



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kesting led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison Sell (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Peggy Q., a Las Palmas Park neighbor, expressed concerns about proposed park improvements, including a cricket pitch, field lighting, and pickleball/tennis courts. She questioned the outreach process and urged the City to preserve the park as an open, neighborhood green space.

Emmanuel G., a Las Palmas Park neighbor, expressed concerns about proposed park improvements, including a cricket pitch, fencing, and field lighting. He cited potential impacts on neighborhood access, traffic, and quality of life, and requested additional community outreach and a new survey process.

Daryl J. expressed concerns that proposed fencing and field improvements at Las Palmas Park would reduce the park's open, multi-use character and urged the City to preserve it as a flexible community space.

Brian L. opposed converting the Fair Oaks Park basketball courts to pickle ball courts, citing their heavy use and importance to the basketball community.

Steven B. opposed converting the Fair Oaks Park basketball courts to pickle ball courts and suggested exploring alternatives that would preserve basketball court access.

Peter Z. opposed converting the Fair Oaks Park basketball courts to pickle ball courts and supported preserving a variety of recreational opportunities at the park.

Ronnie F., representing the Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance, expressed concerns that proposed netting and field lighting at Las Palmas Park could adversely affect local wildlife and habitat.

Tiffany Y. opposed converting the Fair Oaks Park basketball courts to pickle ball courts, citing their importance to the local basketball community.

Rahul supported adding a cricket pitch at Las Palmas Park, citing the community's need for additional cricket facilities.

John, speaking on behalf of the Fair Oaks Park basketball community, opposed converting basketball courts to pickleball courts, citing their heavy use by the basketball community.

Devashish supported adding a cricket pitch in Sunnyvale, citing limited existing facilities and growing community interest in the sport.

Aditi, also supported adding a cricket pitch in Sunnyvale, citing limited local facilities and growing demand for youth cricket opportunities.

Rocky, opposed converting the Fair Oaks Park basketball courts to pickle ball courts and supported preserving the existing courts.

Andrew, supported preserving Las Palmas Park as an open, multi-use community space and opposed adding a cricket pitch, lighting, and netting.

Greesan, expressed concern that a cricket pitch at Las Palmas Park could displace existing volleyball activities.

Gopal, supported expanding sports opportunities in Sunnyvale, including consideration of a cricket pitch.

Ujwala, opposed adding a cricket pitch, netting, and lighting at Las Palmas Park, citing potential neighborhood impacts.

Lucy, supported preserving Las Palmas Park as an open, multi-use community space and expressed concerns about proposed sports-related improvements.

Jehaan, supported preserving Las Palmas Park as an open, multi-use space and urged consideration of impacts on existing users.

William, expressed concern that a cricket pitch at Las Palmas Park could displace volleyball users and reduce the park's flexibility

Brighton, opposed installing a dedicated cricket pitch at Las Palmas Park and supported preserving the park's open, multi-use character.

Chair Kesting paused Oral Communications to consider agenda item 24-0438 Fields and Facilities Usage.

STUDY SESSION

A [26-0438](#) Fields and Facilities Usage

Carmen Villegas, Tracey Gott, and Veronica Torrez, Recreation Services Managers, provided a presentation on Field and Facilities Usage. Highlights included: park building reservations, picnic area reservations, and Senior Center, Community Center, Indoor Sports Center, and gymnasium usage, as well as athletic field reservations and allocations.

Public Comment opened at 8:09 p.m.

Courtney J., commented on field utilization, expressing concern that existing grass fields may not be fully utilized and suggesting additional evaluation before expanding synthetic turf facilities.

Public Comment closed at 8:12 p.m.

Following the staff presentation, Oral Communications resumed.

Ani, encouraged the Commission to use objective criteria when evaluating park improvements.

Luciene, supported preserving Las Palmas Park as a green, multi-use community space and expressed concerns about the public outreach process.

Diana, supported preserving Las Palmas Park as an open space for recreation, relaxation, and family activities.

Shweta, supported preserving Las Palmas Park's current character and opposed expanding sports facilities at the park.

Tien, supported maintaining Las Palmas Park as a shared-use community space and expressed concerns about the planning process.

Connie, expressed concerns about the Las Palmas Park survey process and the accuracy of community input.

Amber, opposed a dedicated cricket facility at Las Palmas Park and supported preserving the park's multi-use character.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [26-0437](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026

The draft minutes from the March 11, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were listed incorrectly as April 8, 2026 so the approval of the minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

Public Comment opened at 8:51 p.m.

Henry S., requested revisions to the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes to more accurately reflect his comments regarding the Lifetime Tennis and Pickle Ball report.

Public Comment closed at 8:54 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Geary, requested additional information regarding the Las Palmas Park survey process and participation.

-Staff Comments

Jesus Raygoza, Deputy Director of Recreation Services, reported the Community Center Grounds improvements are nearing completion.

Councilmember Sell announced Earth Day activities were scheduled for the upcoming weekend, weather permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.