

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 18, 2015

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**: Chuck Blair, George Guerra, Andrew Knaack, Joe Martinez,

Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere.

**STAFF:** Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director;

Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Robert Newdoll, Development Manager Prometheus Real

Estate Group; Tim Nash, Landscape Architect Prometheus

Real Estate Group.

**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION**: Report on Outreach by Parks & Recreation Commission to organizations regarding the \$25 non-resident participation fee. (Moving forward under separate report).

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blair at 7:03 p.m. The Commission approved (6-0-1) the meeting's order of agenda and excused Commissioners Alderete LaCoursiere.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Walke, and a second by Commissioner Silva, the Commission approved (6-0-1) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2015.

# III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Director Seale reported on the Council Ad Hoc Committee on Additional Soccer Fields meeting held on August 17, 2015. Council Goals include one to "Enhance Community Sports & Recreational Assets" with an objective to address demand and impacts on existing soccer facilities and future need for additional community recreation athletic facilities. The Council Ad Hoc Committee received an update on the continued exploration of various sites and conceptual designs developed for Montague Park, the industrial site at Reed & Grant Street, adjacent cities/sites, SCUSD school fields, and other options. The next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Manager Lord, reported on the upcoming Volunteer Fair scheduled for Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Teen Center. The City has launched Volgistics, a volunteer logistics program to assist in identifying and organizing eligible volunteers. The recruitment and screening process includes Livescan, the DOJ fingerprint background check process. City volunteers complete an on-line application, have a short screening and orientation. The fingerprint background check enables City volunteers to be assigned to a variety of positions and duties based on their abilities and availability, while providing a credible best practice to fulfill the City obligation to assure the safety of children, vulnerable adults and seniors, in our programs, as well as guests and the general public at high profile events.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. On a motion by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (6-0-1) a revision of the Proposed Annual Non-Resident Sports Participant's Fee for Use of City of Santa Clara Athletic Facilities with Proceeds to Benefit City's "Wade Brummal—Youth Sports Scholarship Fund" based on Council request for additional sports group outreach and input. The Commission requested placement on an upcoming Council agenda.

### V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Commission reviewed a presentation by Robert Newhall, Development Manager, and Tim Nash, Landscape Architect, from Prometheus Real Estate Group, Inc., on Central Park Annex New Park Site Conceptual Designs. Three design options consistent with the original Development Agreement were presented for comment: Option A—Original conceptual design of the park site and playground on Parcel H (not City parcel); Option B—playground on City parcel other design elements; Option C—playground on City parcel and more open pattern for BBQ and park benches. Commission discussed the desire to have more park amenities and variance from the original conceptual design. On a motion by Commissioner Guerra, and a second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission recommended (6-0-1) further development of Option C with addition of restroom building, seating areas, picnic benches, widen pathways, BBQ areas, and lighting along Saratoga Creek.

#### VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. <u>35<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Wine Festival Update</u>. Commissioners reviewed and confirmed assignments at the various beer, wine and glass/token booths. Recruitment for volunteers is underway.
- B. Parks and Cemetery Division Updates: Deputy Director Seale reported on park improvement projects including: resurfacing of tennis courts, basketball court at Henry Schmidt Park, installation of a new outdoor fitness cluster at Bracher Park, and the replacement of the playground at Bracher Park in the fall. The Request for Qualifications process to establish a prequalified list of design, engineering, landscape architects and other consultants concluded; qualifying firms mayl be considered for upcoming projects such as Steve Carli Park Playground replacement, San Tomas & Monroe new Park site, and Homeridge Park Rehabilitation Project, among others.
- C. <u>Recreation Division Updates</u>: Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager, reported on successful summer camp programs and increased enrollment overall. She gave a brief update on special events in the planning stages, including the Super Tree Lighting event scheduled for December 4, 2015 with an Ice Rink in Central Park.

### VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

**Commissioner Blair**—Visited English Bulldog Association, and attended Washington Park Regional Tournament and Colt Tournament; he commented that staff did a nice job.

Commissioner Guerra—Visited Homestead Park, Steve Carli Park, and Mary Gomez Park.

**Commissioner Knaack—**Visited Montague Park.

**Commissioner Silva**—Visited Reed Street Dog Park and he commented that it needs attention. He also reported that the ice at the Youth Soccer Park needs to be repaired.

**Commissioner Walke—**Visited Washington Park and Henry Schmidt Park.

VIII.	CONFERENCE & ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.			
IX.	PUB LIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS—None			
Χ.	ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.			
Prepa	red by:	Patricia Lord Recreation Manager	Reviewed by:	Kevan Michael Walke Commission Secretary

Submitted by: James Teixeira

Director of Parks & Recreation

Commission Liaison