



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, April 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair David Kesting
Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prakash Giri
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Prashant Gattani

Commissioner Gattani (Excused Absence)

Council Liaison Srinivasan (present)

STUDY SESSION

A [25-0527](#) Field/Facility Usage Report

Tracey Gott, Recreation Services Manager, provided a presentation on Recreation Services Division Facilities and Field Update. Highlights included: facility and field reservations, park buildings, picnics, community center, theater, CNC and ISC programs, CNC gymnastics, indoor sports center, field rentals, and non-lighted and lighted field use.

Commissioners asked if there are any subsidies for families that can't afford the field rentals, what the different rates are, why is usage low at the Raynor park building, what percentage of the city revenue is from park rentals, do any reservation requests get rejected?

Chair Kesting provided some statistics on field rentals.

Unmesh, a member of the public, joined online and offered a suggestion for outdoor workout equipment to be installed at the parks.

B [25-0535](#) Pickleball Update

Tracey Gott, provided a presentation on pickleball. Highlights included: current offerings, comparison to other cities, the outdoor sports assessment, and next steps.

Commissioners asked why Serra park was not included in the recommendation of the sports assessment study, and are the rankings for park locations recommended for pickle ball courts included in the study?

Emilie and Constance, in person members of the public, provided a public comment presentation on Input from the Sunnyvale pickleball community for free pickleball, to convert two tennis courts at Serra park to pickleball courts.

Andy, Promod, Audrey, Natalie, Duong, and Ed, expressed support for pickleball due to its accessibility, and the social aspects of it.

Henry, expressed some noise concerns with pickleball courts when they have close proximity to houses, and the fairness aspect if tennis courts were converted to pickleball courts.

Susan, a member of the public who joined online, expressed support for converting some tennis ball courts to pickleball courts at Serra park as a pilot.

Sunika expressed support for more pickleball courts in Sunnyvale, but asked if it is possible to see data on the parking utilization.

C [25-0528](#) PRC Purview and Study Issue/Budget Process

D [25-0534](#) Study Issues Update

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, provided a presentation on the PRC Purview and Study/Budget Issue Process. Highlights included: Council policy statement, board and commission bylaws, workplan example, study/budget issue process and timeline, study issue proposal, budget proposal form, and a study issue update.

Chair Kesting asked is it faster to ask for a study issue or a budget proposal?

E [25-0529](#) Park Tour Discussion

Jim Stark, discussed with the commission the possibility of having a public meeting as a tour at Las Palmas park before a regular commission meeting. Staff will come back with a proposed schedule of park tours to the commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 [25-0530](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Minutes of February 12, 2025

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

Commissioner Bremond moved and Chair Kesting seconded the motion to Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gattani

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Kesting made an announcement that the deadline to apply for a board or commission is April 24, 2025.

-Staff Comments

Jim Stark, Superintendent of Park and Golf, announced that there will be a virtual public outreach meeting regarding the renovations at Las Palmas park on April 17, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Jesus Raygoza, announced that the Hands on the Arts event is on May 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Additionally, the Charter Review is underway, and the parks and recreation commission will be notified if any portions of the charter are to be reviewed that fall under the parks and recreation commission purview. If there is anything you want council to consider, you can email charterreview@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.