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City of Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Workplan

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and provide direction on the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Workplan for the City of Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission (“Commission”) and pass a **Motion** either: 1) directing staff to forward the Annual Report and Workplan to the City Council for review; 2) directing staff to update the Annual Report and Workplan based on Personnel and Public Employee Committee recommendations and forward to the City Council for review; or 3) asking the Commission to update the Annual Report and Workplan based Personnel and Public Employee Committee recommendations and come back to the Personnel and Public Employee Committee for additional review.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-City of Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Workplan

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Advisory bodies of the City are required to provide an annual report for review by the Personnel and Public Employees (P&PE) Committee as outlined in the City Council Rules of Procedure, Chapter 17. The P&PE Committee shall review advisory body annual reports and give staff direction on those reports’ stated projects, priorities, and recommendations. Before forwarding the report to the City Council, the Committee may request supplemental information from staff or the advisory body.

The attached Annual Report and Workplan is being forwarded to the P&PE Committee for consideration.

Policy Considerations: Chapter 17 of the Council Rules of Procedure outlines the Advisory Body reporting process.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not a project that is subject to CEQA because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5)).

Sustainability: Not Applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: On November 6, 2025, the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission passed a motion forwarding their Annual Report and Workplan to the P&PE Committee for consideration.

Rationale for Recommendation: So that advisory bodies may effectively incorporate their important role, voice, and work to provide thoughtful community recommendations to the City Council on a consistent basis the P&PE Committee shall facilitate the process for advisory bodies to communicate their accomplishments, projects, priorities, and recommendations to the City Council.

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.

Sacramento Parks and Commission Annual Report

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Introduction: Establishment, Commissioners, and Staff

The Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission was established in 2004 by ordinance 2004-040 and is codified in Sacramento City Code Section 2.62.030.

The commission consists of eleven members which are nominated by the Personnel and Public Employees Committee or councilmembers and appointed by the mayor with the concurrence of a majority of the city council.

Current Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commissioners

The following commissioners are currently serving on the commission.

- Odet Ford
- Anthony Uribe
- Robbie Robbins
- Marc Laver
- Lindsey King
- Victoria Vasquez
- Joe Flores
- Jeanine Gaines
- Cyera Boone

2024 Commissioners

The following commissioners served on the commission prior to 2025.

- Gordon Lew
- Kai Hermann
- Mark Russo
- Nikki Kangas
- Kevin Riley

Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Staff

The commission is supported primarily by the following staff members.

- Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, Youth Parks, & Community Enrichment
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Purpose, Powers and Duties of Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission

Purpose of the Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission

To provide recommendations and advice to the City Council and the Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment on policies, projects, programs, and other matters pertaining to parks and community enrichment affecting the City of Sacramento. The matters upon which the Commission will provide recommendations, and advice may be referred to the Commission by the City Council, the Director of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment ("Director"), the community, or members of the Commission.

Powers and Duties of the Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission

- A. To review and provide recommendations on the development and implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as an element of the City's General Plan.
- B. To review complaints and other matters pertaining to parks and community enrichment issues as requested by the Director or the City Council.
- C. To conduct an annual workshop to review the Department's annual operating budget and capital improvement plan.
- D. To meet with neighborhood associations and park user groups to discuss parks and community enrichment issues and needs.
- E. To encourage individuals, businesses, and community groups to contribute funds, property and volunteer services for the development and operation of parks and community enrichment facilities and programs.

Message from the Sacramento Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Chair and Vice Chair

On behalf of the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission, we're pleased to share highlights from the past year and look ahead to 2026. In partnership with the Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment Department, we share a simple vision: beautiful, well-maintained parks and enriching programs that help every neighborhood thrive.

Together with our dedicated staff and volunteers, the Department stewards a broad system of parks, community centers, aquatic facilities, and public spaces. We're honored to support this work and the residents who bring these places to life.

1. 916 Day Volunteer Program:

We championed a citywide day of service that invited residents, local organizations, students and civic leaders to beautify parks and public spaces. Volunteers turned out across the city for cleanup, planting, and improvement projects—demonstrating the power of shared stewardship and civic pride. This year volunteers contributed: 413 hours, that equates to \$18,103.70 in labor. This collaborative effort showcases the power of community involvement and pride on 916 Day, a celebration of Sacramento's spirit and the people who make it stronger.

2. Volunteer Recognition & Impact:

As part of our ongoing mission to foster community involvement, the Commission will recognize several outstanding volunteer individuals and groups for their dedication to supporting the City of Sacramento's parks and recreational programs. In total, over 39,441 hours were volunteered in 2025—labor that would otherwise require funding. Valued at the rate provided by the Independent Sector of \$43.90 per hour, this equates to an estimated \$1,731,459. in economic impact, highlighting the vital role volunteers play in maintaining and enhancing Sacramento's parks and community spaces.

Looking Ahead:

As we look ahead to the coming year, the Commission remains committed to strengthening the partnerships that drive our work and furthering our efforts to ensure equitable access to the city's parks and recreational resources. We are particularly excited about the continued implementation of the **Parks Plan 2040**, which promises to bring transformative changes to Sacramento's Park system, making it more inclusive, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of our growing community.

We're grateful to everyone who supports this work—volunteers, staff, partners, and city leaders. Your time, talent, and care make our park system stronger and our neighborhoods more vibrant.

With Appreciation,
Jeanine Gaines, Chair
Cyera Boone, Vice Chair

Key Accomplishments

A. 916 Day Volunteer Program

On 916 Day, volunteers came together to improve and beautify several regional parks across Sacramento. Their combined efforts made a significant impact in just a few days, contributing hundreds of volunteer hours toward community service and environmental stewardship.

Granite Regional Park

Project Focus: Mulching

- Volunteers spread 60–80 yards of mulch on the hillside at the south end of the park, around the skate park, and near the playground.
- 35 volunteers participated
- 3 hours per volunteer
- Total Hours: 105

Del Paso Regional Park

Project Focus: Playground improvement, mulching, and litter cleanup

- Volunteers spread wood fiber in the playground area, applied mulch at the parking lot area behind Renfree Field, and picked up trash throughout the park.
- 44 volunteers participated
- 4 hours per volunteer
- Total Hours: 176

Miller Regional Park

Project Focus: Parking lot maintenance and litter removal

- Volunteers restriped the parking lot near the park entrance and removed trash along the parking area.
- 33 volunteers participated
- 4 hours per volunteer
- Total Hours: 132

Total Impact

- 112 volunteers
- 413 total volunteer hours

B. Volunteer Recognition Awards

One of the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission's duties is to encourage individuals, businesses, and community groups to contribute funds, property, and volunteer services for the development and operation of park and recreation facilities and programs. The Commission has established this program and process to accept and consider nominations for the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Volunteer Recognition Award as part of its Volunteer Recognition Program. These awards are intended to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses that have made efforts to benefit the community by assisting the City of Sacramento in providing exceptional parks and recreational facilities and programs.

Commission Resources Expended

The estimated cost to support the Sacramento Park and Community Enrichment Commission in 2024 was \$29,094.

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In 2024 we held nine meetings and in 2025 we held ten meetings. Below is a breakdown of expenditures made to support the commission during this review period.

The estimated cost per meeting is as follows:

	Meetings	Hours	Rate	Total
Staff report creation and review – department staff	10	5	\$117	\$5,850
Staff report review – city attorney staff	10	3	\$216	\$6,480
Agenda review, preparation, and publishing – city clerk	10	10	\$35	\$3,500
Meeting presentation preparation	10	2	\$117	\$2,340
Meeting attendance – department staff	10	4	\$117	\$4,680
Meeting attendance – city attorney staff	10	2	\$216	\$4,320
Meeting attendance – city clerk staff	10	2	\$58	\$1,160
Meeting attendance – IT staff	10	2	\$53	\$1,060
Meeting attendance – building security	10	2	\$33	\$660
Post meeting tasks: minutes, legislative document processing, attendance tracking	10	3	\$35	\$1,050
Commissioner stipend processing (quarterly)		12/year	\$42	\$504
Commissioner stipends (11 commissioners)	10	5	\$50	\$600
Total Meetings Cost				\$32,204

Additional Expenditures: \$13,077.00

916 Day

Staff time to support

L&L Youth Team Support: 224 hours

Special Task Meetings: 40 hours

Recruiting and Promoting (marketing, videos, flyers): 30 hours

Event Preparation: 60 hours

916 Day Events: 11 hours

Recruitment (schools, businesses, community events): 60 hours

Total: 425 hours

Workplan for Upcoming Year

A. Support Equity & Transparency in Park Improvements

To advocate for equitable parks and community enrichment by engaging with neighborhood associations and park user groups to identify needs and issues to help ensure inclusive and accessible recreational spaces for all Sacramento residents.

OUTCOMES

Increased community engagement in park planning and decision-making, leading to policies and projects that reflect diverse neighborhood needs and promote equity in access to recreational spaces.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Enhanced Park facilities, programs, and resources that are inclusive, culturally relevant, and accessible to all residents, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and well-being.

METRIC OF EFFECTIVENESS

- Commissioners will attend and collaborate in monthly meetings with the Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment (YPCE) and City Council offices.
- Commissioners will maintain open communication with neighborhood associations and park user groups, serving as liaisons to ensure community voices are heard and integrated into decision-making.
- Commissioners will work on the creation of draft policy standardizing community engagement to present to staff.

TIMELINE: This is an ongoing project.

B. Formalizing the 916 Day Planning Process

Building upon the success of previous 916 Day celebrations, the Commission aims to formalize an annual planning process to enhance community engagement and streamline event coordination. This initiative will establish a structured framework for organizing 916 Day activities, ensuring consistent and impactful celebrations that foster civic pride and volunteerism.

OUTCOMES

- Development of a standardized planning protocol for 916 Day events.
- Increased participation from diverse community groups and stakeholders.
- Enhanced promotion and awareness of 916 Day, solidifying it as a key citywide tradition.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

By formalizing the 916 Day planning process, residents will experience more cohesive and well-organized events that celebrate Sacramento's unique identity. This approach will encourage greater volunteerism, strengthen neighborhood connections, and promote a sense of belonging among all city inhabitants.

METRICS OF EFFECTIVENESS

- Completion and adoption of a comprehensive 916 Day planning guide.
- Year-over-year increase in event participation and volunteer numbers.
- Positive feedback from community surveys assessing the quality and impact of 916 Day events.

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION

This is an ongoing project.

C. Expanding Fundraising and Public and Private Philanthropy for Parks & Community Enrichment

Building upon the Commission's role in encouraging community contributions, this initiative seeks to strengthen the Commission's ability to engage in public and private philanthropy and fundraising efforts. By developing a structured approach to donor engagement, sponsorship opportunities, and strategic partnerships, the Commission will work to enhance funding sources for parks, recreation, and community enrichment initiatives.

OUTCOMES

- Development of a formalized fundraising framework, including philanthropic outreach strategies.
- Increased private sector and community-based contributions to support park and enrichment programs.
- Strengthened partnerships with local businesses, foundations, and community groups.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

By expanding fundraising capabilities, the Commission will help secure additional resources to improve parks, recreation facilities, and community programs. Increased private contributions will supplement public funding, enabling the city to enhance services, address community needs, and create more equitable access to recreational opportunities.

METRICS OF EFFECTIVENESS

- Establishment of a fundraising plan outlining engagement strategies and funding goals.
- Growth in private donations and sponsorships secured for parks and community enrichment programs.
- Successful implementation of at least one new private philanthropy initiative.

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION

This is an ongoing project.

Appendices

A. 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awardees

- D2 Greg and Christine Jefferson, Del Paso Heights Community Association**
- D4 Marnie Leger, Southside Neighborhood Association**
- D5 Jennifer Holden, Mangan Park Neighborhood Association**
- D5 Joshua Everett, Sacramento Disc Golf Association**
- D5 Anglin Baker, Jr. HER Health First**
- D5 Ulises Villegas Jr.**
- D5 Golf Course Terrace Estates Neighborhood Association**
- D6 Chanel Figueroa, The MET High school**
- D6 Norcal Resist**
- D7 Pocket Area Churches Together (PACT)**
- D8 Jennifer Kidwell, Good Vibes and Strides**
- D8 Margarita Chavez, Detroit Neighborhood**