



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

07/16/2019

7:00 PM

Cafeteria - City Hall East Wing
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present 4 - Vice Chair Andrew Knaack, Commissioner Joe Martinez, Chair George Guerra, and Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke

Absent 2 - Commissioner Burt Field and Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere

A motion was made by Commissioner Walke, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to excuse Commissioner LaCoursiere and Commissioner Field from the meeting.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. [19-827](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Walke, to amend the minutes to reflect the following change: correct "Santa Clara High School" to "Santa Clara University" (page 4).

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Chair Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

A motion was made by Commissioner Walke, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the minutes as amended.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Chair Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [19-849](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walke, seconded by Chair Guerra, to appoint Vice Chair Knaack as Chair and Commissioner Martinez as Vice Chair.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Chair Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

3. [19-850](#) Art & Wine Festival 2019 - Beer Selection

Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation.

Nick Streit (Santa Clara Rotary Foundation) presented to the Commission about the beer choices for the 2019 Art & Wine Festival.

A motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Walke, to have all 9 beers at every booth.

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

6. [19-858](#) Pedestrian Master Plan Informational Presentation and Discussion

Carol Shariat, Principal Transportation Planner - Public Works Department, made a presentation on the Pedestrian Master Plan and addressed Commission questions.

4. [19-742](#) Art & Wine Festival 2019 Planning - Glass Selection

A motion was made by Commissioner Walke, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, to order in blue ink (1) 2,000 Pilsner, (2) 4,000 wine glasses with "2019," and (3) 1,000 wine glasses without "2019."

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

5. [19-805](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals Final Update for FY2018-19 and FY 2019-20 Work Plan Goals Discussion

Workplan Goals for FY 2019 - 2020:

(a) Inform the community about parks and recreation infrastructure conditions and provide leadership and advocacy for any potential new funding strategies;

(b) Review existing park rehabilitation needs and new residential development park project plans;

(c) Host the 39th annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival and begin planning celebratory elements for the 40th anniversary event; and,

(d) Provide leadership and guidance for a community input and outreach phase for a new 30+ acre community park in the north of the City.

The only existing subcommittee that remains is the one for the new community park. All other Sub-Committees were dissolved.

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

STAFF REPORT

Parks Manager Robert Komenovich provided an update to the Commission regarding Parks & Recreation events and projects: Silicon Valley BBQ Championships were June 21 & 22 - it was well attended and was a great success; 4th of July All City Picnic & Fireworks, from set-up of the event, to the Fireworks, until the clean-up after the event: everything went well; The Cultural Commission's concert at Central Park Pavilion was a success, with attendance of close to a 1000 people; The new Tennis Court rules signs were installed at all City of Santa Clara parks tennis courts. Under the City's agreement with Lifetime Activities, they will be managing the tennis activities on the City of Santa Clara tennis courts; Civic Center pond is under renovation with a new main valve replaced, new lights, as well as cleaning of the statue; Summer camps such as Face Camp, Sports and Therapeutic Recreation are in full swing and going well.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

At the August meeting, the Commission would like a review of the top 10 park list that the sub-committee came up with.

There was public request from a resident for a Bocce Ball Court at Fremont Park.

Commissioner Guerra

Visited Mary Gomez Park, International Swim Center, attended Silicon Valley BBQ - went on Friday and it was fantastic, 4th of July - impressive fireworks, Sign Unveiling of the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park

Commissioner Walke

Attended the Sign Unveiling of the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park, 4th of July, Silicon Valley BBQ, Visited Montague Park, new soccer dog park - great progress

Vice Chair Martinez

Attended the Sign Unveiling of the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park, not feeling well on the 4th of July

Chair Knaack

Had family emergency and was not able to attend recent events. Visited Fremont Park, Marsalli Park, and Maywood Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Walke, seconded by Commissioner Guerra, that the meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere