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**PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMISSION**

Cafeteria  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA

**Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2017**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
City of Santa Clara	Commissioner Chuck Blair
	Commissioner George Guerra
	Commissioner Andrew Knaack
	Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere
	Commissioner Joe Martinez
	Commissioner Tino Silva
	Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke
	Director of Parks & Recreation, James Teixeira
	Deputy Parks & Recreation Director, Dale Seale
	Recreation Manager, Kim Castro

**Matters For Council Action: None**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Order of Agenda: The meeting was called to order by Chair Walke at 7:00 p.m. The Commission excused Commissioners Knaack and Silva (arrived after approval of minutes) (5-0-2) on a motion by Commissioner Blair and seconded by Commissioner Guerra.
2. Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2017: The Commission approved the March minutes (5-0-2) on a motion by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner LaCoursiere.
3. Correspondence & Communications: Commission reviewed Council meeting items from past month.
  - A. "Parks Make Life Better" Proclamation: Chair Walke announced that July is Parks and Recreation Month. During July the National Recreation and Parks Association is challenging everyone to "get their play on" and use their local parks and recreation facilities.
4. New Business:
  - A. Selection of Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for FY2017-18. On a motion by Commissioner Silva and seconded by Commissioner Walke the Commission nominated and elected Commissioner LaCoursiere as Commission Chairperson and Commissioner Guerra as Vice Chair (5-0-2). On a motion by Commissioner Silva and seconded by Commissioner Guerra the Commission nominated and elected Commissioner Knaack as Secretary (5-0-2).
  - B. Presentation by SummerHill Homes on their Lawrence Station Area Public Parkland Design for Commission Review, Comment and Recommendation to Council. SummerHill Homes reviewed the conceptual design for their project on a portion of

the Lawrence Station Area. The Commission expressed concerns about the cohesiveness of the eight separate public park parcels; the need for additional public parking adjacent/near the parks, and the location of the public restroom. The Commission also asked SummerHill Homes to incorporate research based best practices that support the City's Parks and Recreation system-wide goals (health and fitness; inclusionary, sustainable, age-friendly designs; integrate and support natural park habitats). Chair Walke pointed out specific reference materials for SummerHill Homes' use that support the Commission's focus on: "Play" (promoting physical activity for children and adults that includes balancing, brachiating/bilateral upper body activities, climbing, swinging, sliding, spinning, running, free play/imagination); "Inclusion" (implementing the "Seven Principles of Inclusive Playground Design" and address developmental domains: social/emotional, physical, sensory, cognitive, and communicative); and, "Sustainability". SummerHill agreed to respond to the Commission comments at a future Commission meeting.

5. Old Business:

A. Art & Wine Festival Planning.

1. Discussion with Rotary Foundation Representatives about Beer Selection—After discussion with the Santa Clara Rotary Foundation, on a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner Guerra (5-0-2), the Commission approved the selection of six (6) unique beers for service at the Beer Tent and the Pavilion booth, with two beers (Stella Artois and Shocktop) to be served at all beer booths.
2. Presentations by Non-Profit Organization Grant Applicants to Commission—The Commission reviewed presentations made by: Santa Clara Police Activities League (SCPAL); Wilcox High School PTSA; Santa Clara Senior Center Health & Wellness Program; Santa Clara Schools Foundation; Friends of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation; and Santa Clara High School PTSA. The Commission thanked the presenters for attending and presenting, responding to Commission questions and discussing their respective organization's service to the community.

B. Parks & Recreation Commission Annual Work Plan & Goals for 2017

1. Facility Condition Assessment—Kitchell/CEM Inc. is continuing to assess parks and facilities. The Department met with Kitchell/CEM Inc. to review the Lick Mill Park pilot condition assessment as an example to clarify how each park and facility should be assessed.
2. Park Rules & Regulations Ordinance/Signs—The Commission reviewed and approved the draft tennis court use rules. Signs will be installed in the upcoming months. The sub-committee is continuing to work on general park rules to be presented to the full Commission for consideration at a future meeting.
3. Parks & Athletic Fields Access—There was no discussion for this item.
4. Special Event Enhancement—There was no discussion for this item.

6. Staff Reports:

- A. Park Division & Cemetery Updates: Deputy Director Seale reviewed improvements being made at Washington Ball Park including new netting for the grandstands screen and new outfield fence wind screens. The water fountains at Civic Center Park have been repaired and are fully functional. The Department hosted a regional



professional training by PlayCore and California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) at Henry Schmidt Park Building on the topics of research based playground design.

- B. Recreation Division Updates: Recreation Manager Castro shared that tickets are nearly sold out for the Roberta Jones Junior Theater presentation of Disney's Lion King, Jr. on July 25-27, 2017. The Senior Needs Assessment survey closed July 14<sup>th</sup> with more than 720 respondents. Staff is working with the community non-profits to capture additional information and responses. Applied Survey Research will assist the Department in analyzing the data and producing the executive summary and final report. A presentation will be scheduled for winter.
- C. Special Events Updates: Santa Clara will be hosting the Palomino International World Series and the 2017 USA Swimming Futures Championship from August 3-6. The Department will also be supporting the Cultural Commission with the annual Street Dance special event on August 4.

7. Commissioner Reports:

- A. Commissioner Blair: Visited Henry Schmidt Park.
- B. Commissioner Guerra: Visited Mary Gomez Park and Steve Carli Park.
- C. Commissioner Martinez: Visited Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park, and attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> All City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza.
- D. Commissioner Silva: Attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> All City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza.
- E. Commissioner Walke: Visited Central Park.

8. Conference & Attendance Reports: None.

9. Public Presentations: a member of the public (Mr. Ricossa) asked the Commission to consider naming a new park or facility in honor of the late Councilmember Jerry Marsalli. The Commission outlined the process for naming a park facility in the City of Santa Clara and will place the item for discussion on the Commission agenda for October.

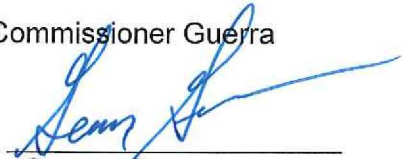
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned (6-0-1) on a motion by Commissioner Guerra and second by Commissioner Walke at 9:48 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Reviewed by:



George Guerra  
Commission Secretary

Submitted by:



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Director of Parks & Recreation  
Commission Liaison