



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

03/19/2019

7:00 PM

East Wing Cafeteria
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present 6 - Commissioner Joe Martinez, Commissioner George Guerra, Commissioner Tino Silva, Commissioner Burt Field, Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke, and Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused 1 - Commissioner Andrew Knaack

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [19-240](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Meeting.

Commissioner Silva made a motion, seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere to approve the minutes.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Ann Byler, President of Lyric Theatre, and Marc Hopkins made a presentation to the Commission about Lyric Theatre. Lyric Theatre is seeking a location for their performances. Lyric Theatre is based in San Jose, California and has been in operation since 1974.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [19-157](#) Santa Clara Senior Needs Assessment Administrative Draft for Review and Comment

Noted and filed

3. [19-179](#) Discussion of Potential Names and Recommendation to Council to Name the New Public Park located at 575 Benton Street (Prometheus Residential Project)

Recommendation: Recommend a Name for Council consideration for the New Mini Park, located at 575 Benton Street Project Site.

Commission Silva made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to continue this item until the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

4. [19-310](#) Discuss Proposal to Include a “Mini Maker Vendor Exhibition” at the Art & Wine Festival in Kid’s Kingdom Area

Commissioner LaCoursiere made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to approve Alternative 2. Commission sponsor the Mini Maker Exhibition Area as part of the Parks & Recreation Commission expenses and request that the Mini Maker donate 10% of their proceeds to the Commission’s Art & Wine Festival Account for non-profit grant allocations.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

5. [19-327](#) Consideration of Two Playground Options for the Proposed Montague Park Schematic Design

Recommendation: Recommend City Council Approval of the Montague Park Playground Schematic-Design.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to recommend that Council approve Playground Option 2. proposed by Landscape Structures.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, and Commissioner Walke

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

6. [19-339](#) Consideration of Draft Report by Project for Public Spaces Regarding Mission Branch Library City Plaza Park Place Making Pilot Project

Recommendation: Review the draft report, make comments on content, and provide feedback to staff prior to next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Silva made a motion, seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere to approve the Project for Public Space (PPS) for a Place Making Pilot Project at Mission Branch Library and City Plaza Park with the schematic design for an open gazebo with steps, and having the Parks & Recreation Department program special events there.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

7. [19-156](#) Consideration of Potential Turf and Schematic Design Options for the Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park

Recommendation: Staff does not have a recommendation on Schematic Design Option A or Option B. However, a synthetic turf specification that has antimicrobial properties, short filament length with thatch for durability, supports efficient maintenance considerations, and warranty are recommended.

On a motion by Commissioner Walke, and seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere the Commission recommended that Council approve Option B, provided that the small dog area be slightly larger and the synthetic turf performance criteria include: thatch layer, antimicrobial properties, quick drain backing, no infill requirement, support efficient cleaning and maintenance, provide a warranty and measurable lifecycle durability.

Commissioner Silva made a motion, seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere to recommend that Council permanently add the Off Leash Dog Areas to the Larry J. Marsalli Park Site Plan.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Silva, Commissioner Field, Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Knaack

8. [19-241](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY2018-19 Update

Deputy Director Seale provided an update to the Commission regarding Work Plan Goal b. review existing park rehabilitation needs and new residential development park project plans. The subcommittee reviewed parks with a high Park Condition Index (PCI) which are in "critical" or "poor" condition. Commissioner Silva provided feedback to the subcommittee about including parks with a high PCI even if they have pools, because the playgrounds at those parks would still need rehabilitation. The sub-committee will take those comments into consideration as they develop a top ten list of next park sites to address based on the most "critical" and "poor" facilities using the Facility Condition Assessment.

Noted and filed

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale provided an update to the Commission regarding an asphalt repair at the Pavilion Parking lot. Director Teixeira updated the Commission on the status of the George F. Haines International Swim Center (ISC) during the scheduled maintenance period. Replacement of pump and motor is underway at the ISC. Mary Gomez Park pool is back online.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Field visited Earl R. Carmichael ballfield.

Commissioner LaCoursiere visited Steve Carli ballfield, worked at the Showtime event, and attended opening day with the Lions Club.

Commissioner Martinez visited Rotary Park and attended opening day at Briarwood Little League.

Commissioner Silva attended a Santa Clara United School District meeting regarding field fees that may soon be activated. He provided the Commission with some potential challenges regarding fees, athletic field conditions, and athletic field use.

Commissioner Walke visited Central Park, BMX Track, Henry Schmidt Park, and the Reed & Grant Streets Sport Park site.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Field made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to adjourn until the next meeting on April 19, 2019.