



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

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jan Hintermeister

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blair at 7:05p.m. The Commission approved (7-0) the meeting's order of agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Walke, and a second by Commissioner Silva, the Commission approved (7-0) the minutes for the regular meeting of November 17, 2015.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cultural Arts Commission—Collaboration on Future Special Events. Item was tabled.
- B. Super Community Events—Director Teixeira informed the Commission about upcoming Super Community Events. The Gridiron Glory Exhibit is currently on display at the Triton Museum. The display opened at the Triton Museum on Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2016 and will be available for viewing until April 3, 2016. The Parks & Recreation Department is preparing for the Super Community Concert & Fireworks at Mission College to be held on Sunday January 31, 2016. Heart was selected as headliner with Lydia Pense and Cold Blood as opener and The Cocktail Monkeys and Phil Hawkins featuring Harry Best on Second Stage. The Super Celebration will be held at Santa Clara University and will feature Huey Lewis and the News on February 6, 2016. Free tickets and parking information are available online and the events are provided rain or shine for the community to celebrate Super Bowl 50 in Santa Clara.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by LPA Inc. Synthetic Field Options. Arash Izadi conducted a comprehensive presentation on synthetic turf which included: 1) the history of synthetic turf; 2) selecting a system; 3) health & safety aspects; 4) questions and answers.
- B. Consider Memorial Tree Donation and Memorial Bench Donation Requests. On a motion by Commissioner Silva with a second from Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission unanimously (7-0) recommended Council approval of the request for a

memorial tree donation at Henry Schmidt Park. On a motion by Commissioner Walke and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere the Commission unanimously (7-0) recommended Council approval of the request for a memorial bench donation at Westwood Oaks Park.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Park Division Update: Deputy Director Seale provided updates to the Commission on recent projects including the completion of LED light fixture installation at Earl R. Carmichael Park tennis courts. The Parks Division will be resurfacing 16 additional sports courts in City parks during the coming spring, weather permitting. In addition, the Bowers Park building roof is in need of replacement; the Department is considering roof replacement or the option to replace the structure as part of a park rehabilitation project in the future. Director Teixeira informed the Commission about progress on the Prometheus park project on Kiely and the Commission's recommendation for additional amenities that will be included in the park design some to be constructed separately (restroom) or as part of the Saratoga Creek Trail extension project.
- B. Recreation Division Update: Winter-Spring programs are underway.
- C. Special Event Updates: See Super Community Events above.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. **Commissioner Blair**—Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Event at Central Park, and thought it was a very good event. He also visited Henry Schmidt Park and has some concern about the functionality of the tennis court light timers.
2. **Commissioner Guerra**—Commissioner Guerra mentioned that the price to skate was fair and appealing to Santa Clarans who have never had the benefit of having an ice skating rink in the City. He also visited Steve Carli Park and Earl R. Carmichael Park.
3. **Commissioner Knaack**—Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Event in Central Park and enjoyed the event.
4. **Commissioner LaCoursiere**—Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Event in Central Park and enjoyed the event. Appreciated the appeal of the ice rink and how it enhanced the Tree Lighting event.
5. **Commissioner Martinez**—Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Event at Central Park. He also visited Rotary Park.
6. **Commissioner Silva**—Expressed how well the community and kids enjoyed the Tree Lighting and skating event. He also visited the Youth Soccer Park.
7. **Commissioner Walke**—Visited Henry Schmidt Park, and attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Event in Central Park. He also visited Earl R. Carmichael Park, and Washington Park.

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VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATION(S) & COMMENTS

A member of the public expressed concern about housing developers questions about the fees due in lieu of dedicating developed parkland. He encouraged Parks & Recreation Commissioners to attend the Council Study Session on the Parkland dedication ordinance and fee calculations scheduled for Council on January 26, 2016.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walke made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Silva to adjourn the Meeting 9:10 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Reviewed by: _____
Dale Seale Roseann Alderete
Deputy Director of Parks & LaCoursiere
Recreation Commission Secretary

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