



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

01/21/2020

7:00 PM

Cafeteria - City Hall East Wing
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Knaack called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- Present** 5 - Chair Andrew Knaack, Commissioner George Guerra, Commissioner Burt Field , Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke, and Commissioner Eversley Forte
- Absent** 2 - Vice Chair Joe Martinez, and Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere

Commissioner Walke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to excuse Commissioners LaCoursiere and Martinez.

- Present** 5 - Chair Andrew Knaack, Commissioner George Guerra, Commissioner Burt Field , Commissioner Kevan Michael Walke, and Commissioner Eversley Forte
- Excused** 2 - Vice Chair Joe Martinez, and Commissioner Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [20-1400](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Meeting.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to recommend approval of the minutes.

- Aye:** 5 - Chair Knaack, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Forte
- Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [20-1391](#) Presentation by the Magical Bridge Foundation

The Commission listened to the presentation, made comments, and questioned Peter Jensen (Magical Bridge Foundation) regarding the schematic design, layout, features, benefits and components of the Magical Bridge All Inclusive Playground that is planned and approved for Central Park. The Commission expressed interest in including a water feature in the playground.

3. [20-1060](#) Consideration of the Schematic Design for a New Public Park and Park Plaza proposed to be located at 5123 Calle Del Sol (Ensemble Residential Project)

Recommendation: Recommend that City Council approve the proposed Schematic Design for the New Public Park and Park Plaza located at 5123 Calle Del Sol (Ensemble Residential Project).

Commissioner Guerra made a motion seconded by Commissioner Field to recommend approval of the proposed Schematic Design for a New Public Park Plaza located at 5123 Calle Del Sol (Ensemble Residential Project) with condition that the Public Park Plaza not be called a park and safety improvements be made to the corner for pedestrians.

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Forte

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Martinez, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Walke

4. [20-97](#) Action on Recommendation for Disbursement of Proceeds from the 2019 Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Recommendation: Recommend that Council approve grant disbursements in the amount of \$60,000 to local programs and services.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Forte that Council approve grant disbursements in the amount of \$56,000 to local programs and services as follows: Santa Clara Schools Foundation \$18,000; Santa Clara Police Activities League \$18,000; Santa Clara High School Grad Night \$10,000; Wilcox High School Grad Night \$10,000.

Aye: 4 - Chair Knaack, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field , and Commissioner Forte

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Martinez, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Walke

5. [20-94](#) Develop a Comprehensive List of Potential Names for Public Parks

Recommendation: Develop a draft list and receive public input.

Chair Knaack made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walke to table this item until the next meeting.

Aye: 5 - Chair Knaack, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field ,
Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Forte

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Martinez, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale reported on the cleaning of the Statue of Saint Clair and the reflection pool during the week of January 20. Meadow Park, located at Santa Clara Square will soon be completed. Agnew Park and Fuller Street Park projects are at 100% plan completion and will soon go out to bid. Bowers Park Rehabilitation Project was submitted for the Award of Excellence at the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) Banquet which will be held at the Mountain View Community Center at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The Homeridge Park Rehabilitation Project will go to Council for award of bid in two weeks.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Knaack: Visited Fremont Park and Alvarez Park. Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, and thought it was great how much could actually fit inside the Community Recreation Center for the event.

Commissioner Field: Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and commented on the fields, parking lots, layout, and the Jerry Marsalli Multipurpose Building. He also expressed his thoughts about the prominence of this facility in the region.

Commissioner Forte: Visited Homeridge Park and mentioned that staff should check the playground components.

Commissioner Guerra: Visited Bowers Park and Mary Gomez Park. He viewed the soccer fields at Reed & Grant Sports Park and thought the facility looked tremendous.

Commissioner Walke: Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and noticed the playground installation is finished. Attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and felt that it felt nice and low key. Visited Montague Park and mentioned that it would be nice when the rehabilitation project begins at that park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to adjourn the meeting until the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM on February 18, 2020.

Aye: 5 - Chair Knaack, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field ,
Commissioner Walke, and Commissioner Forte

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair Martinez, and Commissioner Alderete LaCoursiere