



City of Sunnyvale

Notice and Agenda Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room (Room
145), City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Meeting online link: <https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/94819997080>

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(*9 to request to speak | *6 to unmute/mute)*

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CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION

A [24-0297](#) Special Events Report

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This category provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on items not listed on the agenda and is limited to 15 minutes (may be extended or continued after the public hearings/general business section of the agenda at the discretion of the Chair) with a maximum of up to three minutes per speaker. Please note the Brown Act (Open Meeting Law) does not allow the Parks and Recreation Commission to take action on an item not listed on the agenda. If you wish to address the Parks and Recreation Commission, please refer to the notice at the beginning of this agenda. Individuals are limited to one appearance during this section.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If a member of the public would like a consent calendar item pulled and discussed separately, please refer to the notice at the beginning of this agenda.

1 [24-0296](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of January 10, 2024 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

If you wish to speak to a public hearing/general business item, please refer to notice at the beginning of this agenda. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of

three minutes.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

- 2 [24-0298](#) Park Benches for Increased Senior Citizen Mobility

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

-Staff Comments

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- 3 [24-0299](#) Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues,
Calendar Year: 2025

ADJOURNMENT

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City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

24-0297

Agenda Date: 2/14/2024

Special Events Report



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

24-0296

Agenda Date: 2/14/2024

SUBJECT

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of January 10, 2024 as submitted.



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

7:00 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room, City
Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA
94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kesting called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kesting led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair David Kesting
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Prakash Giri
Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dona Mason
Commissioner Prashant Gattani

Commissioner Mason (excused absence)
Commissioner Gattani (excused absence)

Council Liaison Mehlinger (present)

Damon Sparacino, Superintendent of Recreation Services, informed the Commission that Chair Kesting inadvertently violated the Brown Act by emailing other commissioners regarding ranking of the dogs off-leash hours study issue. Staff printed copies of the email for the public to view (attachment 1). Staff will work with all commissioners to better understand the Brown Act.

Chair Kesting noted that because he sent the email individually to each commissioner, he did not realize he violated the Brown Act.

PRESENTATION

A [24-0137](#) Golf and Tennis Report

Rodney Wilson, Golf Operations Manager, provided a presentation on Golf and Tennis. Highlights included: fiscal year revenue, number of golf rounds, current initiatives, top drivers for new players to start golfing, and the Las Palmas Tennis Center.

Chair Kesting opened for public comment.

Gregory D., noted that the community would like for the City to provide public pickleball courts, open for free-play.

Chair Kesting closed public comment.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Does staff have a summary of revenue/expenses for tennis? Tennis is contracted to Lifetime Activities. They pay the City approximately \$14,000 a month to operate the tennis facilities.

Can the City stipulate that Lifetime Activities allocate select pickleball courts for free play to the community? Current contract does not stipulate, but will be open for renewal in 2032. Amendment to the contract language will need Council approval.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Mehlinger introduced himself to the Commission, and noted that he is a resource if there are any questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Bremond moved and Commissioner Giri seconded the motion to Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of December 13, 2023 as submitted.

The motion carries by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kesting
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Giri

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Gattani

- 1 [24-0088](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of December 13, 2023 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [24-0163](#) Rank 2024 Study Issues

Commissioners collectively discussed the study issues.

Chair Kesting opened for public comment.

Gary T., Othar H., Scott C., Renne J., and Mark B., voiced their support for dog off-leash hours.

Erik K. voiced his support for converting the PG&E lots facing Ramona Avenue, Lois Avenue and Dona Avenue into open green space for the community.

Chair Kesting closed public comment.

Chair Kesting read several email correspondence from the public that the Commission received in support for DPW 20-11 Evaluate Feasibility of Dog Off-Leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Parks. Commissioner Bremond added that the Commission received 52 emails for the public in support of dog off-leash hours.

Staff conducted a random voice vote. See the study issue ranking results below:

1. DPW 20-11 Evaluate Feasibility of Dog Off-Leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Parks
2. DPW 24-04 Evaluate Late Night Lights at Public Parks
3. DPW 20-03 Waste Reduction Initiative in Sunnyvale Parks
4. DPW 24-05 Explore Making the City-Owned Property at West Evelyn & Mathilda Place Open and Accessible to the Public with A Rehabilitation of the Existing Bus Terminal Sign Abandoned at that Location
5. DPW 24-06 Explore the Feasibility of Planting 2,025 New Trees in Sunnyvale by the Year 2025
6. ESD 22-02 Promotion and Assessment of Sustainable Landscaping Strategies
7. DPW 22-08 Evaluate the Council Policy for Naming City Parks with the Intention of Incorporating a More Diverse Cultural History in Parks Names Including South Asian Culture and Develop a Policy for Renaming Existing Parks

8. DPW 23-07 Evaluate the Feasibility of an Ordinance to Ban the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers and Other Small Two-Stroke Motors Within the City Limits of Sunnyvale

Commissioner Giri moved and Commissioner Bremond seconded the motion to adopt the ranking as provided. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kesting
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Giri

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Mason
Commissioner Gattani

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

3 [24-0172](#) Park Benches for Increased Senior Citizen Mobility

Chair Kesting will agendize discussion at an upcoming meeting.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

None.

-Staff Comments

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

4 [24-0164](#) Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues,
Calendar Year: 2025

Standing item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kesting adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Ricky Le

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow Night

From: David Kesting [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Tomorrow Night

There has been substantial support from the local community for Study Issue DPW20-11 The Dogs Of Leash Areas in our parks, and I want to solicit your support to help rank the study issue highly tomorrow evening.

I think it's an easy win for our commission and will likely be picked up and implemented by the city council.

I'm happy to chat with you about this if you wish and hope you would support the study. The reason why I like this study is that we consistently have support for it in the community who show up at our meetings to rally for it, and those individuals seem pretty organized and well mannered.

I feel like the program is already in place in other cities and there are enough compelling reasons what we should have one here: The liability issues if we dont, the socialization amongst the neighbors, the community building opportunities it presents, the ease of which to implement would all be enough for me to say this is good policy.

Well I hope you will support it, I will completely understand if you dont, and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow regardless.

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David Kesting

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

24-0298

Agenda Date: 2/14/2024

Park Benches for Increased Senior Citizen Mobility



Sunnyvale

Board and Commission Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:

Board/ Commission: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted by: David Kesting

Study Issue Working Title:

Park Benches For Increased Senior Citizen Mobility

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

Study Objective: The study is to assess the demographics of neighborhoods in Sunnyvale, evaluate the feasibility of strategically placing benches throughout the city to support increased mobility for our senior population.

Rationale: For older adults, the ability to venture beyond their homes often hinges on the availability of resting spots along the way. By creating a network of benches, we aim to extend the outdoor access for senior citizens, facilitating their movement & engagement with the community.

Focus Areas:

1. **Demographic Analysis:** Evaluate the demographics of Sunnyvale neighborhoods to identify areas with a higher concentration of senior residents.
2. **Mobility Gain:** Measure the potential impact on the mobility of senior citizens by introducing a network of benches throughout the city.
3. **Bench Placement:** Considerations include determining suitable locations, focusing on public right-of-ways, and exploring proximity to city parks.
4. **Social Issues:** Address concerns related to potential misuse of benches, including homelessness, by implementing strategies to deter sleeping or camping on the benches.
5. **Maintenance & Aesthetics:** Develop measures to mitigate the accumulation of trash around the benches, ensuring the aesthetic & environmental impact is positive.

Benefits:

- Improved outdoor accessibility for senior citizens.
- Enhanced community engagement and social interaction.
- Positive impact on the overall well-being & quality of life for seniors

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

TBA



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

24-0299

Agenda Date: 2/14/2024

Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2025
Proposed Study Issues*

Date	Working Title	Summary of Scope	Staff Comments

*The study issues have been proposed for future sponsorship

Toward the end of the calendar year, no later than October, boards and commissions will review the list of proposed study issues and officially vote on sponsorship for each individually listed study issue. Official sponsorship means that the study issue is approved for ranking with a majority vote of the board or commission. Staff will then prepare the sponsored study issue papers, including fiscal impact **but not** the staff recommendation.