

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 18, 2012**



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chuck Blair, Ray Gamma, Roseann Alderete LaCoursiere, Mike O'Halloran, Cynthia Owens, Tino Silva, Kevan Michael Walke.

STAFF PRESENT: James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation.

PUBLIC: Alice Pivacek, Frank Kadlecek.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION — None.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gamma at 7:00 p.m. (Commissioner Walke arrived at 7:10 p.m.) On a motion by Commissioner Blair and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission agreed (6-0-1) to take Public Presentations/Comments out of order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner Blair the Commission approved (6-0-1) the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2012.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Commissioners who attended the Mandatory AB1234 Ethics Training held Thursday September 13, 2012 in Council Chambers from 6:30-9:00 p.m. received copies of their certificates filed with the City Clerk's Office. Commissioners not in attendance at the training were reminded to take the online training available from the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website and to provide an original copy of the certificate to the City Clerk's Office.

B. The Commission reviewed recent Council actions.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Art & Wine Festival. The Commission provided comments and suggestions on various aspects of the festival, including:

- Publicity/entertainment—Invite The Joe Sharino Band to close the festival in 2013;
- Volunteer Training—Print copies of ground rules for booth volunteers, provide orientation of new volunteers before festival or at shift changes; provide laminated pricing sheets in booths;
- Parking—Direct larger vehicles to infield parking off turf;
- Beer/Wine Glasses—Increase quantity; order undated reserve glasses; check glass quality;
- Prices/Profit—Reconsider glass and token and bundle prices;
- Wine/Beer Quantity/Selection—Print wine description brochures for distribution at wine booths; increase wine quantity, consider new local vintners;
- Park—Consider alternatives to improve lake water quality;
- Support—Continue Commissioner "floater" position; increase number of booth volunteers per shift.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**— The Commission agreed to place an item on the October Commission meeting agenda to “discuss a potential park amenity donation list” that would help identify specific park needs such as bike racks, picnic tables, benches, trees, BBQ pits, playground apparatus or other items for community or individual funding.

VI. **STAFF REPORT**

A. Recreation Programs. Director Teixeira reminded Commissioners about the Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Wade Brummel Youth Sports Scholarship fund taking place at SCG&TC on September 21.

B. Parks Projects. The Parks Division has purchased and will be installing additional transfer lifts to assist with disabled persons access at the City pools in compliance with new ADA regulations.

VII. **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

Commissioner Blair—Thanked fellow Commissioners on a job well done at the Art & Wine Festival despite having four new commissioners, and stated that the non-profit food booths did well.

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on various items including: a visit to the Reed Street Dog Park; the sad news of the recent death of the first City of Santa Clara Police Activities League director; working at the August 24 SCPAL Golf Tournament; the good condition of Thamien Park; a review of the restricted parking along Stars & Stripes Drive adjacent to Youth Soccer Park; concern about the effects of the duck and geese population on the Central Park Lake; and, appreciation for the volunteers’ efforts at the Art & Wine Festival.

Commissioner LaCoursiere— Reported on volunteer efforts in support of the Art & Wine Festival.

Commissioner O’Halloran—Reported on the welcome efforts of the high school grad night committee volunteers working in his two wine booths for Art & Wine Festival; and, the upcoming national Day of Service that will include a volunteer based project by the South of Forest Neighborhood Association at Parkway Park coordinated with the Parks Division..

Commissioner Owens—Reported that the Santa Clara Swim Club, Dive Club and Aquamaids agreed to hire ELS Architects to provide a program study, schematic design and cost estimates for the potential renovation of the International Swim Center and need for future fund raising efforts. The joint project will take their contractor approximately three months and involve opportunities for user group, community and City input. Commissioner Owens reported that her Neighborhood Watch is hosting an event on Thursday September 27 at 6:30 p.m..

Commissioner Silva—Congratulated fellow Commissioners on a successful Art & Wine Festival and appreciation for Commissioner Blair’s support role as a “floater”. Commissioner Silva mentioned concern about the deterioration of soccer fields in Santa Clara particularly at the Curtis and Wilson school sites due to recent construction projects and increased adult play. Commissioner Silva expressed a desire for proactive consideration of alternative fields to alleviate stadium event day impacts to Youth Soccer Park.

Commissioner Walke—Reported working at a recent PAL Soccer tournament.

VIII. **CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS**—None.

IX. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS**— (Taken out of order)

A. A representative of the Vintage Softball Club of Santa Clara County requested that the Commission review the City’s Priority of Use Policy pertaining to Athletic Facilities and consider a change to allow non-resident sports groups (less than 51% Santa Clara residents on roster) permitted year round use of city fields and at a reduced cost than neighboring city fields. The proponent asserted that City softball fields are currently not being used during the day and that the City can increase its revenue if it made the

policy change. The matter was referred to staff for consideration and report back to the Commission at a later date.

B. A member of the public requested that the Commission consider making a recommendation to Council to keep the City's park restrooms open on City furlough days. Staff advised the Commission and resident about the purpose of unpaid staff furlough days in balancing the City's budget deficit and related considerations.

X. **ADJOURMENT**—On a motion by Commissioner Silva and second by Commissioner Blair, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for October 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:	_____	Reviewed by:	_____
	James Teixeira		Tino Silva
	Director of Parks and Recreation		Secretary