



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

STAFF: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation;
Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Kim Castro, Recreation Manager.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blair at 7:00 p.m. On a motion by Commissioner LaCoursiere and second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (7-0) the meeting's order of agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner LaCoursiere, and a second by Commissioner Walke, the Commission approved (7-0) the minutes for the regular meeting of April 19, 2016.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS—The Department received a letter from Kathy G. Heywood who requested that a plaque be placed on a bench in Central Park. Director Teixeira explained that residents who request a plaque would typically donate funds toward full cost of a new needed park amenity, including installation and commemorative plaque. Department staff will respond to Ms. Heywood's request and Commission preference for funding towards needed trees.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Art & Wine Festival Plans for September 17 & 18, 2016.

1. Recommendation to approve selection of glassware design, quantities & logo. On a motion by Commissioner Silva and a second by Commissioner Guerra the Commission approved (7/0) the selection of the logo for the glassware and the quantity of glasses; 2,000 tapered beer glasses, 2,000 mason jar mugs. On a motion by Commissioner Silva and a second by Commissioner Walke the Commission (7/0) approved the selection of 4,000 heavy stemmed beveled wine glasses.
2. Determine criteria for selection of community non-profit groups to receive festival proceeds & volunteer expectations to be included in application for participation. Director Teixeira reviewed options for the Commission to objectively evaluate the selection of non-profit groups who would provide volunteers in exchange for grant funds raised at the Art & Wine Festival.
3. Beer Options: New "small brewer" Beer Garden, Beer Selection. The Commission discussed working with the Rotary of Santa Clara to staff and operate a Beer Garden and provide equipment at the Art & Wine Festival.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Santa San Tomas & Monroe Street New Park & Community Garden Schematic Design Input—Presentation by Gates & Associates. Linda Gates with Gates & Associates conducted the presentation and described the features of the project. The current concepts (Alternative Concepts A, and B) are composed of a number of preferred program elements such as arrival and first impressions, multi-use lawn, entry, family gathering and play areas. Adult activities for families such as bocce, shaded structures and barbeque area were also discussed and reviewed. The Commission provided feedback to enhance the schematic design. The Commission did not take formal action on the concepts at this point. A revised diagram will be presented for additional community input prior to the next Commission Meeting.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Park Projects & Cemetery Updates: Deputy Director Seale provided an update to the Commission on Capital Improvement Projects. The Steve Carli Park playground improvement RFP was sent out to playground companies. Results of the Tennis and Sport Court Resurfacing RFP were reviewed and resurfacing of tennis and sports courts is expected to begin in the summer. The new removable basketball goals were installed at the Community Recreation Center. The community has responded very positively to this improvement.
- B. Recreation Division Update: Arbor Day event will be held in Central Park on April 22, 2016. The Department will be recruiting Therapeutic Recreation Services staff to fill vacancies. Students from San Jose State University will be participating in the Therapeutic Recreation Services program.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. **Commissioner Blair**—Visited Henry Schmidt Park. Commissioner Blair also expressed the need to provide updated ball field maintenance training to Recreation Division staff working at Washington Park to better address field conditions between games.
- B. **Commissioner Guerra**—Visited Brookshire ball field, Lou Vierra field and attended the Easter Egg hunt. Commissioner Guerra also visited Reed Street Dog Park and Central Park.
- C. **Commissioner Knaack**—Attended the Wizard of Oz play.
- D. **Commissioner LaCoursiere**—Visited Bowers Park.
- E. **Commissioner Martinez**— Visited Bowers Park, Reed Street Dog Park, and the Reed & Grant Street site proposed for additional soccer fields.
- F. **Commissioner Silva**—Commissioner Silva requested that home plate be replaced at Washington Park ball field.
- G. **Commissioner Walke**—Visited Washington Park and Central Park.

VIII. CONFERENCE AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- A. Members of the public expressed the need for a community garden in the City of Santa Clara and cited the popularity and waiting lists.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Silva made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere to adjourn the Meeting 9:39 p.m.

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Reviewed by: _____

Roseann Alderete
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Commission Secretary

Submitted by: _____

James Teixeira
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Commission Liaison