



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

05/16/2023

7:00 PM

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

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 913 1666 5755

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present 5 - Vice Chair Dana Caldwell, Commissioner Maureen Chu, Commissioner Eversley Forte, Chair Kelly Cox, and Commissioner Sajid Hai

Absent 2 - Commissioner Burt Field , and Commissioner Brittany Ricketts

Commissioner Chu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell to excuse Commissioners Field and Ricketts.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [23-594](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Meeting.

Commissioner Chu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hai to recommend approval of the minutes.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Two members of the public spoke to the Commission:

1. John Haggerty spoke to the Commission regarding the negative impact of Canada Geese on the recreational use of the area surrounding the lake at Central Park, and suggested removing the lake and replacing it with a flower garden and a water fountain. Staff referenced the approved Integrated Goose Management Plan and its ongoing implementation.
2. Dolores Kesterson asked the Commission and staff about the Central Park Veterans Memorial and the adjacent monument commemorating her son in the context of the Council approved Central Park Accessibility and Access Project. Staff described that one of the Principles of the Central Park Master Plan is preservation of the Veterans Memorial, and the Access Project will move her son's monument closer to the Veterans Memorial.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-671](#) Action on Applications from Non-Profit Organizations Serving Youth or Seniors in Santa Clara to Provide Volunteer Support at the 2023 Art & Wine Festival

Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation

Four (4) non-profit organizations made oral presentations to the Commission regarding their respective applications. The organizations included: Santa Clara Schools Foundation, Santa Clara Police Activities League, Santa Clara Parade of Champions, and Santa Clara High School Parent Teacher Student Association (see attached 23-671 Post Meeting Material 05-16-2023).

Commissioner Forte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chu to approve four applications from non-profit organizations serving youth or seniors in Santa Clara to provide volunteer support at the 2023 Art & Wine Festival.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

3. [23-608](#) Consider a Financial Grant in the Amount of \$3,323.69 from the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program for Golden Triangle Soccer Club for Player Scholarships and Equipment

Recommendation: Approve a Financial Grant in the Amount of \$3,323.69 from the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program for Golden Triangle Soccer Club Player Scholarships and Equipment

Staff will verify the applicant's eligibility to qualify for grant funding.

Commissioner Chu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hai to continue the item and to request the applicant to make a presentation at an upcoming Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

4. [23-610](#) Consider a Financial Grant in the Amount of \$42,458.85 from the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program for Santa Clara Swim Club for Athlete Scholarships and Equipment

Recommendation: Approve a Financial Grant in the Amount of \$42,458.85 from the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program for Santa Clara Swim Club Athlete Scholarships and Equipment

Commissioner Forte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hai to recommend approval of the financial grant in the amount of \$42,458.85 from the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program for Santa Clara Swim Club athlete scholarships and equipment.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

5. [23-597](#) Review of the Wade Brummal Youth Sports Grant Program (Program) and Possible Action to Update the Program

Recommendation: Staff recommends Commission discussion of the proposed changes, and with consensus, solicit stakeholder input from non-profit youth sports organizations and the public.

The subcommittee discussed raising the cap from \$500 to \$2,000 for Department review and approval of funding, and an upper limit. They also considered hosting a listening session with sports groups.

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hai to continue this item to an upcoming Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

6. [23-595](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY2022/23

Recommendation: Report on activities and efforts in support of the Commission's Work Plan Goals for FY 2022/23.

Work Plan Goals:

A: 1) Review park site and facility condition assessments and recommend priorities given existing and anticipated service levels and available resources;

Subcommittee: Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Field, and Chair Cox.

Status as of 05/16/2023: No update.

B: 1) Review and solicit community input on the existing City park rehabilitation projects based on the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and schedule; and 2) Review residential developer proposed schematic designs for new neighborhood parks that serve new residential development;

Subcommittee: Commissioner Chu and Commissioner Hai.

Status as of 05/16/2023: B1. The subcommittee met with staff and developed a concept to display park playgrounds on a timeline to inform residents as to when and what phase a particular neighborhood park playground project would be addressed. The subcommittee provided a short-list of park playgrounds that the subcommittee could consider for prioritization.

C: 1) Host and develop recommendations for the annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival 2023; and 2) participate in Citywide Special events; and

Subcommittee: Chair Cox, Commissioner Field and Commissioner Forte.

Status as of 05/16/2023: The headliner band has been selected. There are several genre selections from which to choose; the subcommittee will meet with staff to finalize the selection.

D: 1) Partner with at least one other City commission to build on/expand at least one existing Parks & Recreation event by adding one extra element for patrons to interact with during the event.

Subcommittee: Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Ricketts. *Status as of 05/16/2023: Commissioner Forte met with the Cultural Commission two weeks ago and provided an update about adding a multicultural market highlighting Korean culture to one of the Cultural Commission's Friday night event's in August 2024. This would depend*

on Cultural Commissions Work Plan items and priorities.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale provided an update on the Montague Park Rehabilitation Project. The playground will have a soft opening on May 22. At an upcoming meeting, the Commission will initiate the public input process for the Warburton Park Playground Rehabilitation Project and Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation Project. The Westwood Oaks Park Playground Rehabilitation Project construction bids will be opened on May 18, 2023. The Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground construction is underway at Central Park.

Recreation Manager Castro invited the Commission to attend the Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground Groundbreaking Ceremony at 3:00 PM on Friday May 19, 2023. The Mayor, Council members, City Manager, other dignitaries and the Magical Bridge Foundation will be present. The Senior Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and host over 55 exhibitors. There will be six recitals including over 350 children will be held on Friday night and Saturday at the Community Recreation Center.

Director Teixeira stated that the City is still in the selection process for a consultant to complete a Forensic Analysis of the existing International Swim Center, which continues to have two of three pools closed for repair.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Cox: Walked along San Tomas Aquino Trail, and has been at Reed & Grant Sports Park and Youth Soccer Park several times over the past month. She had an opportunity to walk around the 30+ acre North Community Park site.

Commissioner Caldwell: Visited Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park and commented on how heavily used the park is. He also continually visited Maywood Park. He inquired about the repair status for the Eddie Souza Park building. Per **Deputy Director Seale**, construction started on May 8, and will take about a month and a half for construction to be close to completion.

Commissioner Chu: Attended the Sunset Cinema at Live Oak Park. Members of the Youth Commission were in attendance; they make Santa Clara look good. She will be attending the dance recital on Friday May 19, and the Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground Groundbreaking ceremony. Over the past month she drove to various parks and saw several old wooden playgrounds that will continue to be rehabilitated.

Commissioner Forte: Visited Machado Park, and is now taking up skateboarding.

Commissioner Hai: Visited Central Park several times, and Westwood Oaks Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Chu to adjourn the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 9:00 PM until the next Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM on June 20, 2023.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Caldwell, Commissioner Chu, Commissioner Forte, Chair Cox, and Commissioner Hai

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Ricketts

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