



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

01/19/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:

Via Zoom:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/91316665755>

Meeting ID: 913 1666 5755 or

Phone: (669) 900-6833

The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present 6 - Commissioner Andrew Knaack, Chair Joe Martinez, Commissioner George Guerra, Vice Chair Eversley Forte, Commissioner Derreck Carter-House, and Commissioner Kelly Gonzalez

Absent 1 - Commissioner Burt Field

Commissioner Carter-House made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to excuse Commissioner Field.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Vice Chair Forte, Commissioner Carter-House, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Field

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A [21-509](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting.

Commissioner Forte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to recommend approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Vice Chair Forte, Commissioner Carter-House, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Field

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-130](#) State of California Proposition 68 Competitive Grant Program and Potential City Application for Parkland Acquisition, Development and Rehabilitation Project at Machado Park

Recommendation: Discuss and Receive Public Input on the Proposition 68 Competitive Grant Program and Potential City Application for Machado Park Expansion & Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner Field joined the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 7:06 PM.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Knaack to approve the beginning of public input and community outreach for the State of California Proposition 68 Competitive Grant Program and potential City application for parkland acquisition, development and rehabilitation project at Machado Park.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field, Vice Chair Forte, Commissioner Carter-House, and Commissioner Gonzalez

3. [21-28](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2020/21

Recommendation: Continue progress on Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2020/21 and appoint subcommittee(s) as needed.

On January 19, 2021 the Commission discussed progress on Work Plan Goals: a) Consideration for new funding sources such as the State of California Proposition 68 Grant Program and potential City application for parkland acquisition, development and rehabilitation project at Machado Park; b) The commission's recommendation for approval of the Fairway Glen Park restroom schematic design, and the Magical Bridge All-inclusive Playground schematic design were both approved by Council; and d) The City received a list of professional design firms for developing public input, community outreach, schematic design, etc. which may also be used for the proposed future 30+ acre community park in the northern part of the City.

STAFF REPORT

Director Teixeira: The new public neighborhood park located at 1205 Coleman Avenue (Gateway Crossings) will need additional community input per Council, which falls within the Commission's Work Plan Goals. The public comment indicated a need to have more 3-dimensional features in the topography and design.

Deputy Director Seale: The Homeridge Park Playground Rehabilitation project, which has a nature theme is now complete and open to the community. Lawrence Station Area Plan parks is progressing with several park sites nearing completion. Creekside Park which has a spiral elevation in the Santa Clara Square area is now open. It is located across the street from Meadow Park. Raymond G. Gamma Dog park construction is still on schedule for opening in the spring. The Fairway Glen Park restroom schematic design, and the Magical Bridge All-inclusive Playground schematic design were both approved by Council. Montague Park Rehabilitation project will soon go out to bid. At Henry Schmidt Park one of the major pieces of the train playground had to be removed due to dry rot and structural concerns.

Recreation Manager Castro: Winter programming is underway with virtual programming with the exception of lap swimming. Warburton Park pool is back up and running. The City has completed over 100 days of service for the Senior Nutrition Commodity Point of Distribution (CPOD). The Salvation Army and Second Harvest collaboration CPOD completed week nine, serving an average of 200 families per week.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Carter-House: Visited Lick Mill Park and noticed mole damage in the open lawn area across from the tennis courts, and asked staff to check the area.

Commissioner Field: Visited Maywood Park and noticed many more people using the park, and fewer Canada geese. He also visited Reed & Grant Sports Park.

Commissioner Forte: Visited Machado Park and noticed wood blocks in the basketball hoops due to COVID-19 protocols. He also visited Bowers Park to work out and encouraged others to do the same.

Commissioner Gonzalez: Visited Henry Schmidt Park and often run along the park trail there. She likes the idea of having park loops and trails around parks which also gives parents and children maximum use of the park space. Commissioner Gonzalez also noticed a recent increase in shopping carts and personal items being left at the Geof Goodfellow Sesquicentennial Park.

Commissioner Guerra: Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and Central Park.

Commissioner Knaack: Attended the Virtual Holiday Tree Lighting and wanted to congratulate staff on a well produced video. He also visited Fremont Park, Larry J. Marsalli Park, Rotary Park, Civic Center, and Central Park. Commissioner Knaack noticed the good COVID-19 signage at parks, sanitizer stations, and observed patrons wearing face coverings while in city parks.

Chair Martinez: Visited Reed & Grant Sports Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guerra made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carter-House to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM until the next scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM on February 16, 2021.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Knaack, Chair Martinez, Commissioner Guerra, Commissioner Field, Vice Chair Forte, Commissioner Carter-House, and Commissioner Gonzalez

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