultant to prepare and submit the necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Irwindale. Accordingly, the City has retained Harvey Consulting

Group, Inc. to complete this portion of the process.

At this time, staff are continuing to coordinate with Congressman Cisneros' office and await additional information necessary to move forward. As a result, the overall project timeline remains subject to federal processing and approval timelines.

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: June 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Public Services Director Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Public Services Director update

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Background and Analysis:

The City of Irwindale is pleased to offer a wide range of programs, events, and community initiatives for residents of all ages during the month of June 2026. Below is a summary of key activities and important announcements.

Irwindale Public Library Programs

The Irwindale Public Library will host several educational and recreational programs throughout June:

- **Adult Book Club**
Participants of Adult Book Club are invited to read *The Lost Story of Via Belle* by Melanie Dobson and meet to discuss the book on Thursday, June 4, at 6pm.
- **Movie Matinee**
As part of Movie Matinee, a screening of *GOAT* will take place on Tuesday, June 9, from 2pm to 3:45pm.
- **Mad Science Mondays (Ages 6–12)**
Mad Science Mondays are interactive STEM workshops for children on Monday, June 22 and 29, at 4pm. Sign-ups are required and begin one (1) week prior to each workshop. A guardian must be present to register the child(ren).
- **Teen Scene (Ages 12–17)**
Teen Scene Game Day: Teens are invited to explore a variety of interactive games on Saturday, June 27, at 2pm. Registration is not required; however, space is limited.
- **Summer Reading Program 2026**

Plant a Seed, Read! The ever popular Summer Reading Program begins on June 15 through July 25 with family-friendly performances and events every Thursday at 4pm. Some activities include Chazz's Drum Circle (sing silly songs), Ranger Jack Music & Puppets, a Cool Critters Show, an EyeVentures Optical Illusion Show, and a Bingo Finale. This is a reading program for all ages. Children earn weekly prizes and Teens & Adults will be eligible for grand prize raffles.

Irwindale Senior Center Highlights

The Irwindale Senior Center will offer a variety of social events and activities:

- **Seminar: Mosquitoes**
A seminar on mosquito awareness and prevention will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 11am.
- **Field Trip: Catalina Island**
A trip to Catalina Island is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, at 6:30am.
- **Father's Day BBQ**
The Father's Day BBQ is on Friday, June 12, from 11am to 2pm.
- **Parking Lot Sale**
The annual Irwindale Senior Center Parking Lot Sale will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 8am to 1pm in the Service Road in front of the Irwindale City Hall and Police Department. Senior Center Staff will also be selling hot dogs and nachos from 11am to 1pm.
- **Seminar: Coyote Safety**
A seminar on coyote safety, hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at 10am at the Irwindale Senior Center.
- **Glucose Screenings by Greater Covina Medical Group**
Greater Covina Medical Group is hosting a glucose screening at Irwindale Senior Center on Thursday, June 18, from 1pm to 3pm.
- **Star Spangled Prom Dinner/Dance**
A Star Spangled Prom Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Friday, June 19, from 5pm to 10pm at the Irwindale Senior Center.
- **Senior Summer Day Camp**
Senior Summer Day Camp begins on Thursday, June 25 with Rock Painting and Senior Splash. Senior Summer Day Camp is every Thursday until July 30. Each week, Seniors will have a different activity and adventure to enjoy.
- **Birthday Brunch Celebration**
The monthly Birthday Brunch is scheduled for Friday, June 26, from 11am to 12pm.
- **Chili Cook Off @ Red, White, & You BBQ**
The Irwindale Senior Center is hosting its annual Chili Cook Off during the Red, White & You BBQ scheduled for Saturday, June 27, from 3pm to 6:30pm in the Irwindale Plaza. The official Red, White, & You BBQ takes place from 4pm to 9pm.
- **Evening Senior Luau**
The Evening Senior Luau is scheduled for Friday, July 17, from 6pm to 9pm at the Irwindale Aquatics Center.
- **Field Trip: Phantom of the Opera**
A field trip to see Phantom of the Opera at the Pantages Theater is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, from 11am to 6pm.

Residents are encouraged to register early, as many programs and trips reach capacity quickly.

Holiday Street Decorating Contest

A Holiday Street Decorating Contest was initially discussed during a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and subsequently presented to the City Council for consideration at the May 13, 2026 City Council meeting. Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to research holiday decorating contests conducted by other agencies and return to the Council with additional information and recommendations at the June 10, 2026 meeting.

Reinstating the Irwindale Heroes Program

Also at the May 13, 2026 City Council meeting, staff presented a report regarding potential veteran and resident recognition programs, as previously discussed during a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to update and reinstate the City of Irwindale's Heroes Program and return with the proposed updates for City Council consideration at the June 10, 2026 meeting.

The Irwindale Public Library Improvement Project

The Library Project is quickly approaching completion. Edison energized the building on Monday, May 11 and asphalt paving is now completed in the parking area behind the new library. The contractor is now working on installation of irrigation and landscaping. Work continues inside the building and staff is working on scheduling a meeting with the contractor to start compiling a final list of items needed to be completed.

Founding Mothers Mural Ad-Hoc Workshop #3

Please save the date for the third Founding Mothers Mural Ad-Hoc Workshop scheduled for Monday, June 8, at 6pm inside the Irwindale Council Chambers. If you would like to see the draft renderings that were presented during the second Founding Mothers Mural Ad-Hoc Workshop, please visit the City Hall Lobby, where they are posted for viewing.

Irwindale Community Foundation Resident Vacancies

The Irwindale Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for two resident seats, one resident seat is currently vacant, and one resident member's term is set to expire on June 30, 2026. Please contact Board Secretary Laura Nieto for more information or to apply.

Recycling Event

Public Services Maintenance, in partnership with Athens Services, is hosting a Recycling Event on Saturday, June 13, from 8am to 11am at Irwindale Park (corner of Calle de Paseo and Allen Drive). This event will take place alongside the Irwindale Senior Center's Parking Lot Sale. Stop by to:

- Pick up Grade A compost.
- Safely dispose of household batteries.
- Donate clothing to the Kindness Krew.
- Receive a voucher to recycle cans and bottles at Allan Recycling.
- Drop off documents for secure shredding.

We look forward to seeing you there and helping keep our community clean and sustainable!

The City of Irwindale continues to provide diverse programming and essential services to support community engagement and quality of life. Residents are encouraged to stay informed by visiting the City's official website and social media platforms for registration details, updates, and additional opportunities.

Attachments:

None