



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Parks & Recreation Commission

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02/18/2020

7:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Chair Knaack** called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Present** 6 - Chair Andrew Knaack, Vice Chair Joe Martinez, Commissioner George Guerra, Commissioner Burt Field , Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke, and Commissioner Eversley Forte

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere

**Commissioner Walke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to excuse Commissioner LaCoursiere.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Forte

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Commissioner Walke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Forte

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

**1.A**     [20-181](#)     Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Meeting

**Recommendation:** Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Meeting.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A member of the public, Mr. Kirt Iverson spoke to the Commission about a modern pentathlon club he recently started in Santa Clara. According to Mr. Iverson the modern pentathlon includes swimming, running, equestrian (optional except at the world competition level), fencing and laser pistol shooting, which does not include an actual weapon. Staff will follow up with Mr. Iverson to discuss possible opportunities with Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Kumar, a fellow commissioner from the Salary Setting Commission introduced himself as a member of the public. He wanted to know more about the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Commission welcomed Mr. Kumar to the meeting.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [20-182](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2019/20

The Commission discussed the FY 19/20 Work Plan Goals with particular focus on Work Plan Goal (d). **Director Teixeira** provided additional context to the Commission about parks planned for the north side of the City in addition to the 30+ acre park. The subcommittee for Work Plan Goal (d) will meet at least one time before the next Commission meeting on March 17, 2020. The Commission has completed half of Work Plan Goal (c) Host the 39th annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival, and is now working on the second part of the goal by planning celebratory elements for the 40th anniversary event. The Commission has formed a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Guerra, Martinez and Walke to work on completing Work Plan Goal (c). Glasses for the 40th Art & Wine Festival have already been selected.

3. [20-243](#) Potential Names for Inclusion on the Parks & Recreation Commission's Consideration List of Proposed Names for Public Parks

**Recommendation:** Develop a draft list of names with sufficient background information for consideration and receive public input.

Commissioners provided draft lists for potential park names which will be included in a Report to Commission at the March 17 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Deputy Director Seale** provided the staff update to the Commission. Homeridge Park Rehabilitation Project will start within the next couple of months. The bid opening for the Agnew & Fuller Street Parks Projects will be on Wednesday, February 19. The Reed & Grant Sports Park is near completion. Ribbon cutting is tentatively planned to be in May. The Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park Project will follow the opening of the Reed & Grant Sports Park. The Commission would like to hold the June Parks & Recreation Commission meeting in the Jerry Marsalli Multipurpose Building in June if the new Reed & Grant Sports Park facility is open. The District 4 California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence Banquet will be held at the Mountain View Community Center on Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 PM. All of the Commissioners are invited to attend. The Bowers Park Playground Rehabilitation Project is expected to receive the Award of Excellence this year.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Chair Knaack:** Is currently participating in Leadership Santa Clara. The first meeting included a bus tour of the City and focused on development projects throughout the City. He thanked Commissioners Guerra and Walke for assisting with handing out checks to the non-profit organizations that participated in the 39th Art & Wine Festival.

**Commissioner Field:** Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and can't wait for it to open, as it will be a great day for the City of Santa Clara.

**Commissioner Forte:** Visited Agnew Park.

**Commissioner Guerra:** Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and thinks it looks awesome. He also visited Mary Gomez Park, and Maywood Park.

**Commissioner Martinez:** Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park, Rotary Park and Warburton Park.

**Commissioner Walke:** Visited Reed & Grant Street Sports Park, Central Park and Montague Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM until the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on March 17, 2020.**