



Blue Lake Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Skinner Store, 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake CA 95525

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action.

1. **Establish a Quorum of the Commission** at ____pm

2. **Motion to Approve Agenda**

Motion:

Second:

3. **Public Input** *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*

4. **Presentation from Community Member**

5. **Annie & Mary Day - Update/Discussion**

6. **Bike Park - Update**

7. **Announcements**

8. **Future Agenda Items**

- Next Meeting August 6th, 2025 at 6:30pm; Skinner Store

9. **Motion to Adjourn** at ____pm

Motion:

Second:

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Blue Lake Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Skinner Store - 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake CA 95525

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1. Established a Quorum of the Commission at 6:30pm

Commissioners Present: Jeff Bird, James Brown, Jan Henry, Bettina Eipper

Commissioners Absent: Gloria Baker

Staff Present: Emily Wood (Director of Parks & Recreation), Austin Jones (Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation)

Others Present: John Sawatzky (Mayor), Kat Napier (City Council Member)

Public Present: Justin G., Kent Sawatzky, Anna Brown, Ingrid Kosek, Kevin Fischer, Justin Wheeler, Mike Foget, Tim Daniels, Gina Bauer

2. Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion: Jeff Bird

Second: Bettina Eipper

3. Public Input

John Sawatzky - Due to our past liaison resigning from City Council; John will temporarily become the Park & Recreation Commission's liaison to City Council until a new representative is appointed.

Kent Sawatzky - Would like to launch a "Make Blue Lake, Blue Lake Again" Restoration Project and utilize support from Senator Mike McGuire and Senator Steve Madone. Would like to have a booth at Annie & Mary Day to launch the project publicly about re-building a lake in Blue Lake.

4. Upcoming Events

Open Mic & Jam Night - every Wednesday from 6-8pm at Prasch Hall - All Ages

Adult Skate - every Thursday from 7-9pm at Prasch Hall - 18+

Public Skate - every Friday and Saturday from 6pm-9pm at Prasch Hall - All ages

Camp Perigot will begin on June 16th and run for 10 weeks until August 22nd. Camp takes place at Prasch Hall/Perigot Park and parents can enroll campers on the City's Square website or in person at City Hall (until 6/13) and at Prasch Hall throughout Camp. Camp runs from 8am to 5pm and is for children ages 5 to 12.

Comment from Jeff Bird: Would like to know if there is a possibility to add an open gym basketball back to schedule

5. Approve Minutes

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Motion: James Brown

Second: Bettina Eipper

6. A&M Day/Bill Nessler Car Show 2025

- P&R Commission Info Booth/Kids Zone - Commissioners will take turns hosting the Parks & Rec info Booth located near the Kids Zone.
- Commissioners review the Master Planning Document presented by Emily Wood. Commissioners and public agree that launching Volunteer Coordinator Roles for Annie & Mary Day/Bill Nessler Car Show would be a good idea.

Comment from Jeff Bird: Willing to assist in planning a Bocce Ball Tournament for Annie & Mary Day
- will reach out to Old Crows group to see if they would be interested in helping.



7. Bike & Skate Park - Discussion

Park Update:

- City Staff have met with Park Designers/Mayor/City Manager to discuss the project further and will divide the remaining work into 3 Phases:

Phase 1 - Finishing the existing paved track/addressing any drainage issues (use temporary fence along roadway)

Phase 2 - Half Pipe & Dirt Pump Track

Phase 3 - Amenities (lighting, bathrooms, observation deck, security/live cameras, shade structures, water meter, etc.

The Goal is to complete remaining work to make the track rideable by July 11th if possible. There is an estimated 3 days in total to finish Phase 1 Work of the project once materials are obtained.

City Staff will work with RCMB to develop an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to clarify fundraising terms & efforts and expand programming to include movie nights on Taylor Way that are drive-in style to routinely fundraise and increase awareness of the project.

- Pints for Nonprofit with Mad River Brewery (Saturday, July 12th) - There will be a Cornhole Tournament taking place at the Brewery and Parks and Recreation will be involved in fundraising at the event for the Bike Park
- City Staff have spoken with the Park Designers to get an updated layout on the City website. City Staff have been offered help in creating Tri-fold/print material for the Bike Park and assistance in strengthening online marketing and awareness behind the park.

City Staff will host a community presentation about the Bike & Skate Park on June 18th at 6:30pm at Prasch Hall. The presentation will focus on design, phases, budget, materials & equipment needed.

Motion to host Bike & Skate Park presentation on June 18th at 6:30pm at Prasch Hall.

Motion: James Brown Second: Jeff Bird Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment:

Kent S: Would like to see the Bike Park Project Completed and would have liked to see staff included more in the prior planning process - thinks that partnerships will increase moving forward. Would like to see the truck route be considered and what conduct is expected of visitors/drivers on Taylor Way.

Kevin F: Suggests looking at HLA Tourism Grant and states Blue Lake isn't listed on the website.

JT Wheeler: States that Cities with 15 rooms or more quality to be on the tourism map. JT introduces himself as being the owner of Ruf Collective and will help the City, RCMB and other stakeholders with developing renderings and budgets for the project.

Kat Napier: Asks if there are specific days and times where access is restricted to children at the Bike Park? Discusses how the city can assist in providing access to safe, quality equipment and disenfranchised groups are represented and involved in the Bike Park.

9. Announcements

Pints for Nonprofit with Mad River Brewery on July 12th from 5-8pm to benefit the Blue Lake Bike & Skate Park.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Next Meeting
Special Meeting on June 18th, 2025 at 6:30pm; Prasch Hall. Regular Meeting on July 2nd, 2025 at 6:30; Skinner Store.

11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:08pm

Motion: Bettina

Second: James