

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
September 16, 2014**



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chuck Blair, George Guerra, Mike O’Halloran, Andrew Knaack, Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

STAFF: James Teixeira, Parks & Recreation Director; Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director; Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Gloria McClain

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION— None.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Silva at 7:06 p.m. The Commission approved the order of the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Walke and a second by Commissioner O’Halloran, the Commission approved (7-0) the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2014 as amended.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission reviewed correspondence related to Machado Park picnic area and an article by Bay Area News Group on the Art & Wine Festival.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed various aspects of the Art & Wine Festival 2014 to review during 2015 Festival planning, including: public safety and emergency response protocol; beverage and glass inventory and distribution on the first day of the Festival; beverage delivery procedures and additional resources needed; more effective methods of communication; quantity and quality of glasses; end of Festival procedures including “last call” for serving beverages; booth placement, setup and pedestrian access throughout the festival; how to assure the artistic quality of craft items represented at application and then sold during the festival; and, comments from attendees and stakeholders. Commissioners were encouraged to provide any additional comments to staff for consideration.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission recessed to the lobby to take the 2015 City Calendar Commission picture.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Staff provided updates on the current Parks & Cemetery Projects including Council Goals & Strategic Objectives for Parks & Recreation Fiscal Year 2014-15. The Bracher Park Improvement Project was selected by the National Parks and Recreation Association to participate in a new crowdfunding opportunity. Staff is hosting a community bbq at the park to receive input on the improvements including a survey. The proposal deadline for Architecture & Engineering Team to complete a

schematic design and work on CEQA, a business plan and other aspects of the International Swim Center – International Swimming Hall of Fame Project was September 16 and would be reviewed within the month of September. The Additional Sports Fields Project will be coming forward in the near future perhaps as early as November. Staff provided an update on the Potential City Special Events to be held in anticipation of Superbowl 2016 for the community. It was also reported that the printer for the Recreation Activity guide had been selected and that the guide had been upgraded in quality.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Blair—Congratulated and complimented Parks & Recreation staff including Doug Abernethy and Ray Castro for extra effort during the Art & Wine Festival. Visited Henry Schmidt Park.

Commissioner O'Halloran—Worked at the Art & Wine Festival and had no problems in his booth.

Commissioner Guerra—Attended the City of Mountain View's Art & Wine Festival for comparison. Homestead Little League is planning to do painting improvements at the Earl Carmichael Park field.

Commissioner Walke—Visited Bowers Park and recommended staff inspect the sidewalk near the front of the park. Worked at and appreciates the efforts of Parks & Recreation staff during the Art & Wine Festival.

Commissioner Knaack—Visited Mountain View and Palo Alto Art & Wine Festivals. Is very pleased that Santa Clara's Festival is held in a park setting. Suggested that a club area might be added with large screen to show the game.

Commissioner LaCoursiere—Attended Senior Center Ice Cream Social info fair and was impressed with its quality. She shared some of the parking challenges around the Stadium on game days.

Commissioner Silva—Reported that Central Park continues to look great and thanked Parks & Recreation staff for another successful Art & Wine Festival. Requested that the Commission consider discussion of the goose population and resulting sanitary issues created by their droppings in Central Park. Compliments were shared on the condition of the water in the Central Park Lake.

VIII. CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS— Resident McClain commented on the City of Fremont practices related to excessive water fowl at Lake Elizabeth Park. She shared comments from the Native Plant Society related to crickets.

X. ADJOURNMENT— On a motion by Commissioner Walke, and a second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission adjourned at 8:22 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Staff Conference room.

Prepared by: _____
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Recreation Manager

Reviewed by: _____
Kevan Michael Walke
Commission Secretary

Submitted by: _____
James Teixeira
Director of Parks & Recreation
Commission Liaison