



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

08/17/2021

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 Forte called the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present 6 - Commissioner Andrew Knaack, Commissioner Joe Martinez, Commissioner Dana Caldwell, Vice Chair Burt Field, Commissioner Sajid Hai, and Chair Eversley Forte

Absent 1 - Commissioner Kelly Gonzalez

Commissioner Knaack made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to excuse Commissioner Gonzalez.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Caldwell, Vice Chair Field, Commissioner Hai, and Chair Forte

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Gonzalez

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A [21-1021](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the July 20, 2021 Meeting

Commissioner Hai made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Caldwell, Vice Chair Field, Commissioner Hai, and Chair Forte

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Gonzalez

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-1124](#) Recommend Nominee(s) for Consideration as the "Honorary Holiday Tree Lighter 2021" for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Recommendation: Recommend a nominee, or nominees to the Mayor for consideration as "Honorary Holiday Tree Lighter 2021."

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hai, to continue this item to the September 21, 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Caldwell, Vice Chair Field, Commissioner Hai, and Chair Forte

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Gonzalez

3. [21-1022](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY2021/22

Recommendation: Continue progress on Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY 2021/22 and appoint subcommittee(s) as needed.

The subcommittee for Work Plan Goal D will meet between September and October to meet onsite at the future 30+ acre community park site on an upcoming Thursday afternoon. Commissioners were encouraged to visit Westwood Oaks Park to become familiar with the layout of the park, as the next major rehabilitation project will be at this site and robust community outreach will be forthcoming.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale provided an update regarding park projects. Staff conducted the initial Westwood Oaks Park site visit with Gates + Associates team. Montague Park Rehabilitation Project is in the final phases of review before going out to bid. The Gazebo Project at City Plaza Park, and the Fairway Glen Restroom Project are both in the design phase. The Senior Center fitness area has new equipment and is open. Henry Schmidt Park's flooring is complete and programming have already started there. The Parks Division is actively addressing the impact of the drought by reducing irrigation usage by 15 - 20% and not irrigating any zones more than three times per week. The water fountain at Civic Center has already been turned off due to the drought. The Department has resumed Ulistac Natural Area monthly meetings while adhering to the master plan for the park.

Recreation Manager Castro provided an update regarding Celebrate Santa Clara, and requested Commissioners to volunteer for each of the developers' booths from 1 - 3:30 PM or 3:30 - 5 PM. The Gateway Crossing survey is closed, and the Freedom Circle survey will go live either Wednesday, August 18 or Thursday, August 19 and remain open for at least three weeks. Santa Clara Rotary will handle beer and wine sales, donating their proceeds to programs that impact Santa Clara youth. There will be 15 artists, a crafts the kids area, food vendors, and signage throughout the park recommending visitors to wear masks. The House Rockers will be the headliner entertainment at Celebrate Santa Clara. The Senior Center is open from 7 AM - 3 PM, indoor dining has already started, and no appointments necessary. Natatorium repairs are ongoing and will not be opening for a few months. The online Fall Activity Guide is out and registration is continuing at a brisk pace. Classes are starting on Monday, August 23. Youth Activity Center/Teen Center has about 75-80 kids participating in programs on a daily basis.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Forte: Visited Lick Mill Park.

Commissioner Caldwell: Visited City Plaza Park and the gazebo area, as well as Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park

Commissioner Hai: Visited Jenny Strand Park, played basketball there with a group of students, and passed by Westwood Oaks Park.

Commissioner Knaack: Visited Mission City Memorial Park (the Cemetery), Everett Alvarez Jr. Park, Thomas Barrett Park. Warburton Park, Eddie Souza Park, San Tomas Aquino Trail, Bowers Park, Bracher Park, Machado Park, Meadow Park, Lawrence Station Area Parks, Larry J. Marsalli Park, Fremont Park, Civic Center Park, and attended Sunset Cinema, and congratulated staff for the great turn out.

Commissioner Martinez: Visited Mission City Memorial Park, and Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park.

Vice Chair Field: Visited Youth Soccer Park for the blood drive. He noted the natural grass fields at Youth Soccer Park are in pristine condition.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Field, to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly held Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Caldwell, Vice Chair Field, Commissioner Hai, and Chair Forte

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Gonzalez

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