



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kesting called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kesting led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair David Kesting
Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Prashant Gattani
Commissioner Prakash Giri

Council Liaison Cisneros (absent)

Vice Mayor Sell (present)

STUDY SESSION

A [25-0768](#) Recognition of Service

Vice Mayor Sell thanked the commissioners for their service, and Chair Kesting who will continue serving for a second term.

B [25-0690](#) Parks and Recreation Month

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, presented on Parks and Recreation Month. Highlights included: parks projects, renovations, public art, recreation scholarships and events.

C [25-0691](#) Capital Improvement Projects Update

Jim Stark, Superintendent of Golf and Parks, provided a Capital Project Update. Highlights included: active projects, playground and equipment replacement, and the community center renovation.

Commissioners asked about the park dedication fund, the status of the original sign from the Corn Palace, the Lakewood park construction plan, and the Fremont pool contract.

Susan, a member of the public, addressed the Commission to express her concerns regarding the synthetic surfacing installed at one of the recently renovated playgrounds.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Damon, a member of the public, shared that he and his family attended the 4th of July Festival in downtown Sunnyvale, describing it as enjoyable and noting that it provided a unique experience. Additionally, Damon suggested that while the smaller neighborhood parks do not provide all the amenities of larger community parks, such as restrooms, it would be beneficial for them to offer limited multi-sport opportunities, such as small basketball courts for local residents to use.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Bremond moved and Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kesting
Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Bremond

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Gattani
Commissioner Giri

- 1 [25-0693](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of April 9, 2025, as submitted.

- 2 [25-0692](#) Approve the Special Joint Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025

Approve the Special Joint Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission Minutes of May 21, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3 [25-0689](#) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners discussed and nominated David Kesting as Chair, and Dona Mason as Vice Chair.

Staff conducted a roll call vote. David Kesting was voted as Chair and Dona Mason as Vice Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kesting
 Vice Chair Mason
 Commissioner Bremond

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Gattani
 Commissioner Giri

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**4 [25-0694](#) Policy to Limit Artificial Turf Use in Sunnyvale While Retaining Field Turf for High-Use Athletic Fields**

Chair Kesting presented on his potential study issue - a policy to limit artificial turf use in Sunnyvale while retaining field.

Commissioners and staff discussed the potential study issue.

Chair Kesting opened public comment on this item at 8:01 p.m.

Susan voiced her concern regarding the environmental impact of artificial turf and distributed notes on a sand-capped field located in Tiburon, California, to staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and members of the public in attendance.

Andrea voiced her concern regarding the impact of artificial turf on the environment.

Gale spoke in support of using artificial turf only on high-use fields.

Damon spoke about the need for more accessible playing fields, and suggested considering alignment with safe and accessible design principles.

Manny spoke about the advancements in artificial turf, noting that some modern options are now recyclable and made with safer materials. He also distributed a

booklet that included a draft of the OEHHA Synthetic Turf Study released in March 2025.

Sandra remarked on the need to differentiate between cosmetic turf and functional turf.

Bruce suggested establishing a process to assess and record the current condition of playing fields and to define clear performance standards.

Anne Marie raised concerns about the environmental impact of plastic, pointing out that a significant amount of recyclable plastic does not actually get recycled.

Chair Kesting closed public comment on this item at 8:29 p.m.

Commissioners did a random voice vote. The study issue was sponsored by a 3-0 vote.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Kesting thanked staff for the tour at Las Palmas park.

-Staff Comments

Jesus announced that the Sunset Movie series will begin on August 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.