

**COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF CHINO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 22, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chairperson Arlt led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Neal Jerry, Vice Chairperson Patricia Pereda Arlt, and Commissioners Carl Cooper, Julissa Montenegro-Olivas, and Linda Takeuchi

Commissioners Late: Jamie Aviles, arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Robert Martinez - Excused

Council Present: None

Teen Advisory Committee
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Silvia Avalos, Ted Bistarkey, jaNell Adams, Jeff Benson, Mayra Pratt, Monica Tiznado, Kari Franco, Angie Garcia, Jose Soto, Chelsea Murrillo, Sal Parra, and Marsha Ariyasu

IV. CEREMONIAL

1. Recognition of Patricia Pereda Arlt on her service as a member of the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission from July 2023 through June 2026:

Chairperson Jerry presented Vice Chairperson Arlt with a plaque to commemorate her time on the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission. A group photo was taken.

Vice Chairperson Arlt stated her heart and home remains in Chino, and she loves being a part of the community. She has enjoyed her time on the Commission.

Silvia Avalos, Director of Community Services, Parks & Recreation, spoke on behalf of the Community Services, Parks & Recreation team to thank Vice Chairperson Arlt for her service and dedication to the Commission, and wished her the best.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – April 27, 2026, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting (Vice Chairperson Arlt was absent).
2. Minutes – May 6, 2026, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting/Park Tour (Vice Chairperson Arlt and Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas were absent).

Moved by Commissioner Takeuchi, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and carried on a 5-0-2-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

AYES: Arlt, Cooper, Jerry, Montenegro-Olivas, and Takeuchi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aviles and Martinez
ABSTAIN: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Jerry opened the Public Communications.

Harvey Luth, Kiwanis Club of Chino President, thanked the Commission on behalf of Club members past and present for recognizing the Club as the California Park and Recreation Society-District 11 Community Champion Award recipients for 2025.

As there were no further requests to speak, Chairperson Jerry closed the Public Communications.

VII. ACTION ITEM

1. Naming Preserve Park Site:

Jeff Benson, Parks and Facilities Manager, reported Lewis Operating Corp. is currently developing a three-acre park within the Preserve community. The project site is located south of Pine Avenue, west of W. Preserve Loop, and north of Legacy Park Street. Key features of the park include a walking loop lined with Cherry trees, traditional Chinese garden, chess and game board area, fitness equipment, dog park, and tot lot. This park is part of a new development within the Preserve, and at this time there is no estimated start date for construction or an anticipated opening date.

Silvia Avalos, Director of Community Services, Parks & Recreation, reported the City received 17 nomination forms from community members. The name proposed by Lewis Operating Corp. for this park is Harmony Park. The name reflects the park's design and purpose. The Commission has the option to review the names as an entire body or can decide to refer the nominations to the Park Naming Sub-Committee for further evaluation. The review will ensure that the proposed names align with the City's park naming guidelines. The Sub-Committee can return with a recommendation to the full Commission at its July 27, 2026 meeting, and then forward the final recommendation to the City Council.

Jason Wong, Chino Preserve Development Corporation/LOC, stated the park name should reflect the unique character and purpose of each park, while contributing to the cohesive vision of the community as a whole. The guidelines describe formative parks as focal points for their neighborhoods and creates opportunities for social interaction. These also emphasize that each park should have its own unique form and character, while incorporating unifying design elements that knit the park together with the cohesive community. The name Harmony Park captures these qualities and provides the foundation for future neighborhood elements, including street names, landscaping features, and design details to reinforce the overall identity of the Preserve. Mr. Wong stated by selecting Harmony Park, the Commission will be choosing a name that aligns perfectly with the character and design of this neighborhood park.

Pat Loy, Vice President of Community Development, Lewis Operating Corp., was also present to answer any questions.

Chairperson Jerry noted another park name request received from Commissioner Robert Martinez via email, which is Dairymen Park. Chairperson Jerry asked that this name be added to the list of recommended park names, and read into the record the words on the application.

Vice Chairperson Arlt requested referring the nominations to the Park Naming Sub-Committee to allow the Sub-Committee to review all of the nominations to make sure they align with the Park Naming Guidelines and give them time to vet them thoroughly.

Moved by Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and carried on a 5-0-2-0 vote to approve that the Park Naming Sub-Committee review the nominations and provide a recommendation to the full Commission at its July 27, 2026 meeting.

AYES: Arlt, Cooper, Jerry, Montenegro-Olivas, and Takeuchi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aviles and Martinez

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. INFORMATION

1. Homeless Outreach Program:

Jose Soto, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, gave the report. Mr. Soto reported on the homeless outreach referral process; San Bernardino County Point-in-Time Homeless Count 2026; challenges causing barriers to accepting services and overcoming these barriers; collaboration with San Bernardino County, which includes Resource Day and Countywide Homeless Outreach; and the West End Navigation Center, which is expected to open in Fontana in the summer of 2027.

2. Back-to-School Giveaway:

Kari Franco, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, gave the report. Ms. Franco reported on the 2025 Back-to-School Giveaway and the 2026 Back-to-School Giveaway, which will be held on July 25, at the Community Building. Five hundred backpacks will be distributed. There will be raffle prizes, junior high and high school students registered will receive JanSport backpacks, and 225 families will receive \$50 gift cards for groceries at Northgate Market. There are 23 vendors scheduled to participate in the event to provide free health screenings, essential resources, educational information, and family support services. Students will have access to blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, developmental screenings, sensory activity tables, lip balm and sunscreen giveaways, WIC resources, and information from the YMCA on youth and family programs. Vibe and Snips Barbershops will be returning to provide free haircuts. Ms. Franco invited the Commission to attend the event between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

3. HOPE and McKinney-Vento:

Kari Franco, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, gave the report. Ms. Franco reported the HOPE team is a partnership between the City of Chino and Chino Valley Unified School District to combine resources to better support Chino Valley families. This collaboration provides coordinated services and

advocacy so families do not have to navigate those complex systems alone. The HOPE umbrella consists of several key programs, including family resource centers, McKinney-Vento CARE services, TYKES Case Management, EXCEL mentorship program, and Community CARE Closet. Together, these programs provide comprehensive wrap around support for families with young children ages 0-5, as well as families with school-aged children enrolled in the Chino Valley Unified School District.

Stubby Barr spoke regarding the growth of these programs, and how they have spread throughout the community is what community service is all about.

IX. ACTIVITY REPORTS – APRIL AND MAY 2026

1. Administration Activity Reports – No comments.
2. Programs Activity Reports – No comments.
3. Parks & Facilities Planning and Development Activity Reports – No comments.

Chairperson Jerry asked the young people in the audience to come up and tell the Commission why they were attending the meeting.

Kenneth Kim, Boy Scout Troop 202, attended the meeting for his merit badge on Citizenship and Community. He wanted to learn more about the issues so he could speak about them with his Counselor. It was great to hear about all the things happening in the community.

Shane Carroll, also from Troop 202 and working on his merit badge for Citizenship and Community. He stated it is nice to hear about what is going on in the community.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JaNell Adams, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Manager, gave the report. Ms. Adams provided a brief update on current and upcoming Community Services, Parks & Recreation events and summer programs, which included the Fireworks Spectacular on June 26 and 27, July is Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation on July 7, Seniors at the Square beginning on July 6, Family Campout on July 11 and 12, Community Garden 10th Anniversary Celebration on July 18, Back-to-School Giveaway on July 25, Summer Movie Nights began on June 12, Splash Pad remains open daily through Labor Day, Summer Lunch is currently in its 5th week at Liberty and Monte Vista Parks, and Summer Camp continues at Monte Vista Park and CrossPoint Church.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Aviles reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Park Tour, Employee Recognition Luncheon, Police Department helicopter presentation at Stueve Park, Movie Night at Stueve Park, and Garden Park.

Commissioner Cooper reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included Focus on Youth meeting, Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Park Tour, Chino Youth Museum Board meeting, Chino Bike Day, Tiny Tots Graduation, Glenn Duncan Park Groundbreaking Ceremony, and Shady Grove and Olympic Parks.

Commissioner Martinez – Absent.

Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting, which included the Teen Advisory Committee interviews, Tiny Tots Graduation, watched a City Council meeting, and visited Ayala, Sebring, McLeod, and Chino Rancho Parks.

Commissioner Takeuchi reported on meetings attended since the last meeting, which included the Park Tour and both City Council meetings.

Vice Chairperson Arlt reported on events attended and parks visited since her last meeting, which included the Glenn Duncan Park Groundbreaking Ceremony, and Sebring, Liberty, and Ayala Parks.

Chairperson Jerry reported on meetings and events attended since the last meeting, which included Corporate Challenge Opening Ceremony, Park Tour, Teen Advisory Committee meeting, CORE Training, Community Garden Workshop, Chino Youth Museum Barnyard Bingo Bash, City Council meetings, Memorial Day Ceremony, and Glenn Duncan Park Groundbreaking Ceremony.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Calendar. July 2026: No comments.
2. Commission Assignments/Parks. Listing of Current Commission Assignments and Parks: No Comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

Marsha Ariyasu
Management Assistant
(Minutes – June 2026)