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<b>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</b>	Chuck Blair, Andrew Knaack, Joe Martinez, Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.
<b>COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:</b>	Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere, George Guerra.
<b>STAFF:</b>	James Teixeira, Parks & Recreation Director; Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager.
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:</b>	Raymond Gamma.

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**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

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

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Blair at 7:06 p.m. New Commissioner, Joe Martinez, was introduced and welcomed. The Commission approved (5-0-2) the meeting's order of agenda and excused Commissioners Alderete LaCoursiere and Guerra.
- B. The Commission formally nominated and elected the Commission Officers for FY 2015-16: Chair, Commissioner Blair; Vice Chair, Commissioner Walke; and Secretary, Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Commissioner Blair, and a second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (5-0-2) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2015.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission reviewed correspondence related to the Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships event held in Central Park on June 26 and 27 with concern about amplified music from a nearby resident. Commissioners also reviewed correspondence related to accessible parking at the Fourth of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The Commission discussed the recent outreach effort and potential revision of the proposed Annual Non-Resident Sports Participant's Fee for use of the City of Santa Clara athletic facilities with proceeds to benefit the City's "Wade Brummal-Youth Sports Scholarship Fund," and Council's request for additional group outreach and input. Discussion included adding clarifying language to the draft document: 1) to define who is considered a Santa Clara resident; 2) to request non-residents to be included on rosters to be submitted for review; 3) to require sports organizations to comply with Title IX to be eligible to receive funds; 4) to remove the \$500 maximum per family amount for grants; to allow requests to be considered on a case by case basis; 5) to review this pilot program after one year; 6) to stipulate that leagues may make a formal request for funding to the Parks & Recreation Commission for consideration; 7) to note that program information maintained by the City is subject to Public Record Act requests.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Volunteer recruitment for City-wide special events and upcoming “Super Community” events includes a Volunteer Fair scheduled for August 29, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara. Interested individuals may make an appointment by calling (408) 615-3140.
- B. The Commission confirmed their 2015 Art & Wine Festival booth assignments as follows: Commissioner Alderete—Pavilion wine & beer booths (SCPAL); Commissioners Walke and Silva—Pavilion glass & ticket booth (SC Senior Center Health & Wellness); Commissioner Guerra—International Swim Center beer booth (retired firefighters) glass booth (SC Friends); Commissioner Knaack—ISC wine booths (Wilcox & S.C. High Grad Nights). Commissioner Blair will assist with glass distribution, wine pick up & delivery, and support beer truck access. Commissioner Martinez agreed to be assigned to the CRC Bridge glass, beer, wine booths (SC Friends, Schools Foundation).
- C. Commissioners are invited to attend the Council Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Additional Soccer Fields scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Parks and Cemetery Updates. Director Teixeira reported on park improvement projects, including: Bracher Park new fitness equipment and basketball court, and resurfacing of 11 tennis courts. The park conceptual design presentation by Prometheus for the new Central Park Annex site has been delayed until August 18, 2015 Commission meeting. 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. Preliminary conceptual designs for the new park site at San Tomas Expressway and Monroe include additional parking, playground, restroom, bocce ball court, open space area and community garden.
- 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. Effective July 1, the Senior Center is open 63 hours per week, an increase of 10 hours per week. The Health and Wellness Program now also provides services in the evening hours, as well as outreach at the Northside Branch Library.
- C. Special Event Updates. The 35<sup>th</sup> Art and Wine Festival will include the 50 Tour, Champions of The Bay (8 Lombardi Trophies). Super Community Events being planned by the Parks & Recreation Department include the December 4, 2015 Super Tree Lighting in Central Park and the Super Community Concert at Mission College January 31, 2016. Parks & Recreation is seeking volunteers to apply online and will be screened and assigned to the Super Community events. 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 Washington Parks and commented on problems with the pitcher’s mound and offered infield preparation and maintenance training. Commissioner Blair also noticed a problem with the lights at Henry Schmidt Park.

**Commissioner Knaack**—Visited Central Park and attended the swim meet at the International Swim Center. He also volunteered at the Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships, and attended the Fourth of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza event.

**Commissioner Martinez**—Attended the Fourth of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza in Central Park. He also participated in the Relay for Life event at Townsend Field, a fundraiser event for the American Cancer Society, and “Day on the Green” at the Mission City Elks Lodge.

**Commissioner Walke**— Visited Washington, Henry Schmidt Park, Townsend Field. He commented on the Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships event and the Fourth of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza.

VIII. **CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS** – None.

IX. **PUB LIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS**—Former Commissioner Gamma thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission for their support and recommendation to Council.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Lord Alderete LaCoursiere  
Recreation Manager Commission Secretary

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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