



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, November 12, 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 let the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Giri (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

Commissioner Gattani (excused absence)

Council Liaison Cisneros (absent)

STUDY SESSION

A 25-1048 Sports 2025

Veronica Torrez, Interim Recreation Services Manager; Gary Brown, Recreation Services Coordinator II; and Viresh Patel, Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League Director, presented an update on the recreation services 2025 sports programs.

Their presentation highlighted current sports offerings, classes, camps, adult sports leagues, and provided an update on the outdoor sports assessment. Additionally, Veronica announced that the Outdoor Sports Assessment Study is ready for the next steps, which include updating the City's website and conducting community outreach regarding pickle ball striping on select tennis courts. This outreach will help determine which parks will receive the striping.

The commissioners asked why many instructors are contractors rather than City employees, whether scholarships are available and how staff determines eligibility, how staff decides which programs to offer, and whether staff has considered rotating badminton and basketball at the Indoor Sports Center.

Staff responded that many of the programs—such as sailing—are specialty sports and therefore require specialized contractors. Scholarship eligibility is based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development income statistics. Staff determines programming by reviewing enrollment numbers, survey results, and overall demand. At this time, demand for basketball has not been sufficient. Staff also noted that the Columbia Neighborhood Center offers indoor drop-in basketball, but participation has historically been low.

The commissioners and staff engaged in more detailed discussion about the Outdoor Sports Assessment.

B [25-1049](#) Aquatics 2025

Kelsey Christian, Recreation Services Coordinator II, presented an update on the recreation services 2025 aquatics programs. The presentation highlighted staffing, conferences and education, partnerships, staff trainings, aquatics programs, and program scheduling.

The commissioners asked about wait times for the Washington Park pool, if there is a way staff could allow more patrons in the popular pools over the summer, and if the City can operate recreation swim at other pools in Sunnyvale.

Staff responded that the number of patrons in line for Washington Pool during recreation swim depends on the weather, and the amount of patrons allowed on deck depends on the required lifeguard-to-patron ratio. To increase capacity, additional lifeguards would need to be staffed. Staff also noted that Fremont Pool is primarily focused on swim lesson programming. However, staff is always willing to explore whether operating recreation swim at other pools would be feasible.

C [25-1065](#) Youth and Teens 2025

Carmen Villegas, Recreation Services Manager, presented an update on the recreation services 2025 youth and teens programs. Highlights included a summer program overview, 2024–25 school-year programs, the Columbia Neighborhood Center, teen programming, and recruitment and expansion efforts.

The commissioners asked how staff determines which programs to offer. Staff responded that programming decisions are based on trial and error, allowing staff to identify which programs perform well and respond to community interest and participation trends.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Bremond moved and Chair Kesting seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gattani

1 [25-1051](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of October 8, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [25-0836](#) Approve the 2026 Master Work Plan

The commission discussed additional items to add to the 2026 Parks and Recreation Master Work Plan. The commission pushed the approval of the 2026 Master Work Plan to the next meeting, taking place on December 10, 2025.

3 [25-1050](#) Discussion and Possible Recommendation of one Council Priority Project Idea to City Council

Commissioners discussed several potential Council priorities to recommend, including the comprehensive collection of field and park usage data, establishing a policy to limit synthetic turf use in Sunnyvale parks to high-use athletic fields, and

evaluating opportunities to expand City-funded and City-facilitated cultural events in parks and facilities.

The Commission voted to recommend the comprehensive collection of field and park usage data as their sole suggestion for a Council priority project.

The motion carried with 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

Commissioner Giri asked if there would be an ice rink this year in downtown. Staff did not have an update on an ice rink downtown.

-Staff Comments

Jesus Raygoza, Deputy Director of Recreation Services, announced that a new vehicle has been secured for the Fun on the Run program. He also noted that Recreation Services may collaborate with the Arts Commission on an art wrap for the vehicle.

Jim Stark, Deputy Director of Parks and Golf, encouraged the commission to attend an upcoming Las Palmas Park outreach meeting. He also confirmed that ESD 24-01: Evaluate the Use of Artificial Turf versus Living Ground Covers will come to the Parks and Recreation Commission with an update once the study issue is further along.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.