



**General Services Agency
Parks & Recreation
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2020 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Benavides PHONE: 205-1124

SUBJECT: Pixley Park Projects

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation on an upcoming Pixley Park Safety Day and Community Service Event.
2. Approve the installation of a Disc Golf Course at Pixley Park.
3. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (General Rule Exemption per Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities; respectively, for the Pixley Park Disc Golf Course Project.
4. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.
5. Authorize staff to begin preparing a grant application for funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to renovate Pixley Park.

SUMMARY:

Pixley Park Safety Day and Community Service Event

On February 22, 2020 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM approximately 75 eighth grade students from Pixley Middle School will be hosting a Safety Day and Community Service Event at Pixley Park. This project will help them fulfill community service requirements while making a difference in the Park.

The proposed improvement projects include:

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- Painting gazebos, benches, fences, and restrooms
- Filling in gopher and rodent holes in the grassy areas
- Sanding down and removing graffiti on the play structures
- Gathering fallen limbs
- Planting drought resistant plants
- Installation of a nine hole disc golf course

The students are seeking donations through the Friends of Tulare County to contribute to this project. In support of their efforts, the Parks Advisory Committee has designated up to \$5,000 in matching contributions from the Capital Projects Park Improvement fund and District Two Supervisor Pete Vander Poel has contributed \$200 from the Board of Supervisors good works funds.

Installation of Disc Golf Course

There are four disc golf courses in three County parks; Mooney Grove Park, Kings River Park and most recently Bartlett Park. Courses have been made possible through donations, grants, fundraising, as well as County funding. This is a low cost recreational opportunity that brings players from around the world to County parks.

The Visalia Disc Golf Club has proposed to add a nine hole disc golf course at Pixley Park to offer greater recreational opportunities in the Pixley area. The design would offer residents and visitors a new outdoor recreational opportunity, but also offer professional disc golfers a challenging, vigorous game. The course would be partially funded through donations, and matched with Capital Projects Park Improvement funds. Students from Pixley Middle School will assist with installation of the course during their Community Service Event, helping them learn more about the sport.

The proposed course would consist of nine tee boxes that are six feet by 10 feet and nine disc golf baskets. Each of the tees will have a sponsorship sign showing the layout of the hole.

Staff is requesting approval to move forward with the installation of a nine hole disc golf course at Pixley Park. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has also determined categorical exemption State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs.) apply respectively, are applicable to the proposed action. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a map of the proposed course.

Proposition 68 Grant Funding

On May 2019, the Board directed staff to apply for the third round grant funding through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to renovate the Community Park of Goshen. An application was submitted in August 2019 and the County is awaiting notification of award. Staff expects the announcement for the fourth round this fall and recommends applying for funding for improvements at Pixley Park. To fulfill grant requirements, staff would like to begin conducting community outreach.

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Of the 11 County Parks, five are considered critically underserved (Alpaugh, Goshen, Ledbetter, Pixley, and Woodville) and six parks are not considered critically underserved (Balch, Bartlett, Cutler, Kings River, Mooney and West Main).

Pixley Park is the best option as it is in great need of improvements, qualifies as critically underserved, and staff believes it will be a highly competitive project. Additionally, it is important that pursuit of grant funding be distributed among all five districts and District 2 has not recently received grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund. Proposition 68 funding has not required any matching funds from the County. The matching funds for the Safety Day and Community Service Event, including installation of the Disc Golf Course will be dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 and will be funded by the Capital Project Parks Improvement funds (030-086-3200-8125).

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Quality of Life initiative. Providing matching funds for the community service day will enable the County to work with the community to improve the appearance and utilization of County Parks. Additionally, installing the disc golf course will provide an additional recreational activity, which provides essential quality of life opportunities for County residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Neil Pilegard
Parks and Recreation Manager

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Exhibit 1, Pixley Park Disc Golf Course
Notice of Exemption

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF PIXLEY PARK
PROJECTS**

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) **Resolution No.** _____
) **Agreement No.** _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Exhibit 1
Pixley Park Disc Golf

