

**1A 14-0708 Draft Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting of July 9, 2014.**

Commissioner Kenton moved and Vice Chair Pasqua seconded the approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

**2 14-0697 Approval of a Joint Field Use Agreement for Open Space at
Multiple Sites within the Cupertino Union School District**

Parks Manager, Jim Stark provided the staff report. He answered Commissioner questions regarding which school sites are included in the agreement, the motivation for the agreement and if it includes revenue generation, why a soccer field and softball field were lost at Cupertino Middle School last year, what new facilities will be available per this agreement, and what permits will be required for rentals.

Vice Chair Pasqua expressed support for the agreement. He would like Council to be aware that if an agreement gives the school priority use, it could supercede existing reservations by permitted groups and result in an impact to the existing renter. Director of Public Works, Kent Steffens explained that field use by the school outside of the agreed upon hours requires the school to obtain a permit. Commissioner Kenton requested that the contract specify how far in advance the school must request permits if those requests are beyond their regularly scheduled priority use times.

Vice Chair Pasqua moved and Commissioner Kenton seconded to approve Alternative 1: Recommend that Council Approve Joint Field Use Agreement for Open Space at Multiple Sites within the Cupertino Union School District as presented in Attachment 1.

Commissioners provided their rationale for their vote. All commissioners agreed

that the open space was critical for residents and liked the addition of the gymnasium facility. Chair Alexander stated it sets a good precedence, similar to the Peterson Middle School field. Commissioner Kenton thought the water cost fee is a reasonable addition. Vice Chair Pasqua felt the plan was well vetted and he was happy with the process.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

3 14-0372 Approval of the Urban Forest Management Plan

Urban Landscape Manager, Leonard Dunn provided the staff report. He detailed benefits of the Plan; to improve environmental factors by increasing the tree canopy 18% to 20% within Sunnyvale; to improve planning and maintenance of City trees; and to develop a non-profit group to foster community support. The Plan doesn't account for financial commitments, which would be individually approved by Council as they arise. He answered commissioner questions regarding the types of services the non-profit would provide, who would take responsible for tree roots that intrude upon sewer lines, the current ordinance about residents pruning street trees, requirements about trees in parking lots and how they are measured, and if the Planning Commission will review the Plan.

Chair Alexander opened the public hearing.

Deborah Marks expressed support to approve the plan Urban Forest Management Plan specifically to improve the canopy cover of the City, and because it provides for a volunteer group to educate the public about the importance of trees and how to take care of them.

There were no further public comments, and Chair Alexander closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Kenton moved to approve Alternative 1) Approve adoption of the Urban Forestry Management Plan. Vice Chair Pasqua seconded the motion.

Commissioners provided the rationale for their vote. Vice Chair Pasqua is in favor of the plan and the environmental benefits an expanded tree canopy will provide.