

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 18, 2013**



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

EXCUSED: Tino Silva.

STAFF PRESENT: James Teixeira, Director of Parks & Recreation; Dale Seale, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director; Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor; Wendy Talbert, RN.

PUBLIC: Oscar Bazarro, Diane Peters, Chandra Toscana.

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. On a motion by Commissioner O'Halloran and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission (6-0-1) approved the agenda and recommended an excused absence for Commissioner Silva. The new Deputy Director for Parks & Recreation, Dale Seale was introduced and welcomed to Santa Clara.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner O'Halloran, and second by Commissioner LaCoursiere, the Commission approved (5-0-2) the corrected minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2013 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2013.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission reviewed: recent Council actions of May 21 and June 11, 2013; and, a letter and invitation from the California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members to serve on the State association level representing northern California.

IV. OLD BUSINESS—A. Commissioners reviewed previous applicants for receipt of Art & Wine Festival proceeds including: Friends of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation; Santa Clara Police Activities League; Santa Clara Schools Foundation; Santa Clara High School Grad Night Committee; and Wilcox Grad Night Committee. The Commission also listened to a presentation by Wendy Talbert, R.N. representing the Santa Clara Senior Center Care Management/Health and Wellness Programs regarding the services provided including 1200 hours of care management per year, client statistics, and the financial need of the program due to recent grant reductions. On a motion by Commissioner LaCoursiere and second by Commissioner Blair, the Commission (6-0-1) recommended funding the six charities listed from Art & Wine Festival proceeds in 2013 and coordinating the recruitment of volunteers from each organization to staff the glass/ beer/wine sales booths.

B. Commissioners confirmed their assignments: Commissioner Gamma—Beer/Glass Booth (ISC); Commissioner Blair—Wine/Glass Support (Rover); Commissioner LaCoursiere—Wine/Beer (Pavilion); Commissioner Owens—Glass/Wine/Beer (CRC Bridge); Commissioner Walke—Glass (Pavilion); Commissioner O’Halloran Wine (ISC). Assignment for Commissioners Silva and new Commissioner will be made at the July Commission meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS—None.

VI. STAFF REPORT—A. Director Teixeira reviewed park projects underway, including Agnew Park Basketball Court & Restroom; research into options for Youth Soccer Park during stadium event impacts. f. B. Recreation programs were also summarized, including an increase in summer enrollment of about 7% with summer camps beginning. C. Special Event preparations are underway for the Silicon Valley BBQ Championships & All City Picnic; and, the July Forth Fireworks Extravaganza. D. Staff met with Silicon Valley Aquatics Initiative related to a proposal by a group favoring bringing the International Swimming Hall of Fame to Santa Clara. E. Research is underway into adoption of a development impact fee to address impacts of development on the existing park system as contemplated in the General Plan.

The Director also extended a thanks to Commissioner Owens for her years of service on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

VII. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Blair—Reported on the continuing issue of cricket matches held at Henry Schmidt Park which has inadequate size to safely play the game without impacting other park users.

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on visits to the Dog Park, the annual Portuguese Festival & Parade; attendance at Memorial Day ceremonies including Veterans Memorial in Central Park; and volunteer work at Kelley Park in San Jose.

Commissioner LaCoursiere—Reported on attendance at the Harris-Lass House Tea, and other volunteer work.

Commissioner O’Halloran—Reported on attendance at the “Concerts in the Park” series at Central Park.

Commissioner Owens—Reported on initiatives to fund the renovation of the International Swim Center and positive press on NBC. Commissioner Owens thanked the Commission and the Parks & Recreation Department for support and collaboration efforts over the past four years of service.

Commissioner Silva—No report.

Commissioner Walke—Inquired about the tennis courts at Buchser Middle School and the maintenance of Washington Ball field and Townsend Field.

VIII. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS—Mr. Bazurto, resident of Miles Drive provided background to a neighborhood request to be involved in future meetings of the Parks & Recreation Commission related to the proposed public park to be developed and dedicated to the City at a future date. The neighborhood concerns include safety, impacts to the adjacent neighborhood, maintenance, public right-of-way and parking in the cul-de-sac.

X. ADJOURNMENT—On a motion by Commissioner Walke and second by Commissioner Owens, the Commission adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled on July 16, 2013, in the City Hall Staff Conference Room.

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