



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alexander III called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Alexander III led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Pochowski's absence is excused.
Council Liaison Melton (present).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [17-0293](#) Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017

Commissioner Pasqua moved and Vice Chair Kenton seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [17-0090](#) Recommendation to Council to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Animal Assisted Happiness at Baylands Park, Approve the Conceptual Plan and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Sublease Agreement between the City and Animal Assisted Happiness

Assistant Director of Public Works, Craig Mobeck, presented the staff report on Animal Assisted Happiness at Baylands Park that provides vocational activities where young adults can learn to care for animals, including feeding and cleaning stalls.

Commissioners inquired about parking related costs, City subsidies and flood safety in the proposed location of the facility.

Assistant Director of Public Works Mobeck responded that all visitors will pay for parking and the City will not receive payments from the organization or subsidize the facility. The proposed location is not in a flood zone.

Chair Alexander III opened for public hearing.

Vicki Amon-Higa, co-founder of Animal Assisted Happiness, discussed the benefits the organization provides to families and children with special needs.

There being no additional public comments, Chair Alexander III closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair Kenton moved, Commissioner Pasqua seconded the motion to approve the Recommendation to Council to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Animal Assisted at Baylands Park, approve the conceptual plans and authorize the City Manager to execute a sublease agreement between the City and Animal Assisted Happiness. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

3 [17-0294](#) Approve Master Work Plan

Chair Alexander III opened the public hearing, there being no public comments, closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair Kenton moved, Commissioner Pasqua seconded the motion to approve the Master Work Plan as presented. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

4 [17-0295](#) Vale Development Update

Superintendent Wax indicated this agenda item is a duplication of File ID17-0207, New Public Park at 936 East Duane Avenue, listed under the Informational Only Reports/Items section of the agenda.

Chair Alexander III opened for public hearing, and there being no public comments, closed the public hearing.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

None.

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Alexander III announced Raynor Park Neighborhood Association is celebrating their 60th anniversary at Raynor Park on April 9.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Jim Stark reminded Commissioners about the Arbor Day event in the San Miguel neighborhood on Saturday, March 11.

Superintendent Dan Wax announced Little League opening day is Saturday, March 11 and Camp Fair is on Saturday, March 18.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- 5 [17-0207](#) New Public Park at 936 East Duane Avenue (Information Only)

Superintendent Stark indicated a new public park at 936 East Duane Avenue is tentatively scheduled to open in the Fall of 2017. The park will be paid for by the developer at no cost to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alexander III adjourned meeting at 7:46 p.m.