

**COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF CHINO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 23, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Takeuchi led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Neal Jerry, and Commissioners Jamie Aviles, Carl Cooper, Robert Martinez, Julissa Montenegro-Olivas, and Linda Takeuchi

Commissioners Late: None

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Pereda Arlt

Council Present: None

Teen Advisory Committee
Members Present: Flor Hernandez

Staff Present: Silvia Avalos, Ted Bistarkey, Monica Tiznado, Jeff Benson, jaNell Adams, Kari Franco, Brittany Zarcad, Jessee Maloney, Michael Milhiser, Traci Rossetti-Smith, Alejandro Cabral, and Marsha Ariyasu

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – January 26, 2026, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting (All Commissioners were present).

Moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas, and carried on a 6-0-1-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

VI. TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Flor Hernandez, TAC Chairperson, gave the report. Ms. Hernandez reported TAC members helped at the Lunar New Year Celebration, which gave members an opportunity to participate in celebrating the beautiful cultural event and try out new foods. Some of the members also enjoyed helping to coach Pee Wee Basketball.

TAC members volunteered to support Health Family Day, Chino Valley Youth Track and Field Meet, and DairyAire 5K & Fairytale Fun Run.

At their last meeting, TAC members discussed future events, such as Instagram reels, a beach excursion, and Teen Glow Night.

The next Teen Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

VII. ACTION ITEM

- 1. FY 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Funding Recommendations:

Traci Rossetti-Smith, Senior Management Analyst, Development Services, gave the report. Ms. Rossetti-Smith reported on January 5, eight CDBG public service applicants presented on their projects. Funding recommendations include Human Services Family Counseling for \$21,000 with the others recommended for \$10,000 each, which include Chino Neighborhood House, Family Service Association, Inland Fair Housing and Mediation, Public Works Graffiti Abatement, Foothill Family Shelter, and House of Ruth. In the event the City receives more funding than anticipated, the additional funds would be distributed equally among the second and third rated programs, Chino Neighborhood House and Family Service Association. In the event the City were to receive less funds than expected, Human Services Family Counseling's allocation would be decreased accordingly.

Ms. Rossetti-Smith reported upon Commission consensus, these recommendations will be incorporated into the City's draft one-year action plan for public review in March. The Sub-Committee requests that the Commission review these recommendations and make a formal funding recommendation to be presented to City Council for adoption in May.

Moved by Commissioner Takeuchi, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, carried on a 6-0-1-0 vote to approve the CDBG funding recommendations as presented and make a formal funding recommendation to the City Council for adoption in May.

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

VIII. INFORMATION

- 1. Holiday Giveaway:

Kari Franco, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, gave the report. Ms. Franco reported this year, the collaboration with the Fraga family and All-American Express Car Wash continued for the 4th annual Chino Valley Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway. Through the continued dedication of the Fraga family and many supportive friends, registered families and individuals received a complete Thanksgiving meal basket to prepare at home. The meal baskets included a turkey, traditional side dishes, and a pie, helping families gather around the table with dignity and joy. Eligibility for this program expanded beyond Chino residents to include families with children attending schools in the

Chino Valley Unified School District. Registration remained open until all spots were filled. City Case Managers also helped register families and individuals from their active caseloads. Families that ended up staying on the waitlist received timely emails with additional community resources to help secure family meals for Thanksgiving. There were 500 families registered, but as the waitlist continued to increase, they were able to serve 575 families with meals for Thanksgiving.

Ms. Franco reported the Chino Christmas Holiday Basket and Gift Giveaway was made possible by the generosity of Chino businesses, service clubs, faith-based organizations, Chino Police Department, Chino Valley Fire District, and Chino families. Chino Human Services works closely with Chino Neighborhood House and the HOPE program to create a seamless collaborative approach that avoids duplication of services and ensures families are supported efficiently. Through the Chino Human Services Holiday Basket and Gift Giveaway, 471 children received Christmas gifts through monetary sponsors and adopt-a-child wishlist donations, and 130 families and seniors received holiday food baskets.

Ms. Franco reported the City partnered with Chino Neighborhood House's Christmas event on December 19, where 160 children from the Chino Holiday Giveaway program and another 260 local children received gifts, raffle prizes, and Police Officers' grilled hot dogs. Santa sat for photos, kids enjoyed video games, and the Lions Club provided ice cream. To further expand their impact, the HOPE program partnered with additional community agencies, such as Chino Police Department for their Heroes and Helpers and Shop with a Cop events, as well as Chino Valley Fire Foundation and local businesses who provided personalized gifts for the kids. They were able to support an additional 262 local children for the holiday season. Through these collaborations, 993 children received holiday joy.

2. Parks and Facilities:

Jessee Maloney, Project Coordinator, provided updates on Parks and Facilities Projects, which included the Council Chambers LED Lights Conversion, Liberty Park Picnic Pavilion Repair, Monte Vista Park Teen Center Exterior Paint and Roof Replacement, partnership with the Teen Center and Public Works Grounds Division for new landscaping around the facility, Walnut Park Playground Improvements, and Carolyn Owens Community Center Demonstration Garden and Tot Lot.

Michael Milhiser, Project Coordinator, also provided updates on Parks and Facilities projects, which included the Ayala Park Batting Cages, installation of pressure valves at Ayala Park to prevent mainline water breaks, electrical upgrades at Ayala Park, Shady Grove Improvements, Heritage Park Improvements, and Chino Youth Museum Accessibility Improvements. Additional projects include general facility assessments, City yard administration building flooring replacement, new household hazardous waste shed, Glenn E. Duncan Splash Pad, Civic Center paint and re-stucco, HVAC replacements at multiple facilities, Central Plant replacement for City Hall and City Hall South, Chino Sign (behind the Police Department building) Improvements, 5210 D Street Restoration project, and transfer switch installation at the Neighborhood Activity Center, Senior Center, and Community Building. Mr. Milhiser reported the American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year 2025 Awards were held in January, and Chino Rancho Park was recognized as the Project of the Year for Community Revitalization.

Commissioner Takeuchi asked what type of playground equipment will be placed at Walnut Park and if it had already been purchased.

Mr. Maloney stated the equipment has already been purchased. There will be a glider similar to the one at Chino Rancho Park, which has a two-phase system with a separate parcel with swings. It is a Miracle manufactured playground.

Commissioner Takeuchi stated she has been to Chino Rancho Park several times and the little merry-go-round gets more play than the glider. The glider is hard to work because it is heavy. She does not see a lot of people using it. Commissioner Takeuchi stated she is not thrilled with the glider and would rather see a merry-go-round.

Mr. Milhiser stated the intent behind the installation of the glider at Chino Rancho Park is that particular model is wheelchair accessible. You can roll up the ramp and use it while in a mobility device. They are using a different manufacturer for Shady Grove and Heritage Parks, so it will be different equipment. Staff will take Commissioner Takeuchi's comments into consideration.

Commissioner Martinez requested staff schedule a park field trip, and asked if there are deviations for the Batting Cages at Ayala Park or are they all the same.

Ms. Avalos stated a park tour will be scheduled in May.

Mr. Milhiser stated the Batting Cages are improved. The manufacturer made certain improvements since the last time they were purchased, but they are essentially the same—fast and slow pitch at variable speeds. They are still token operated, but this time they upgraded all the wiring and are anticipating much less maintenance. Mr. Milhiser stated staff did a social media reel at the Batting Cages.

Chairperson Jerry thanked Commissioner Takeuchi for her experience and insight. He stated it is great to have new equipment, but if it does not get used, then it is useless.

3. Special Events:

Cristina Aguirre, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, gave the report. Ms. Aguirre reported on Special Events that included the Tree Lighting Ceremony-Santa's Workshop, Chino Youth Christmas Parade and Fair, Winter Pop-Up Events, Chilly Chino Snow Day, Lunar New Year Celebration, CHINO Days, and Corporate Challenge.

IX. ACTIVITY REPORTS – JANUARY 2026

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

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeff Benson, Parks and Facilities Manager, gave the report. Mr. Benson noted upcoming events on the calendar, which included the Senior Sock Hop on March 5; Chino Youth Museum DairyAire 5K & Fairytale Fun Run and Ball N' Brunch on March 7; Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8, requiring clocks to "spring forward" one hour; Chino Valley Youth Track and Field Meet on March 21; Teen Glow

Night on March 27; and Healthy Family Day and Easter Bunny Extravaganza on March 28.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Aviles reported on events attended and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Lunar New Year Celebration; and Meridian, Founders, and Discovery Parks.

Commissioner Cooper reported on events attended and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Lunar New Year Celebration; Focus on Youth; CPRS Advocacy Section Group; and Stueve, Constellation, Olympic, and Shady Grove Parks.

Commissioner Martinez reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Chino Youth Museum Board meeting, Lunar New Year Celebration, City Council meetings, and CDBG Review Sub-Committee meeting. Commissioner Martinez expressed his condolences to Mayor Ulloa for the recent loss of her husband.

Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Elevate Euclid presentation; Lunar New Year Celebration; Old Schoolhouse Museum Valentine Pop-Up; CDBG Review Sub-Committee meeting; and Ayala, Chino Rancho, McLeod, and Mountain View Parks.

Commissioner Takeuchi reported on events attended and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Lunar New Year Celebration; and Villa and Walnut Parks, and Oak Tree Square.

Ms. Avalos reported previously Vice Chairperson Arlt asked staff to provide an update regarding Chino Rancho Park's parking lot congestion. Commissioner Montenegro-Olivas also mentioned it in her report. Ms. Avalos reported the City is pursuing the purchase of the property next door to expand parking.

Vice Chairperson Arlt – Absent.

Chairperson Jerry reported on meetings and events attended, and parks visited since the last meeting, which included the Teen Advisory Committee and Council meetings. He expressed his condolences for the passing of Bob Ulloa.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2026.

Marsha Ariyasu
Management Assistant

(Minutes – February 2026)