



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

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Wednesday, January 14, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive  
Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Alexander led the salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chair Henry Alexander III  
Vice Chair Craig Pasqua  
Commissioner Ralph Kenton  
Commissioner Robert Pochowski  
Commissioner Andrea Schneck

Council Liaison Vice Mayor Martin-Milius (Present)

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1 A**     [14-0086](#)     Draft Minutes of the 11/12/14 Parks and Recreation  
Commission Meeting

Commissioner Kenton moved and Commissioner Pochowski seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of 11/12/14. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Kenton  
Commissioner Pochowski  
Commissioner Schneck

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 2 - Chair Alexander III  
Vice Chair Pasqua

Chair Alexander and Vice Chair Pasqua abstained as they were not present at the last meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sandra Todd, the new President of the Sunnyvale Alliance Soccer Club, introduced herself and provided information about the club's recreation and competitive programs. The club has a special use agreement with the City. She detailed their financial aide program, player statistics, hours of field usage, and seasons of play. She can be contacted via [sunnyvalesoccerclub.org](http://sunnyvalesoccerclub.org). She answered Commissioner Kenton's questions regarding the Club's collaboration with AYSO and her experience with field permits.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2      [14-0093](#)      Annual review of Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials

Superintendent Wax reviewed the 2014 Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials with the Commissioners. Commissioner Kenton inquired if there were any changes since the prior year, Commissioner Pasqua stated he believe the Ethics and Conduct of the Commission is exemplary. The Commissioners had nothing to add to the document. Commissioner Pochowski moved and Commissioner Kenton seconded the motion to approve the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. There were no public comments. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 -    Chair Alexander III  
                 Vice Chair Pasqua  
                 Commissioner Kenton  
                 Commissioner Pochowski  
                 Commissioner Schneck

**No:** 0

- 3      [14-0815](#)      Review of 2015 Work Plan

Superintendent Wax presented the draft work plan which will be finalized and approved in February. Any study issues approved in the City Council Study Issue Workshop will be added to the work plan by staff. He identified events during the year which commissioners can choose to participate in. In response to Commissioner Schneck's question, Superintendent Morton suggested items to include on the work plan. Commissioner Kenton stated he liked the topic "how to

be a more effective Commission." Commissioner Pasqua requested to add "Propose Study Issues" to the August meeting. Chair Alexander challenged the Commissioners to bring ideas to the next meeting so that the Parks and Recreation Commission can make a positive impact during the coming year.

Chair Alexander opened the public hearing. There were no comments and he closed the public hearing.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Chair Alexander requested an update on the status of the Peterson Open Space Agreement. Superintendent Morton shared that the City and the School District are in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss it.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Superintendent Morton announced the contract for Orchard Gardens Park expansion project construction was awarded to Robert A. Bothman, Inc. He provided details about a new study issue to move the Butcher House to Orchard Heritage Park and how it differs from the Study Issue last year. He explained that the Department of Public Works will be conducting an RFP for a new golf course restaurant vendor and that the restaurant is currently closed. He updated the Commission on the Urban Management Plan progress and that Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA), a new volunteer group, is doing outreach to plant trees at eligible houses and is planning activities for Arbor Day on March 7th. Commissioner Kenton inquired about the status of recreational use and park enhancements at the landfill. Superintendent Morton stated that Council had requested a Report on Biological Constraints and Opportunities to address habitat mitigation questions at the landfill and at Baylands Park as a precursor to making any park enhancements. Additionally a Study Issue on Burrowing Owls Habitat Management that was pending funding is being completed at the same time. A report addressing both items will be presented to the Commission and Council.

Superintendent Wax announced the Teen Advisor Committee blood drive on January 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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