



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

04/20/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:

Via Zoom:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/91316665755>

Meeting ID: 913 1666 5755 or

Phone: (669) 900-6833

The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present 5 - Commissioner Andrew Knaack, Chair Joe Martinez, Commissioner Burt Field, Vice Chair Eversley Forte, and Commissioner Derreck Carter-House

Excused 2 - Commissioner George Guerra, and Commissioner Kelly Gonzalez

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter-House, seconded by Vice Chair Forte to excuse Commissioners Gonzalez and Guerra.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Field, Vice Chair Forte, and Commissioner Carter-House

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Guerra, and Commissioner Gonzalez

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Guerra entered the meeting at 7:03 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter-House, and seconded by Commissioner Knaack to approve the consent calendar.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field, Vice Chair Forte, and Commissioner Carter-House

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gonzalez

- 1.A [21-548](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commissioner Gonzalez entered the meeting at 7:15 PM.

2. [21-549](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2020/21

Recommendation: Continue progress on Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2020/21 and appoint subcommittee(s) as needed.

The subcommittee for Work Plan Goal D discussed potential stakeholders when conducting community outreach and public input. They recognized the importance of considering a broad spectrum of stakeholders across a large geographical area with particular focus on the northern part of the City where the community would be most impacted by a new community park. The Commission is aware the design phase of developing the 30+ acre community park is dependent on progress from the Related Project. Providing public access to the site for recreational use is not feasible and not being considered at this time.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale provided an update to the Commission regarding park projects. The Montague Park Project is almost ready to be sent out for construction bids. The landscape architect selection process for the Westwood Oaks Park Playground Rehabilitation Project is complete and now in the contract negotiations. The construction phase for Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park is close to completion, with an expected soft opening in late spring. The All-inclusive Magical Bridge Project and the Fairway Glen Restroom Project are fully in the design phase. The Parks Division will be partnering with Our City Forest in plantings for the Bowers Park nature loop project. The Gazebo Project at City Plaza Park is also in the design phase.

Recreation Manager Castro updated the Commission regarding the Art & Wine Festival. Out of an abundance of caution to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Art & Wine Festival is tentatively cancelled. The City is beginning to plan a small community event in fall 2021 in late September or October 2021. Details about the event are still being developed and will require the City's final budgetary approval.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Martinez: Visited Homeridge Park and spoke to park patrons who are very pleased with the improvements. Visited Machado Park and spoke to park patrons about playground surfacing. In addition, he passed by Reed & Grant Sports Park.

Commissioner Carter-House: Visited Lick Mill Park where tennis courts are always in use. Commissioner Carter-House will be relocated out of the area and is resigning from the Commission. His last meeting on the Commission will be the regular meeting on May 18, 2021.

Commissioner Field: Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and is very impressed with the facility. Programs are going well and learning to handle ingress and egress at that site. The Youth Soccer Park fields had sod repairs which are now complete and fields will be ready in early May. Hats off to the City of Santa Clara for taking care of the parks.

Commissioner Gonzalez: Visited Henry Schmidt Park and did a few laps there. Started back with soccer programming at Cabrillo fields. People are slowly getting used to ingress and egress at Reed & Grant Sports Park.

Commissioner Guerra: Visited Central Park and drove by Reed & Grant Sports Park which looks great.

Commissioner Knaack: Visited City Plaza Park.

Vice-Chair Forte: Visited and worked out at Meadow Park. The climbing structure there is very challenging and a great workout. The equipment at Meadow Park is great for climbing, balance, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carter-House to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field, Vice Chair Forte, Commissioner Carter-House, and Commissioner Gonzalez

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