



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

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Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Council Liaison Srinivasan (present)

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Kesting moved and Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion to Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of December 11, 2024 as submitted.

The motion carries by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

- 1      [25-0059](#)      Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024.

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of December 11, 2024 as submitted.

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

**2**      [25-0052](#)      Discussion and Recommendation to City Council to Name the New City Park at 1142 Dahlia Court (Corn Palace)

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, presented on the Discussion and Recommendation to City Council to Name the New City Park at 1142 Dahlia Court (Corn Palace). Highlights included: project background, site history, site plan, Council Policy 7.3.23, naming criteria, park naming suggestions, and alternatives.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Was any outreach conducted to get input from the public in the neighborhood? No, the naming suggestions followed the policy based criteria.

Does anyone have the sign from the Corn Palace? Unsure, however the family that owned Corn Palace might still have the sign.

Chair Kesting commented that it would be good to try and use the original Corn Palace sign at the new park at 1142 Dahlia Court.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed, that the name of the new city park at 1142 Dahlia Court should be "Corn Palace Park," due to the history of the location.

The motion carried the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**3**      [25-0062](#)      Rank 2025 Study Issues

Jim Stark, Superintendent of Golf and Parks, and Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, spoke briefly about each study issue.

Commissioners collectively discussed the study issues, and all agreed that since some of the study issues were already being covered in other study issues that are currently under way, in order to streamline the process, they recommend to Council to drop or defer the following study issues:

DPW 20-03

DPW 22-08

DPW 23-07  
DPW 25-07  
ESD 2202  
LRS 25-01 (defer)

Commissioner Giri and Vice Chair Mason did not agree to drop study issue DPW 25-07, but Commissioner Gattani, Commissioner Bremond, and Chair Kesting voted to drop the study issue 3-2.

Staff conducted a random voice vote. See the study issue ranking below:

1. DPW 25-06 Assessment of Underutilized City-Owned Real Estate Parcels for Short or Long-term Use
2. DPW 24-04 Evaluate Late Night Lights at Public Parks

Commissioner Giri moved and Vice Chair Mason seconded the motion to approve ranking of the two study issues that the Parks and Recreation Commission will recommend to Council to keep.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Chair Kesting noted that its great to see that there is work being done at Washington Park, and is excited to see the updates.

Commissioner Gattani wanted to note that the stone benches that inhabit Ponderosa Park are uncomfortable to sit on and a possible study issue to explore in the future.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, announced that there will be a Job Fair March 4, 2025 at the Community Center. Additionally, the renovations on the Community Center grounds are underway.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

- 4      [25-0063](#)      Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues,  
Calendar Year: 2026

Standing Item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.