



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kesting led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair David Kesting
Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prashant Gattani
Commissioner Prakash Giri

Commissioner Gattani joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
Council Liaison Sell was present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vera, Asha, and Ellie from Girl Scouts Troop 62981 presented a video and information as part of a Take Action project encouraging the public not to feed ducks and geese, describing impacts to wildlife (including "angel wing") and suggesting community education efforts such as signage.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding project selection and why Los Palmas Park was chosen.

Chair Kesting noted the City is undertaking a renovation effort at Los Palmas Park and that public feedback opportunities are available.

Henry stated that, in his view, distinguishing resident and non-resident demand is important when evaluating use of City resources. He referenced prior public

comment related to the Outdoor Sports Assessment Study and expressed concern that a prior commenter may not have been a Sunnyvale resident and that such public comment could influence perceptions of demand.

He further stated that while non-resident participation is not inherently an issue, resource allocation and cost recovery should account for resident and non-resident demand.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment opened at 7:17 p.m.

Henry commented on the draft minutes (November 12, 2025) and requested additional detail be included to reflect substantive discussion on multiple agenda items, including discussion of site-specific considerations, work plan development topics, and the commission's discussion regarding approaches to collecting park usage data.

Henry stated that it is within the commission's authority to direct revisions to the minutes.

Public comment closed at 7:24 p.m.

Commissioner Giri moved and Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Commission discussion included comments that audio/video recordings and captions are available for reference, and that minutes may not capture all discussion.

Chair Kesting stated he would vote against the motion, expressing the view that minutes should better reflect commission discussion.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Gattani
Commissioner Giri

No: 1 - Chair Kesting

- 1 [26-0177](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of November 12, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

Chair Kesting introduced the item and staff presented the 2026 Annual Work Plan, including items listed as “yet to be scheduled.”

Public Comment opened at 7:29 p.m.

Henry commented on sequencing and evaluation of sports programming and recommended separating evaluation of tennis and pickle ball demand. He also commented on cricket venue considerations and recommended evaluating cricket in an appropriate sports complex context.

Henry suggested the Commission consider dedicating time toward the end of the calendar year for refinement of the following year’s work plan with opportunity for public input. He also commented on the importance of considering informal/passive uses in parks.

Public Comment closed at 7:33 p.m.

Jesus Raygoza, Deputy Director of Recreation Services, clarified that the June item labeled “Tennis and Pickle Ball Report” was intended to be a report from Lifetime on usage at the Lifetime facility, not a discussion of demand or implementation of new courts.

Jesus also confirmed items may be moved or added during the year, but not removed once included in the work plan.

The commission discussed annual reports being scheduled later in the year when data is available. The commission also discussed the inclusion of Active Aging Week, a senior program, as part of other reporting.

Council Liaison Sell commented on the breadth of the work plan and expressed appreciation for the commission’s work and discussion supporting Council consideration.

Chair Kesting moved and Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion to approve the 2026 Master Work Plan.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Kesting
Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Gattani
Commissioner Giri

No: 0

2 [26-0178](#) Approve the 2026 Master Work Plan

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Kesting reported attending the Las Palmas pop-up event and stated it was well attended and provided an opportunity for public engagement.

Chair Kesting also referenced comments raised by the public regarding community input and the importance of prioritizing service to Sunnyvale residents while acknowledging some needs from outside the City.

-Staff Comments

Jesus announced the City's recreation registration system is transitioning from VSI to ActiveNet, and Phase 1 would open January 26 to allow account creation, and camp registration would begin February 9.

Jesus also reported the prior system experienced bot attacks resulting in fraudulent account creation and registrations; staff stated there was no security breach or loss of personal information.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.