



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

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Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision 54953(e), the meeting was conducted telephonically; pursuant to state law, the City Council made the necessary findings by adopting Resolution No. 1089-21, reaffirmed on June 21, 2022.

Chair Giri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Chair Prakash Giri  
Vice Chair Gregory Dibb  
Commissioner Daniel Bremond  
Commissioner David Kesting  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Dona Mason

Commissioner Mason (excused absence)

Council Liaison Cisneros (absent)

### **PRESENTATION**

**A**      [22-0696](#)      Parks and Recreation Month Report

Youth and Family Resources Manager, Angela Chan, provided a presentation on Parks and Recreation Month. Highlights included: parks and recreation month proclamation, Fair Oaks Park grand reopening, Washington Community Swim Center, Sunnyvale Swim Complex, after school programs, State of the City, Muwékma Park, Sunnyvale Cultural Celebration Featuring Hands on the Arts, resuming printing activity brochure guides, camp enrollment and drop-in participation.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

How has the city progressed towards hiring additional lifeguards? Lifeguard staffing shortage is nationwide. The City is continually recruiting for lifeguards, tabling at high schools, providing certification, using staff in various capacities to accommodate additional programming hours, and granting overtime.

**B**      [22-0527](#)      Parks and Park Buildings Update

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark, provided a presentation on AMD Park. Highlights included: renamed Muwekma Park, vicinity map, site plan, project history, park illustration, playground plan, inclusive play equipment and neighboring residential housing.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

When the City sells land, will the Commission be notified and how does the City ensure a legitimate deal? Yes, the Commission would be notified. Additionally, when the City sell or enters a lease of public land, there will need to be a super majority vote by Council.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Sunnyvale resident, Diane B., asked the Commission to consider removing one of the three Braly Park picnic sites from the reservation system to allow for small resident groups to use on a first-come, first-serve basis. She notated that currently the park gets overtaken by large groups and often hears amplified sounds.

Jim Stark provided guidance that patrons should call DPS immediately when there are amplified noise complaints. Additionally, Recreation Staff will follow up with Diane B. offline regarding her inquiry to remove a picnic site.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1      [22-0422](#)      Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
Minutes of June 8, 2022

Commissioner Bremond moved and Commissioner Kesting seconded the motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of June 8, 2022 as submitted.

**Yes: 4 -**    Chair Giri  
              Vice Chair Dibb  
              Commissioner Bremond  
              Commissioner Kesting

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Mason

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2      [22-0697](#)      Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Commissioners discussed and nominated members for Chair and Vice Chair.

Staff conducted a roll call vote and confirmed the selection of Prakash Giri as Chair and Gregory Dibb as Vice Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

**3      [22-0629](#)      Discussion and Consideration of Potential Study Issue:  
Evaluate the Feasibility of Opening the Seasonal Drainage  
Channel Near Ortega Park for Public Use**

Jim Stark provided a summary of the proposed study issue, background and potential hurdles.

Commissioners asked if staff could update the title of the study issue to include "trail along the channel" to alleviate confusion regarding the study issue's purpose, if the study issue should be limited to a few blocks instead of the entire channel spanning 6 miles, and suggested that the patron who prompted the study issue be consulted.

Discussion and consideration for study issue will resume at the September Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**4      [22-0424](#)      Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues,  
Calendar Year: 2023**

Commissioner Kesting would like to submit a study issue to increase young adult participation. Will connect offline with Damon Sparacino and Michelle Perera to focus idea.

**-Commissioner Comments**

None.

**-Staff Comments**

None.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Giri adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.