

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 16, 2015**



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

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Tino Silva.

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

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None.

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Walke at 7:04 p.m. Chair Blair was at City Council Meeting to promote filling the Commission’s vacancy. The Commission approved (5-0-1) the meeting’s order of agenda and excused Commissioner Silva.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Knaack, and a second by Commissioner Guerra, the Commission approved (5-1-1) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners O’Halloran, Guerra, and Knaack received a parking and entry pass from the Santa Clara Swim Club to attend the Arena Pro Swim Series Championship Swim Meet to be held at the George F. Haines International Swim Center (ISC) scheduled for June 18-21, 2015. The Commission reviewed background information related to the City ordinance pertaining to park hours. The Commission reviewed correspondence regarding the Commission-initiated Wade Brummel Youth Sports Scholarship Funding draft proposal. The draft proposal will be further reviewed at the July 21, 2015 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. The the Parks & Recreation Commission has one vacancy. The deadline for new applicants is July 1st, 2015. Commission Chair Blair attended June 16, 2015 City Council meeting to encourage eligible residents to apply.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commission reviewed applicants for funding and confirmed that volunteers for Commission booths at the 2015 Art & Wine Festival would be provided by: Santa Clara High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association-Grad Night, Santa Clara Schools Foundation-classroom grants, Santa Clara Senior Center Health & Wellness Program, Santa

Clara Police Activities League, Friends of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation summer recreation scholarships, and Wilcox High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association-Grad Night. The net proceeds from wine, beer and commemorative glass sales benefit programs for youth and seniors, high school graduation night activities, and youth sports.

- B. The Commission confirmed their 2015 Art & Wine Festival booth assignments as follows: Commissioner Alderete—Pavilion wine & beer booths (S.C.P.A.L.); Commissioners Walke and Silva—Pavilion glass & ticket booth (S. C. Senior Center Health & Wellness); Commissioner Guerra—International Swim Center beer booth (retired firefighters, SC Friends); Commissioner Knaack—ISC wine booths (Wilcox & S.C. High Grad Nights). Commissioner Blair will assist with glass & wine distribution & delivery and support beer truck access. The new Commissioner will be assigned to the CRC Bridge booths (SC Friends, Schools Foundation).
- C. Art & Wine Festival beer and wine glasses will be added to the set up list to be distributed on Thursday prior to the event. Some of the wine sponsor/vendors have volunteered to send staff to assist with pouring and product explanation during the 2015 Art & Wine Festival.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parks and Cemetery Updates. Deputy Director Seale reported on the site surveys completed at Steve Carli Park and Homeridge Park. Bracher Park improvements include fitness equipment and basketball court. The park conceptual design presentation by Prometheus for the new Central Park Annex site have been delayed until August. The initial developer contribution was received from the new Gallery at Central Park housing development. Information is being developed to support the Youth Soccer Park Field Two replacement of synthetic turf, consideration is being given to Field Three conversion from natural grass to synthetic turf, and Field One may include the addition of bleachers.
- B. Recreation Programs Updates. Recreation Manager Lord reported that summer camps, recreation classes, sports and aquatic programs are showing strong registration, with many activities at full enrollment. The Senior Center will be open 63 hours per week starting on July 1, 2015, an increase of 10 hours per week. The Health and Wellness Program will also provide services in the evening hours.
- C. Special Event Updates. The 47th International Arena Pro Series Swim Meet will include additional activities. The weekend includes the world's largest swim lesson, the first International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) induction ceremonies in Santa Clara, and visitors from several nations. The Fourth Annual Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships will take place on June 26th and June 27th in Central Park. Multiple Backyard BBQ and professional teams compete for cash prizes. The Independence Day All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza will be held in Central Park from noon to 10 p.m. The Pavilion area will feature live entertainment and activities for children, such as face-painting and carnival games. Non-profit organizations will be selling food and drinks to raise money for Santa Clara community programs. The evening entertainment stage will be located on the field adjacent to the tennis courts at the Community Recreation Center. Super Community Events are being planned for December 2015 through February 2016. Parks & Recreation is seeking volunteers to apply on line and will be screened and assigned to the Super Community events including the Super Tree Lighting in Central Park December 4th and the Super Community Concert at Mission College January 31, 2015. The department is working with other City

departments and developing requests for proposals from various vendors to provide support such as special event security.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Blair— Visited Steve Carli, Washington Parks, Alvarez Parks, as well as the Santa Clara Dog Park.

Commissioner LaCoursiere— Participated in a Friday evening event held at the Triton Museum of Art.

Commissioner Guerra— Visited Mary Gomez, Steve Carli, and Earl Carmichael Parks.

Commissioner Knaack— Visited Bracher Park.

Commissioner O’Halloran— Expressed appreciation for the help at Parkway Park improvement event held on May 30, 2015.

Commissioner Walke— Visited Washington and Montague Parks, Steve Carli Field and the Mission City Memorial Park.

VIII. CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS – None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS---Commissioners and staff thanked Commissioner O’Halloran for his service on the Parks & Recreation Commission and wished him well in his appointment to the Planning Commission.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Reviewed by: _____

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Commission Secretary

Submitted by: _____

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Commission Liaison