



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission

02/15/2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e) and City of Santa Clara Resolution 22-9051, the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will be held by teleconference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting; however, the City of Santa Clara continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely:

Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 913 1666 5755 or

Phone: (669) 900-6833

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Forte called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present 4 - Commissioner Joe Martinez, Commissioner Sajid Hai, Chair Eversley Forte, and Commissioner Kelly Gonzalez

Absent 3 - Commissioner Andrew Knaack, Commissioner Dana Caldwell, and Vice Chair Burt Field

A motion was made by Commissioner Hai, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to Excuse Commissioners Caldwell, Field, and Knaack.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Hai, Chair Forte, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Caldwell, and Vice Chair Field

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Consent Calendar.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Hai, Chair Forte, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Knaack, Commissioner Caldwell, and Vice Chair Field

- 1.A [22-174](#) Action on the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Vice Chair Field joined the meeting at 7:24 PM.

2. [22-807](#) Review a Draft Integrated Goose Management Plan (IGMP) for Central Park and Consider Recommendation to Council for Approval

Recommendation: Recommend that Council approve the Draft Integrated Goose Management Plan for Central Park and its implementation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Hai to recommend Council approval of the Integrated Goose Management Plan (IGMP) for Central Park.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Martinez, Vice Chair Field , Commissioner Hai, Chair Forte, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Knaack, and Commissioner Caldwell

3. [22-175](#) Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan Goals for FY2021/22

Recommendation: Report on Commission activities that support the Work Plan Goals for FY 2021/22 and appoint subcommittee(s) as needed.

Goal A:

1) Review park site and facility condition assessments and recommend priorities given existing and anticipated service levels and available resources. There are approximately \$100M to \$150M worth of aged infrastructure of various for park sites and buildings, and new residential development occurs, the City is engaged in the acquisition and development of new parkland and amenities, and rehabilitation/expansion of existing parks in order to continue to meet the City's current level of service of 2.6 to 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

Status as of 2/15/2022 Meeting: *For the upcoming continuation of the Council's Priority Setting Session on 3/1/2022, there are two initiatives that have been submitted for prioritization with additional community input; the International Swim Center and the Lawn Bowls. The Commission is advised to stay engaged beyond the Parks & Recreation Commission level with continued engagement at the Council and community level considering aged infrastructure, limited funding, the quantity of pending projects, and demand from the community.*

Goal B:

1) Review and elicit community input on the existing City parks' rehabilitation projects based on the currently approved/funded Capital Improvement Program Budget and schedule; and, 2) review residential developer proposed schematic designs for new neighborhood parks to serve new residential development.

Status as of 2/15/2022 Meeting: *B1. Report to Council for Westwood Oaks Park Playground Rehabilitation Project moving to Council for consideration at the 3/8/2022 meeting. B2. (1) New Park at 575 Benton, trees and shrubs are being selected (2) Gateway Crossing moving forth for March or April Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting*

Goal C:

1) Host and develop recommendations for improving the 40th annual Art & Wine Festival in September 2022; and, 2) participate in Citywide Special events.

Status as of 2/15/2022 Meeting: *C1. Subcommittee work was assigned at the January 2022 meeting for the Art & Wine Festival; Commissioners will have the opportunity to be assigned to the Park Projects booth during the Art & Wine Festival.*

Goal D:

1) Develop a community input process and stakeholders list for the proposed Community Park North; 2) Conduct community outreach and input process with City staff and consultant. Goal D is contingent upon the Related Project's application, phasing and contribution of \$500K for outreach, design and engineering.

Status as of 2/15/2022 Meeting: No update

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Director Seale provided the following updates: Montague Park Rehabilitation Project bid will be released in February; Fremont Park (adjacent to the Senior Center) - Parks Division will be replacing the rubberized surface in March; Parks staff continue work on park projects and maintenance at the International Swim Center (ISC), Warburton Park (fixing restrooms) and annual renovation of athletic fields.

Recreation Manager Castro provided the following updates: Planning for Summer Camp and spring programs - registration will open on March 8; City Hall News and Parks & Recreation News are great subscriptions to stay in the know; the City-School Liaison Committee Meeting will have agenda items for joint use facilities; Cost Recovery Strategy next month in relation to deficit and cost recovery; Come visit and tour the Youth Activity Center, Skate Park, Teen Center. Due to budget restrictions the Community Recreation Center, Youth Activity Center, Skate Park, and the Teen Center will be closed the week of February 21 and will re-open on February 28.

Director Teixeira mentioned the multi-decade lease for the Youth Activity Center, Skate Park, and Teen Center ends in May 2022. The City is in negotiations and collaboration with Santa Clara Unified School District regarding joint use facilities. As the end of the lease approaches it will be important for the Commission to be engaged and advised about these facilities. Stayed tuned for the Cost Recovery Policy Meeting in March. Do continue to invite neighbors and friends to the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. Mission City Memorial Park (Cemetery Division) has a new decorative perimeter fence along Winchester due to vandalism damage over the years. The Department is also considering ring type cameras to monitor the facility after hours.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Forte: Visited and worked out at Mary Gomez Park.

Commissioner Gonzalez: Contacted Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) regarding the off-leash dog activities at Henry Schmidt Park. They have good customer service and will follow up with patrols but she hasn't seen the activation of that service yet. She spoke with staff at Santa Clara Unified School District regarding field access at Buchser Middle School. She visited Reed & Grant Sports Park and will follow up with **Manager Castro** regarding rules/policy regarding field use at the facility.

Commissioner Hai: Visited Henry Schmidt Park and played soccer with kids, and visited Bowers Park.

Commissioner Martinez: Visited Bowers Park and Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park.

Vice Chair Field: Visited Reed & Grant and has some concerns about the exit gates closing at the facility and is in communication with staff on that issue. He noted that Maywood Park needs sand added to the playground.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Field, and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to adjourn until the next regular Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Martinez, Vice Chair Field , Commissioner Hai, Chair Forte, and Commissioner Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Knaack, and Commissioner Caldwell

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