



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

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Wednesday, February 12, 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 7:01 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)

### **STUDY SESSION**

#### **A      [25-0297](#)      Recreation Scholarship Report**

Michele-Bridget Ragsdale, Recreation Services Manager of Admin, Marketing, and Events, provided a presentation on the Recreation Scholarship Program. Highlights included: 2024 income eligibility, recreation scholarship outreach, statistics, participation program overview, and program cycle ages.

Commissioners asked what the average amount of scholarship funds used per family was during the fiscal year 2024-2025, why the numbers for teen participation is lower than other age groups, and is there a way to leverage the pools of local high schools?

#### **B      [25-0298](#)      Special Events Report**

Michele-Bridget Ragsdale, also provided a presentation on Special Events. Highlights included: special event highlights, partnerships, and a special event permit overview.

Commissioners asked if staff does outreach at private, local high schools, can people advertise their special events on city sites, and what is the threshold that triggers a special event permit requirement?

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1      [25-0313](#)      Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025

Commissioner Bremond moved and Commissioner Giri seconded the motion to Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025.

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**

Staff went over their recommendation to the proposed study issues with the commission.

- 2      [25-0314](#)      Implementation of California Assembly Bill 43 to Lower Speed Limits Adjacent to Parks in Sunnyvale

Chair Kesting proposed that the study issue would assess the feasibility of implementing reduced speed limits around parks in order to mitigate risks to pedestrians and cyclists.

Jim Stark, Superintendent of Golf and Parks, explained staff recommendation is not to sponsor because the specialty is within traffic engineering. Process to move the study issue forward, is to present to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee or discuss with a City Council Member to see if they would like to sponsor.

- 3      [25-0315](#)      Temporary Use Ice Skating Rink in Downtown Park

Chair Kesting explained that the study issue would explore converting a portion of a park near downtown into a temporary ice skate rink.

Jesus Raygoza, Superintendent of Recreation Services, explains that staff recommendation is not to sponsor, because there is a developmental agreement between the city and CityLine developer that requires CityLine to operate an ice rink or other activity for three winters.

**4      [25-0316](#)      Street Trees for Improved Traffic Safety**

Chair Kesting explained that the city should explore utilizing street tree planting as a strategy to enhance traffic safety.

Jim Stark explained that staff recommendation is not to sponsor, because it does not fall in Parks and Recreation's purview, but it does fall in the purview of traffic and engineering.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Giri announced that there is a new Charter Review Committee, and suggests that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the section of the charter pertaining to parks. Staff will help provide that section of the charter for commissioners to review. Staff will find an open slot for review in the current parks and recreation work plan.

Additionally, Commissioner Giri announced that he recommends the commission hold an open public meeting where they could tour parks that have capital improvement projects scheduled.

Chair Kesting inquired about the location of the original Corn Palace sign, and announced that the County of Santa Clara held an open meeting about banning field turf on county property, but was unable to get it to pass.

**-Staff Comments**

Jim Stark, announced that the construction of the Corn Palace Park is underway, there is a study issue in the works regarding the Orchard Heritage park, with a focus on figuring out what the orchard will be in the future, Las Palmas Park design work has begun but no dates for public outreach have been decided yet, and he encouraged commissioners to visit parks and fields.

Jesus Raygoza announced that the Job Fair is March 4, 2025, at the Recreation center from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in a summer job, they could potentially go through the process and get a job offer that same night. Additionally, there will be a child resource fair on Wednesday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Sunnyvale Public Library. At this event, families have a chance to meet the staff, programs, and child care centers around Sunnyvale.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

- 5      [25-0360](#)      Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues,  
Calendar Year: 2026

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.