



**Recreation and Parks Commission
Agenda**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

110 East Cook Street

Santa Maria

“Santa Maria Recreation and Parks provides enriching opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community. We promote responsible stewardship of the environment, healthy people, and a strong community.”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Commission Chair Carey to call the meeting to order.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3
Review and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 11 and the special meeting of February 25.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not to Exceed 15 Minutes)**
Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, maximum 15 minutes for Public Comment Period. Unless a majority of the Commission objects, the Chair may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the Commission shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.
5. **REGULAR BUSINESS** 6
 - a. **2025 Pedestrian Overpass Art**
The Recreation and Parks Commission will consider approving the installation of public art on the pedestrian overpass.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the installation of public art on the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135 as part of the City's downtown identity and beautification efforts, following review and approval by the Public Art Committee.

The Recreation and Parks Commission has the authority to approve public art projects under the 2019 City Council-adopted Public Art Master Plan, which designates the Commission as the caretaker of the public art vision for the City of Santa Maria.

b. **Name a City Facility or Park on Behalf of Jim Glines**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Recreation and Parks Commission consider and approve a recommendation to the City Council to name a City facility or park on behalf of Jim Glines, for his nearly 25 years of service to the community.

c. **Commercial Specialty Structures- Update**

6. **DIRECTOR AND MANAGEMENT STAFF**

a. **Business Manager's Report**

Staff presenting: Neville Smeda

b. **Operations Division Report**

Staff presenting: Angela Oslund

c. **Recreation Division Report**

Staff presenting: Dennis Smitherman

d. **Director's Report**

Staff presenting: Alex Posada

7. **COMMISSIONER ITEMS (Oral)**

a. **Official Business conducted by a commissioner**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 110 East Cook Street Santa Maria, CA 93454.

NOTICE FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: To receive reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act during the meeting, please notify the City Clerk's office of what the needs are during regular business hours at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (typically before 3:00 p.m. on Friday before the meeting). The City Clerk's office is at 110 East Cook Street, Santa Maria; telephone (805) 925-0951, extension 2306. The City will give primary consideration to your request in providing assistance. Examples of assistance may include exhibits in large-sized format, use of assisted listening equipment, use of the California Relay Service, texting by cellular phone, or the services of a live interpreter.

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RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**March 11, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
110 East Cook Street
Santa Maria**

Members Present: Commissioner Rebecca Carey, Commissioner Anais Diaz, Commissioner Cynthia Gudino, Commissioner Jose Ramirez

Members Absent: Commissioner Sally Lopez

Staff Present: Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Business Program Leader Neville Smeda, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Assistant Director Angela Oslund

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commission Chair Carey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes to approve the February 25th meeting will be delayed until the next Commission meeting on April 8; the minutes from the February 11 meeting are approved.

Moved by: Commissioner Jose Ramirez

Seconded by: Commissioner Cynthia Gudino

Review and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 11 and the special meeting of February 25.

Approved

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Not to Exceed 15 Minutes)

There were no requests to speak.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.a Cost Fee Study- Update

Director Posada and Mr. Smitherman gave a recap on the costs and fees that were discussed at the special meeting held on February 25.

Commissioner Gudino was absent during the special meeting.

6. DIRECTOR AND MANAGEMENT STAFF

6.a Business Manager's Report

Mr. Smeda gave a brief update on the budget revenues. As of February 28, the year-to-date expenditures is at 66 percent and the remaining budget is at 34 percent.

A staffing update was also presented, with six new hires, three employees promoted, and eight employees separated.

6.b Operations Division Report

Mrs. Oslund gave an overview of park operations. She discussed recommendations for maintenance park priorities, including ball field maintenance, weed abatement, playground woodchips, graffiti abatement, and general landscape maintenance. She also discussed the level of service and water usage at parks.

The Veteran's Memorial Park, Minami parking lot, Enos House, Japanese Community Center, Community Garden, Dejoy and Taylor pocket parks, the Battles Road beautification, and City Hall landscaping, updates were also discussed.

Chair Carey asked how many garden plots are available, Mr. Posada responded that 88 plots are available, a third being used by Alan Hancock Students, and there is a wait list.

6.b.1 Simas Park Update

Mrs. Oslund gave an update on the Simas Field design including the benches, pathways, ramps, etc. The cost estimated for the renovations is over \$1 million. The next step is to come up with an ADA transition plan. Recreation and Parks will request \$600,000 for the next two years' budget for the field.

Commissioner Ramirez asked if the field is open while it is being worked on. Mrs. Oslund stated that the park will be closed for the next two years as it will be under construction.

Commissioner Gudino asked what fields the South Side Little League are using. Mr. Posada responded that Robin Ventura field and basin are being used.

6.c Recreation Division Report

Mr. Smitherman discussed some upcoming activities this spring. The Denim and Diamonds Family Dance will be held on March 16 at the Veterans Hall; the Kite Festival will be held on April 27; Machado Plaza will be hosting Earth Day on April 22. The First Annual Strawberry Fun Run will be held on April 26.

Mr. Smitherman gave a quick update on the Leisure Needs Assessment, the goal is to receive 1000 surveys, and the results will come out in the next few weeks.

6.d Director's Report

Director Posada reported on a few items. The CPRS Conference is next week, March 19- March 21. The Sports Complex contract has been signed, construction will begin next week, and a groundbreaking will be held soon. Director Posada also mentioned Mr. Jim Glines, an involved community member, who has passed and has suggested the Commission to possibly recommend naming a facility on behalf of Mr. Glines, a handout of the available facilities will be provided to the Commission. The recommendation from the Commission will be taken to the City Council for approval.

7. COMMISSIONER ITEMS (Oral)

7.a Official Business conducted by a commissioner

Commissioner Gudino mentioned that she participated in a street clean-up that was led by Councilmember Escobedo. She also mentioned that there was debris that obstructed the bike paths due to the median and traffic of vehicles, causing the bike paths to not being used. She also attended the Employee Awards Dinner of February 13.

Commissioner Diaz has nothing to report.

Commissioner Ramirez discussed the special meeting held on February 25, he gave appreciation for the staff for all the hard work that is done.

Chair Carey attended the Downtown Committee meeting, the old Sears building will become a Super Mercado; she attended the Employee Awards Dinner on the 13th and it was enjoyable. She will be attending the CPRS Conference next week; and is looking for someone to join CRAYTAC to represent the 5th district.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Alex Posada, Secretary

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

TO: Recreation and Parks Commission
FROM: Recreation and Parks Director, Alex Posada
DATE: April 8, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Pedestrian Overpass Art

Description:

The Recreation and Parks Commission will consider approving the installation of public art on the pedestrian overpass.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the installation of public art on the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135 as part of the City's downtown identity and beautification efforts, following review and approval by the Public Art Committee.

The Recreation and Parks Commission has the authority to approve public art projects under the 2019 City Council-adopted Public Art Master Plan, which designates the Commission as the caretaker of the public art vision for the City of Santa Maria.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Santa Maria is actively enhancing its downtown area through public art and beautification efforts. As part of this initiative, the Recreation and Parks Department proposes installing public art on the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135, a key gateway between two of the city's busiest intersections. The design will incorporate the blue and gold color scheme inspired by City Hall's tilework, consistent with other downtown projects such as kiosk art, City Hall and Civic Center signage, and the upcoming creative crosswalk at McClelland and Cook Street. The currently installed lighting consists of ground-level uplighting. Once the artwork is placed, we will evaluate the lighting to determine its effectiveness in illuminating the art and make any necessary adjustments to ensure optimal visibility and impact.

This project aligns with the City's Public Art Master Plan and General Plan, which emphasize integrating public art into significant locations to strengthen community identity. It also supports City Council goals of fostering economic vitality and placemaking. The Public Art Committee has reviewed and approved the project, with funding coming from Measure U Public Art funds allocated by the City Council in 2024. Additionally, City Council was briefed on this project in February 2025. Approval from the Recreation and Parks Commission will allow the project to proceed with final design and implementation.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed public art installation on the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135 will serve as a highly visible landmark, enhancing the downtown area's identity and visual appeal. By incorporating the City's established blue and gold color scheme, the project will create a cohesive aesthetic that ties into existing downtown beautification efforts. This installation aligns with the City's Public Art Master Plan and General Plan, reinforcing a sense of place while supporting economic vitality and community engagement. With approval from the Recreation and Parks Commission, the project will move forward with final design and implementation, utilizing Measure U Public Art funds allocated by the City Council in 2024.

Alternative(s)

As an alternative, the Commission could choose to delay or deny approval of the public art installation, which would postpone efforts to enhance downtown's visual identity and wayfinding. Another option would be to explore a different location for the project, though the pedestrian overpass remains one of the most prominent and impactful sites for public art.

Fiscal Considerations

Funding for this project have been approved using Measure U Quality of Life funds allocated by the City Council in 2024, with no additional impact on the General Fund.

Impact to the Community

The public art installation will enhance downtown Santa Maria's visual appeal, reinforce a sense of place, and create a more welcoming and vibrant environment for residents and visitors. It will also support economic vitality by attracting foot traffic, encouraging community engagement, and fostering local pride. Additionally, the project aligns with the City's broader beautification efforts, contributing to a cohesive and recognizable downtown identity.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Pedestrian Overpass- Final Art Design
Resolution- Pedestrian Overpass

RESOLUTION NO 2025-

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART ON THE
PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT BROADWAY STREET/HIGHWAY 135**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria is committed to enhancing the downtown area through public art and beautification efforts; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135 serves as a key gateway between two of the City's busiest intersections, providing a highly visible location for public art; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City Council approved the adoption of the Public Art Master Plan, which recognizes the Recreation and Parks Commission as the caretaker of the public art vision for the City of Santa Maria and grants the Commission the authority to approve public art projects; and

WHEREAS, this project aligns with the City's Public Art Master Plan and General Plan, supporting the City Council's goals of fostering economic vitality, strengthening placemaking, and improving public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed installation, recognizing its contribution to the City's artistic and cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project will come from Measure U Public Art funds allocated by the City Council in 2024, with no additional impact on the General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission that:

Hereby approves the installation of public art on the pedestrian overpass at Broadway Street/Highway 135 and authorizes staff to proceed with final design and implementation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission held on April 8, 2025.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

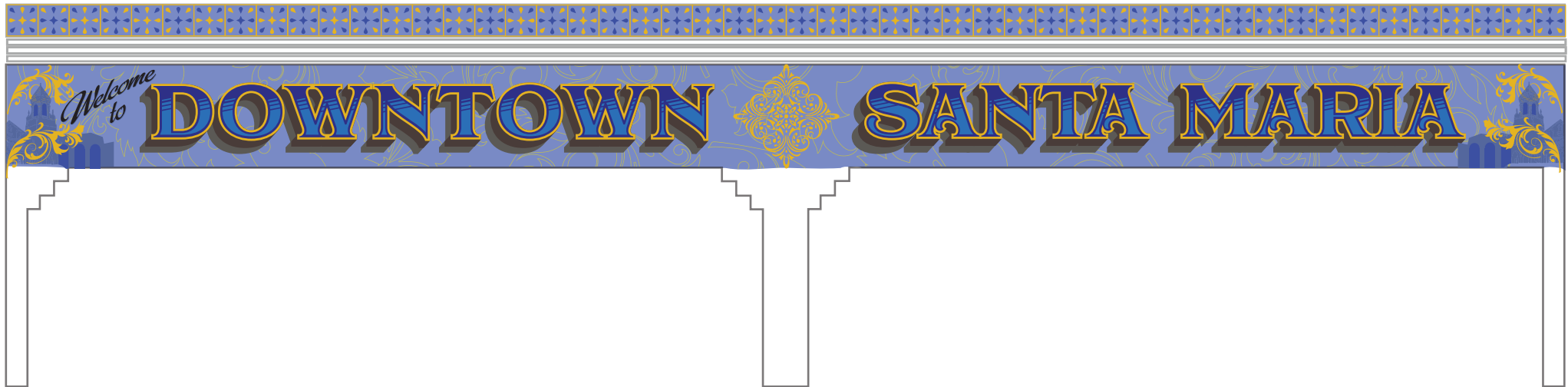
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Rebecca Carey, Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Alex Posada, Director/Secretary

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COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Alex Posada, Director of Recreation and Parks

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO NAME A CITY FACILITY OR PARK ON BEHALF OF JIM GLINES IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXTENSIVE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Recreation and Parks Commission consider and approve a recommendation to the City Council to name a City facility or park on behalf of Jim Glines, for his nearly 25 years of service to the community.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council has established a practice in naming City parks and facilities. Nominations/recommendations for naming City parks are presented to the City Manager, investigated by the Recreation and Parks Department, and then advanced to the Recreation and Parks Commission for review and comments before being sent to the City Council for action.

DISCUSSION:

Jim Glines was a lifelong resident of the City of Santa Maria whose contributions to banking, philanthropy, and community service left a lasting mark. His beginnings were formed growing up on a cattle ranch in Cuyama Valley, and he carried that rural work ethic into his career, earning degrees in Farm Management from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1965.

Jim went to work for Bank of Santa Maria in 1983, where he met Bill Hares, then President of the bank. After the bank was sold to Mid-State Bank, Jim and Bill decided to open their own bank. In 2001, he co-founded the Community Bank of Santa Maria, serving as its president and later chairman. Under his leadership, the bank became a trusted institution dedicated to supporting local businesses and residents. His approachable personality and deep community ties made him a well-known figure, often appearing in television ads, sometimes on horseback, as a nod to his passion for ranching and the local rodeo scene. Through his natural generous disposition, Jim quickly became a pillar in the Santa Maria community.

Beyond his banking career, Glines was a celebrated auctioneer, using his skills to raise millions for charities and youth programs in the community he loved so much. In 2001, he

earned the title of California State Champion Auctioneer, cementing his reputation as one of the best in the field. He also played a significant role in the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, where he chaired the Elks Rodeo Queen Contest for two decades and was recognized as "Citizen of the Year" in 2008. His service extended to organizations like Los Rancheros Visitadores and the Santa Barbara County Fair Board, where he served as president after being appointed by Governor George Deukmejian. Whether through fundraising, leadership, or mentorship, Glines was dedicated to strengthening the community he loved.

Jim loved the community of Santa Maria, and the community loved him right back. He was often asked to speak on the history of the Santa Maria Valley and could tell stories for days about the city's pioneers and founding fathers. He was known to many as Mr. Santa Maria. He was bigger than life in every way, giving tirelessly to charities, his city, and his friends.

When he passed away at 82, the Santa Maria community mourned the loss of a man who had given so much. In his honor, the Santa Maria Noon Rotary Club established the James "Jim" Glines Memorial Scholarship to support local students in pursuit of higher education. The widespread news of his passing speaks to his ability to bring people together. Jim Glines' legacy lives on not just in the financial sector but in the many lives he touched through his kindness, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Santa Maria.

Fiscal Considerations

Typical costs for updating signage at a park or facility can range from \$2500 to \$5000, depending on the size and material used. Funds for such signage are usually provided by the department from its annual General Fund allocation. Another option could be to enlist the support of the community to cover these costs by developing a fundraising campaign at the discretion of the City Council.

Impact to the Community

Naming/dedicating a City facility or park in someone's honor, commemorates the extensive contributions to the Santa Maria community provided by the nominee, it enhances our community's values and the heritage of public service to the City of Santa Maria. In addition, the location will provide a fitting memorial of Jim Glines' achievements.

Attachment: Resolution- Park Naming

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
RECOMMENDING ADDING JAMES “JIM” GLINES TO THE RESOURCE LIST
FROM WHICH CITY FACILITIES ARE NAMED**

WHEREAS, for many years, James “Jim” Glines has been involved in the Santa Maria community as a businessman, historian, and active supporter of local charities; and

WHEREAS, Jim Glines was one of the founders of the Community Bank of Santa Maria; and

WHEREAS, Jim Glines was known throughout the Santa Maria Valley for his support of local non-profit organizations by providing his professional auctioneer services, raising money for many important causes; and

WHEREAS, Jim Glines was an active member of Elks’ Lodge 1538, and the Elks’ Recreation Foundation, where he chaired the annual Elks’ Rodeo Queen Contest for 20 years, and in 2008 was recognized as the Elks’ Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jim Glines also served the Santa Maria Valley and surrounding communities when he was appointed the Santa Barbara County Fair Board of Directors by Governor Deukmejian; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Commission, after reviewing James “Jim” Glines nomination information, has determined that he has met the criterion to be added to the resource list from which City facilities are named; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommends that the City Council select a city park from the list attached to be named James “Jim” Glines Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Santa Maria, California, that the Commission recommends that James “Jim” Glines name shall be added to the resource list from which City facilities are named, and that the City Council select a park for this purpose, to be known as

JAMES “JIM” GLINES PARK

Recognizing James Glines for his dedicated service to the residents of the City of Santa Maria, and countless contributions to the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission of the City of Santa Maria held this 8th day of April 2025.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Rebecca Carey, Chair

ATTEST:

By: _____
Alexander Posada, Director/Secretary