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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chuck Blair, George Guerra, Andrew Knaack, Joe Martinez, Tino Silva, Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere, Kevan Michael Walke.

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Katherine Limprecht and Jean DeSimone

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**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:** None.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blair at 7:03p.m. The Commission approved (7-0) the meeting's order of agenda.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Commissioner Silva, and a second by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved (7-0) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Recess to Council Chambers—Council presentation of 2015 Art & Wine Festival proceeds to programs.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Request for comments from Council Ad Hoc Committee on Additional Soccer Fields—The Commission discussed the most recent Ad Hoc Committee meeting (October 26, 2015) regarding additional soccer fields at Reed and Grant Street. Having three additional fields at that location with adequate parking with an enhanced Reed Street Dog Park would be beneficial. If adjacent parcels were to be acquired by the City at the Reed and Grant Street site other potential options may be possible as there may be a need for a fourth field at Reed and Grant. The Commission also reported that public input has been positive regarding additional soccer fields at this site.
- B. Referral from Council—Develop information and receive public comment on the potential to convert Washington Park Baseball Field from natural turf to synthetic turf and make recommendation to Council for consideration as a future Capital Improvement Project. The Commission discussed the possible change to synthetic turf at Washington Park and the benefits it would have for baseball in Santa Clara. Furthermore, the Commission requests more information on synthetic turf installation projects and their respective components through a formal presentation on the subject. The presentation should cover current data on player safety and health, playability, field temperature, infill

materials, longevity, and replacement options coupled with feedback from athletic programs at regional universities that have recently installed synthetic athletic fields.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cultural Arts Commission Request—Collaboration on future events. On a motion by Chair Blair and a second by Commissioner Silva, the Commission unanimously (7-0) requested that a representative from the Cultural Arts Commission attend the next regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting and provide information on potential future collaborative events.

## VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Park Division Update: Deputy Director Seale provided updates on the ice rink installation at the Community Recreation Center in Central Park, completion of the repaving project for the ISC and Warburton Park parking lots and the plan for preparing ball fields for the coming year. Deputy Director Seale also reported on the plan to have LPA complete an assessment of the infrastructure at the Youth Soccer Park prior to the Super Bowl.
- B. Recreation Division Update: Deputy Director Seale reported on a successful Children's Halloween Party at the Youth Activity Center, and the Veterans Memorial Event at Central Park.
- C. Special Event Updates: Deputy Director Seale reported on plans for upcoming "Super Community" special events. The first Super Community Countdown to Kickoff event will be the Super Tree Lighting event on December 4, 2015 in Central Park. Parks & Recreation is also spearheading the Super Concert & Fireworks event on January 31, 2016 at Mission College, which will be a free ticketed event.

## VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. **Commissioner Walke**—Visited Central Park, Washington Park and Henry Schmidt Park.
2. **Commissioner Silva**—Visited Reed Street Dog Park, which is still in the process of having the grass replaced. He also visited Steve Carli Park and several Santa Clara Unified School District schools, such as Wilson High School, Wilcox High School, and Cabrillo Middle School. Commissioner Silva also visited Westside ball field adjacent to Carli Park.
3. **Commissioner Guerra**— Visited Mary Gomez Park, as well as Central Park to see the final preparation of the ice rink. Commissioner Guerra also visited the Twin Creeks Sports Complex to see their athletic fields.
4. **Commissioner Blair**—Visited Henry Schmidt Park, Jenny Strand Park, and Lick Mill Park.
5. **Commissioner Martinez**—Visited Warburton Park.
6. **Commissioner Knaack**—Attended Halloween at the Youth Activity Center and thought it was a great event. Commissioner Knaack also went to the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre to see Oliver and really liked the production.
7. **Commissioner LaCoursiere**—Attended the Veteran's Memorial Event in Central Park. Commissioner LaCoursiere visited Bracher Park to see the installation of the outdoor fitness equipment, and Central Park to see the final preparation of the ice rink.

**VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS**

Two members of the public referred to Concepts A and B that were presented at the Montague Park Community Outreach meetings in February and March of 2015. They stated that a combination of these two concepts would work best at Montague Park and that organized sports should not be included in any future concept for Montague Park.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Walke made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Silva for the Commission to cancel (7-0) the December 15, 2015 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. On a motion by Chair Blair and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere the Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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