



# City of Salinas

200 Lincoln Ave., Salinas,  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Library and Community Services Commission

**Commission Members:**

*Albert Fong, Mayor's Appointee*

*Lizbeth Camacho, District 1 - Victor Tafoya, District 2*

*Joey Martinez, District 3 - VACANT, District 4*

*Nancy Gutierrez, District 5 - Beatriz S. Chaidez, District 6*

*Jim Pia, Interim City Manager*

*Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director*

*City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381*

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Wednesday, May 8, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Rotunda

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Commissioner Victor Tafoya  
Commissioner Nancy Gutierrez  
Commissioner Lizbeth Camacho  
Commissioner Albert Fong
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Beatriz Chaidez  
Commissioner Joey Martinez

#### PUBLIC COMMENT TIME RESTRICTIONS

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

*No public comments*

#### CONSENT

[ID#24-270](#)

#### Minutes

*Commissioner Tafoya noted that Commissioner Fong's name appears without his title of Commissioner on the minutes document. The Commission asked that this be corrected.*

**Upon motion by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Commissioner Tafoya, the minutes of April 10, 2024 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Fong
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Chaidez and Commissioner Martinez

#### PRESENTATION

[ID#24-271](#)

#### Summer in Salinas: Library and Community Services

*Summer in Salinas: Library and Community Services was presented by Community Education Manager Ernesto Lizaola, Community Services Manager Vivian Salinas, and Community Safety Administrator José Arreola.*

*The Library and Community Services departments will provide entertainment, activities, and community service opportunities to youth and families throughout the summer. Specific programs will provide school readiness and nutrition for children and teens.*

*Commissioners asked if sibling groups were eligible for fee discounts for summer programs, if there is an age cap for participants in the martial arts academy and if the building that housed the martial arts program was used for other activities, if summer program fees covered costs, where summer sports camps would be held, and if Movie Nights would be planned for this year.*

*Community Recreation Manager Vivian Salinas and Director Kristan Lundquist responded to Commissioners' questions. Sibling discounts are available for regular season sports leagues but not for summer programs at this time. As participants in the martial arts academy become adults, many remain on in the role of volunteer coach. Karate classes are held in the building which is used year-round for multiple programs including Tiny Tots. Summer Program fees cover hard costs of programs, including program materials and temporary staff. The City of Salinas contributes funds for regular staff and overhead costs. Soccer and aerial football camps will be held at Rabobank Stadium, and volleyball and basketball will be held at the Recreation Center. Movie Nights are currently in the planning stage and will be announced soon.*

*Commissioners asked the age of the Amor Salinas program and if alumni of the Youth and Government Institute (YAGI) were invited back as guests.*

*Community Safety Administrator José Arreola responded to Commissioners' questions. Amor Salinas is in its fourth year, and YAGI alumni often return as volunteers.*

*Commissioners asked for context for the Library Summer Theme (Read, Renew, Repeat).*

*Community Education Manager Ernesto Lizaola responded to Commissioners' questions. This year's summer theme is the result of a partnership between Salinas Public Libraries and the iReads organization which will provide promotional materials in exchange for program feedback.*

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

*Commissioner Fong expressed gratitude for residents' participation in the 15th Annual Asian Festival on April 27, 2024. Central Park Tennis Courts parking lot gates are locked daily. YMCA clubhouse and Tennis Center are open on weekends.*

*Commissioner Tafoya acknowledged the selection of Commissioner Chaidez as chancellor for Evergreen Community College in San Jose, CA. Residents are warmly invited to attend the ribbon cutting for the new playground at Natividad Neighborhood Park on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. It is requested that the work of the Commission subcommittee for film permit process be shifted from the Commission to Staff. Upon the installment of the new Deputy Librarian, it is requested that the Library revisit the plan to expand Library hours.*

*Commissioner Camacho expressed gratitude for the City's successful Earth Day and Mother's Day celebrations at the Firehouse Recreation Center. The protective fences for the newly planted fields at Cesar Chavez Soccer Fields are not sufficient to deter all traffic, and the grounds have been walked on by visitors. A community clean-up event will*

*be held for District 5 on May 18, 2024. Natividad Creek Park parking lot lacks a locking gate, and cars have been observed after park closing time. It is requested that the Recreation Center consider an equipment tracking system that operates similarly to the Library Computer Upgrade project presented at the April 10, 2024 LCS meeting.*  
*\*Director Lundquist noted that the City practices targeted outreach (flyers for 500 homes and doorhangers for 200 homes near site location) for community clean-up events based on its capacity for trash disposal. Residents are asked to stay off the grounds at Cesar Chavez Soccer Fields and to communicate with their neighbors to do the same.*

*Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia voiced support for Commissioner Tafoya's request to disband subcommittee for the film permit process.*

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Natividad Neighborhood and Steinbeck Neighborhood parks are reopening after successful installation of new playgrounds funded with \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds.*

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**Devon McCauley, Administrative Secretary**

## **AGENDA MATERIAL / ADDENDUM**

## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**