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City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

11/19/2019 | **7:00 PM** | **Cafeteria - City Hall East Wing, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050**

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 Kevan Michael Walke, Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Eversley Forte

Absent 1 - Commissioner Burt Field

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A 19-1247 Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Meeting.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to recommend approval of minutes.

Aye: 6 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Walke, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Forte

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Field

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Susan Hinton, a member of the public, appreciated the detailed work and outreach done by staff in the Central Park Master Plan. She commented on the potential installation of synthetic turf on Fatjo Field in the Central Park Master Plan, and expressed her view that it would be best if Fatjo Field would remain as an improved natural grass field in the future without any of the disadvantages of synthetic turf.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 19-1353 Presentation and Action on Central Park Master Plan Update and Draft Ordinance in accord with City Charter section 714.1

Recommendation: Recommend that Council approve the Central Park Master Plan including the Schematic Design Update and project phasing and Introduce an Ordinance in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

Commissioner Field entered the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Commissioner Walke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere to recommend that Council approve the Central Park Master Plan including the Schematic Design Update and project phasing and introduce an ordinance in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

Aye: 7 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Forte

3. 19-1244 Recommendation to the Governance and Ethics Committee to Name the New Neighborhood Park located at 1205 Coleman Avenue (Gateway Crossings)

Recommendation: Recommend a Name for the Governance and Ethics Committee consideration for the New Neighborhood Park located at 1205 Coleman Avenue.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martinez that Item 3. be tabled until one month after a comprehensive list of potential park names is provided to the Commission.

Aye: 7 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Forte

4. 19-1245 Recommendation to the Governance and Ethics Committee to Name the New Public Park located at 2343 Calle Del Mundo.

Recommendation: Recommend a Name for the Governance and Ethics Committee consideration for the New Public Park located at 2343 Calle Del Mundo (SummerHill Residential Project).

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martinez that Item 4. be tabled until one month after a comprehensive list of potential park names is provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke that each Commissioner provide staff a list of three to four names by January 21, 2020, Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

Aye: 7 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Forte

5. 19-1246 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2019/20

The subcommittee visited the 30+ acre park site located in the north of the City on October 28, 2019. They reported back to the Commission about their initial thoughts about major recreational activities that would benefit the community considering the size of the site, sloped areas and the higher elevation upland area of the site. The subcommittee will continue to develop a methodology and timeline to conduct robust outreach with an array of stakeholders in the early stages of collaboration before the City develops the 30+ acre park site. In addition, Deputy Director Seale will provide reference literature regarding the recent conversion of golf courses to park land.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale reported to the Commission regarding the ribbon cutting for the newly rehabilitated playground at Bowers Park. The Mayor and City Manager led the community in opening the new playground. Hundred of park patrons attended the event. The new Bowers Park playground was designated as a National Demonstration site in three distinct categories by Playcore: the 7 Principles of Inclusive Design, Nature Grounds, and Play On. The other park projects are progressing, including Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park, Machado Park, Homeridge Park, Agnew Park, and Fuller Park. The Machado Park Playground Rehabilitation Project will continue, as there was a delay due to a design change to enhance the play value of the hillside slide.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on December 6, 2019. Commissioners are requested to be present at base camp for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4:00 PM. The ice rink will open to the public on November 21, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Field: Visited the Palo Alto Magical Bridge Playground. He commented on the large and diverse crowd enjoying the playground on a weekday. He looks forward to the construction of a new Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground in Santa Clara. Commissioner Field also visited the Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park site.

Commissioner Forte: Attended the Bowers Park Playground Ribbon Cutting event.

Commissioner Guerra: Visited Maywood Park and Mary Gomez Park.

Chair Knaack: Attended the Bowers Park Playground Ribbon Cutting event and was pleased with the transformation of the playground and park. He will be attending the Charlotte's Web play in late November. He also visited the 30+ acre park site with the other subcommittee members.

Commissioner LaCoursiere: Attended October Fest at Westwood School which was very successful. She also attended the Hoop Shoot sponsored by the Elks at the Youth Activity Center. Commissioner LaCoursiere was very pleased to work with Recreation Supervisor Gayle Icho, and staff. Visited the 30+ acre park site with the other subcommittee members.

Commissioner Martinez: Visited the 30+ acre park site with the other subcommittee members.

Commissioner Walke: Visited Central Park, and attended the PAL Soccer Tournament which had over 2,000 participants. He also visited the Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park site, and Montague Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to cancel the December 17, 2019 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, and adjourn the meeting until the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM on January 21, 2020.

Aye: 7 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , Commissioner Walke, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere, and Commissioner Forte