



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA**

COMMISSION MEMBERS

**OLAF LUEVANO, CHAIRPERSON
OLIVER JIMENEZ, VICE CHAIRPERSON
JOSHUA ULLOA, COMMISSIONER
DESTINY CASTANEDA, COMMISSIONER**

CITY STAFF

**DAVID SOSNOWSKI, DIRECTOR
VERONICA RAMIREZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
LAURIE AGUILAR, SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST
LIZETTE GUERRERO, MANAGEMENT ANALYST**

NOTICES

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS (30 MINUTES)

At this time, the general public may address the Commission/Committee on any items listed on the Agenda, including items not listed on the Agenda (Non-Agenda Items) that are within subject matter jurisdiction. Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. State Law prohibits the Commission/ Committee from taking action or entertaining extended discussion on a topic not listed on the agenda. Please show courtesy to others and direct all of your comments to the Chairperson.

CONSENT ITEM(S)

1. SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates; and
2. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 16, 2026 REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve minutes as is

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Aquatic Programming
2. Youth Flag Football
3. Playschool Program
4. 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
5. Montebello Classic Car Show

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ORALS

Member announcements; requests for future agenda items; conference/meetings reports.

- **Olaf Luevano, Chairperson**
- **Oliver Jimenez, Vice Chairperson**
- **Joshua Ulloa, Commissioner**
- **Destiny Castaneda, Commissioner**

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello Parks and Recreation Commission will adjourn to the next Regular Meeting on September 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers located at 1600 W. Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, CA 90640

I, Laurie Aguilar, Senior Management Analyst for the City of Montebello, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Laurie Aguilar, Senior Management Analyst



ITEM # 1

**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

TO: Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: David Sosnowski, Director of Recreation and Community Services

BY: Laurie Aguilar, Senior Management Analyst

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
RECAP**

DATE: August 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates; and
2. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission has a total of 4 Ad-Hoc Committees. The purpose of the Ad-Hoc Committees is to have direct involvement by representatives of the Commission regarding specific subject matters within the Recreation and Community Services Department. The Committees meet every other month or on an as-needed basis to receive information and provide feedback on upcoming and ongoing projects, programs, and/or events.

On August 4, 2026, the Special Events/Programs Ad-Hoc Committee held a meeting. The Commissioners appointed to this Committee are Commissioner Ulloa and Commissioner Castaneda. The purpose of this Committee is to discuss current and upcoming recreational programming and special events.

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ANALYSIS:

The Special Events/Program Ad-Hoc Committee discussed the following programs and events:

Youth Sports

Youth Summer Basketball will be starting practices on August 10, 2026. A total of 220 children have registered with all divisions having 4 teams total. Parent and coach meetings have taken place and game play will begin on August 21, 2026 on Fridays and Saturdays at the Cathy Hensel Gym.

Flag Football registration will begin soon and games will take place at Montebello City Park.

Senior Center

The Senior Center continues to host daily programming including bingo, the YWCA lunch program, and fitness classes. Staff will be collaborating with the Transit Department to provide access for 50 seniors to attend the Linda Sanchez Health Fair at Cerritos College on August 12, 2026. Staff will be collaborating with YWCA to distribute food vouchers to be used at any farmers' market on August 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. On August 19, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. the Senior Center will be hosting a Summer Disco senior dance.

Adaptive Programming

An AIR Pool Party will take place on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the George Hensel Aquatic Center. The last AIR Pool Party had approximately 15 participants. Staff is currently planning an AIR program event for September.

Aquatics

The Montebello Wave Swim Team competed in the BASE swim meet on August 1, 2026, and has qualified for the SCMAF meet on August 8, 2026, in Santa Clarita. The last day of swim programming will be September 7, 2026. Splash pads will continue to operate daily through August 30, 2026, and will operate weekends only through the month of September.

Summer Food Service Program

The program concludes on August 7, 2026, and took place at Chet Holifield Park, City Park, Reggie Rodriguez Park, and Grant Rea Park.

Street Fest Recap

The event had an estimated attendance of 9-10K and was very well received by the public.

Dog Park Event

The next dog park event will take place on September 5, 2026, at 9 a.m. at the Acuna Park Dog Park. The event will feature dog appropriate vendors and is a chance for dogs and their owners to socialize with their neighboring community.

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9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The event will take place on September 11, 2026 at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

Montebello Classic Car Show

The event will take place on September 12 at 10 a.m. at the Bella Verde Golf Course. Registration is now open and available at MontebelloRecreation.com for those who would like to enter their car into the show.

Recommendations by Commissioners included Commissioner Ulloa making suggestions for senior transportation and advertisements on City billboards. Commissioner Ulloa also stated he plans to collect public/vendor feedback about programming and events.

SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None



ITEM # 2

**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

TO: Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: David Sosnowski, Director of Recreation and Community Services

BY: Lizette Guerrero, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: SPORTS AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP

DATE: August 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates; and
2. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

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On August 6, 2026, the Sports Ad-Hoc Committee held a meeting. The Commissioners

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appointed to this Committee are Chairperson Luevano and Vice Chairperson Jimenez. The purpose of this Committee is to discuss current and upcoming recreational sports.

ANALYSIS:

The Sports Ad-Hoc Committee discussed the following programs and events:

Montebello Indians

Prior to the start of the season, staff prepared the fields at Grant Rea Park by laser grading and seeding the football field area to ensure they were ready for use. The Montebello Indians began their season on July 6 and are currently practicing at Grant Rea Park on all fields. The organization has approximately 330 football and cheer participants. Opening Day is scheduled for August 15, with the season expected to continue through November or December, depending on their teams' performances in the playoffs.

AYSO Region 1065

AYSO Region 1065 will begin practices at Montebello parks the week of August 10. Practices are scheduled at Potrero Heights Park Monday through Friday and at Reggie Rodriguez Park and Chet Holifield Park Monday through Thursday. Use of Grant Rea Park on Sundays has been offered and made available to the organization. AYSO has a new Board of Directors.

Montebello Baseball Association

The Montebello Baseball Association (MBA) is expected to begin practices for their Fall Baseball Season from September through December. Dates and locations are still pending a field request from MBA. Since the organization is currently out of season, fields are prioritized for Fall Sports: Football and Soccer. Any unused fields will be made available to MBA.

PAAL – Montebello Police Athletic and Activities League

PAAL's season has concluded. During their season, the organization utilized Taylor Ranch Park for practices. The organization held games at Montebello Intermediate School and used the Cathy Hensel Gymnasium for gameplay during the final two weeks of the season.

Montebello Golden State Basketball Association

The Montebello Golden State Basketball Association is expected to use the Cathy Hensel Youth Center from early December through March.

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Recommendations by Chairperson Luevano suggested exploring opportunities to host one-day clinics, camps, and workshops in partnership with sports organizations, such as the Dodgers, Rams, and Clippers, as well as other similar organizations, to provide additional sports and recreational opportunities for the community.

SUMMARY:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None



ITEM # 3

**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

TO: Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: David Sosnowski, Director of Recreation and Community
BY: Lizette Guerrero, Management Analyst
SUBJECT: GOLF AD-HOC COMMITTEE RECAP
DATE: August 20, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S):

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates; and
2. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

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On August 10, 2026, the Golf Committee held a meeting. The Commissioners appointed to this Committee are Chairperson Luevano and Vice Chairperson Jimenez. The purpose

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of this Committee is to discuss current and upcoming promotions, golf revenues/expenditures, and budget projections for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

ANALYSIS:

The Golf Ad-Hoc Committee discussed the following Golf Course revenues/expenditures, budget projections, and current/ upcoming promotions:

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Golf Revenues/Expenditures

For Fiscal Year 2025-26, it was reported that the golf course performed exceptionally well with over \$2 million in revenue reported. The Golf Course's operational expenses stayed within the allocated budget for maintenance and management by Troon. The largest expenditures were related to the start-up costs of re-opening the driving range. The driving range officially opened on February 3, 2026, and generated over \$90,000 in revenue in the five months that it was open in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Projections

For Fiscal Year 2026-27, the golf course is projecting a budget surplus and an increase in revenue in comparison to Fiscal Year 2025-26. The projected expenditures include costs associated with the golf course supplies, Troon, salaries, utilities, and the golf cart lease. The projections are based on 12 months of anticipated income and expenses for the golf course, range and clubhouse. Staff are projecting that the Golf Course's revenue will exceed \$2.2 million.

Current/Upcoming Promotions

Staff discussed several promotions aimed at increasing play, particularly during slower periods. Current and upcoming promotions include an all-day \$25 Par-3 special Monday through Friday, as well as a replay special for 18 holes Monday through Wednesday for \$55. An additional promotion offers \$5 off a bucket of balls at the driving range through Troon's customer database. Troon is assisting with advertisement of the driving range to increase participation.

Recommendations by Vice Chairperson Jimenez asked how the Commission could help publicize the golf course. Staff recommended focusing promotional efforts on increasing weekday and evening play. Chairperson Luevano commended staff's efforts to advertise the golf course and recommended sharing performance statistics and other positive information with the public to further increase awareness and interest in the facility.

SUMMARY:

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It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file Ad-Hoc Committee updates.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 16, 2026, REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING**



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M.

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA 90640**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Luevano called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Chairperson Olaf Luevano, Vice Chairperson Jimenez, and Commissioner Ulloa and Commissioner Castaneda.

STAFF PRESENT – Director David Sosnowski, Assistant Director Veronica Ramirez, and Sr. Management Analyst Laurie Aguilar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairperson Luevano

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – DIRECTOR – none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

CONSENT ITEM(S)

1. SELECTION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission nominate and vote for members of the Arts and Culture and Special Event /Programs Ad-Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Ulloa and Commissioner Castaneda nominated themselves for Arts & Culture Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Ulloa and Commissioner Castaneda nominated themselves for Special Events/ Program Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 18, 2026, REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve minutes as is.

Chairperson Luevano motioned to approve minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ORALS

1. **Chairperson Luevano** – stated he had the chance to stop by the Inclusive Air Program, and it was great to see parents and kids there and Recreation staff said it was great turnout. Also, wanted to say it was great to see multiple lifeguards on duty and great to see the kid's playing games and it was great to see other residents from other cities there as well.
2. **Vice Chairperson Jimenez** – wanted to know a timeline for replacing the current utility boxes due to them fading and damaged.
3. **Commissioner Ulloa** – wanted an update on the electric sign on Beverly Blvd. and when will the electric sign be operational.
4. **Commissioner Castaneda** – none.

STAFF ORALS

Assistant Director Veronica Ramirez provided updates on upcoming events and programs, Youth Basketball program, Aquatics programming, Concerts at the Park, and Downtown Street Fest.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Luevano motioned to adjourn the meeting, at 5:49 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2026, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

Lizette Guerrero

Lizette Guerrero, Management Analyst