



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pasqua called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Pasqua led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Craig Pasqua
Vice Chair Ralph Kenton
Chair Henry Alexander III
Commissioner Robert Pochowski
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Omar Din

Commissioner Din's absence is excused.
Council Liaison Davis (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [16-0724](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Minutes of June 8, 2016

Commissioner Alexander III moved, and Vice Chair Kenton seconded the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of June 8, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Pochowski abstained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Pasqua
Vice Chair Kenton
Chair Alexander III

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Din

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [16-0725](#) Update on California Theatre Center Agreement

Superintendent Wax noted that at their June 14 meeting, Council approved the agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and California Theatre Center (CTC) for the period September 26, 2016 through May 31, 2017. The agreement allows a special rate of \$74,130 to CTC for use of City Facilities. Superintendent Wax provided the Commission with an overview of the Report to Council regarding the CTC Agreement. CTC has been a long time renter of City facilities and offers a wide array of community theater programs including their School and Family Series. Approximately 33,000 students have participated in these programs.

Commissioners expressed their concerns that the agreement was presented to Council without feedback from the Commission and inquired why the agreement is for a one year term. Superintendent Wax indicated that the agreement was not presented to the Commission due to time constraints and in the future the Commission will be provided an opportunity to review agreements within their purview. CTC specifically requested a one year agreement to allow them the flexibility to evaluate their programs and services on an annual basis.

3 [16-0726](#) Review of Report to Council "Sister City Relationship"

Sr. Management Analyst Yvette Blackford provided the Commission with a brief overview of the Report to Council regarding the development of a Sister City Relationship. She noted that at their June 21 meeting, Council approved establishing a Sister City Relationship/Agreement with the City of Izuka, Japan; funding of up to \$10,000 towards increased engagement; and authorized membership in Sister Cities International. She also noted that Council directed staff to inform the Parks and Recreation and Arts Commission of the new relationship and request their support of future initiatives regarding the relationship.

Commissioners provided suggestions on how to pursue the relationship during this initial year:

- develop a scholarship program which would help subsidize travel costs for exchange students
- live stream/recorded video of groundbreaking ceremony of Braly Park project

Staff answered Commissioner's questions. Each year for the past three years, two to five dignitaries have traveled to Sunnyvale from Iizuka and approximately 7-10 middle school aged children have participated in the exchange program. Staff will follow up regarding the Iizuka government structure in an attempt to identify the Parks and Recreation Commission constituent.

4 [16-0727](#) Election of Officers

Nominations were opened for Chair to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Alexander III nominated Vice Chair Kenton who declined the nomination. Commissioner Pochowski nominated Commissioner Alexander III who accepted the nomination. Commissioner Alexander III nominated Chair Pasqua who declined the nomination. Commissioner Alexander III nominated Commissioner Pochowski who declined the nomination. No further nominations were presented.

Vote on nomination for Chair:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Pasqua
Vice Chair Kenton
Chair Alexander III
Commissioner Pochowski

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Din

Commissioner Alexander III noted that during his term as Chair he would like to focus on community outreach and exposure for the Commission.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Pochowski nominated Vice Chair Kenton who accepted the nomination. Chair Pasqua nominated Commissioner Pochowski who declined the nomination. No further nominations were presented.

Vote on nomination for Vice Chair:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Pasqua
Vice Chair Kenton
Chair Alexander III
Commissioner Pochowski

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Din

Vice Chair Kenton noted he enjoys working with fellow Commissioners and looks forward to the coming year.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Kenton congratulated City staff for their work with the State of the City event. The event was successful, fun and an overall great event.

Gratitude for this past year's work on the Commission was shared amongst Commissioners.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Wax noted the following:

- The State of the City event was held on Saturday, July 9 at the Civic Center and was a great success with a larger turnout compared to prior years.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month. This year's theme, "When Our Powers Combine, We Change Lives", features The Park and Rec Brigade. The Brigade will make appearances throughout the month at numerous events. Handout provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pasqua adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.