



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ralph Kenton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kenton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Pasqua (excused)
Council Liaison Hendricks (absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Sunnyvale business owners, Michael and Princess Leong, shared their excitement for pickleball and discussed the benefits pickleball provides for all ages. Mr. and Mrs. Leong stated pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and inquired if the City will add lines to tennis courts for pickleball games.

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark, noted that the City would have to review the City's municipal codes and verify what is allowed on tennis courts. In addition, Superintendent Stark indicated there will be upcoming community meetings regarding City parks, and encouraged Mr. and Mrs. Leong to share their comments at these meetings.

Superintendent of Community Services, Dan Wax, provided Sunnyvale locations where pickleball is currently available.

Vice Chair Alexander III inquired about the organizing of pickleball games, where people practice pickleball and if there is a governing body.

Mr. and Mrs. Leong indicated pickleball games are organized through meet-up groups, many people will use a wall to practice and the governing body is USAPA (USA Pickleball Association).

Superintendent Stark indicated he will research their request further and bring information to a future meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [17-0977](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2017

Vice Chair Alexander III motioned and Commissioner McCune seconded to approve the draft minutes of September 13, 2017 as presented. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pasqua

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2** [17-1056](#) Community Center Infrastructure Project Update

Superintendent Wax provided a presentation and overview of the Community Center infrastructure project. The overview identified the project components that are being upgraded and the collaborative efforts between City departments.

Commissioners inquired about gender neutral bathrooms and improvements in the theater.

Superintendent Wax indicated the City has implemented gender neutral bathrooms and the theater improvements include a new house lighting system.

- 3** [17-1058](#) Annual Review of Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and

Appointed Officials

Superintendent of Community Services, Daniel Wax, provided a brief overview of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Commissioners commented that the Code of Ethics guidelines are restrictive and inquired about section 1(b.) Private Encounters as well as Commissioners representing the Commission at public meetings. Additionally, Commissioners inquired when the document was last revised.

Superintendent Wax inquired if the Commission wanted a representative from the City Attorney's Office to attend a future meeting to provide further clarification on the Code of Ethics and the Brown Act. He also indicated that the dates for revisions of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials are listed on page 18 of the document.

Commissioners were in favor of having a representative the City Attorney's Office attend a future meeting.

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

Vice Chair Alexander III moved and Commissioner McCune seconded the motion to approve the 2017 Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Alexander III
Commissioner Gabashvili
Commissioner McCune

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pasqua

Abstain: 1 - Chair Kenton

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Kenton suggested the City monitor the community's participation in pickleball.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Wax reminded Commissioners about the joint meeting with the Board of Library Trustees on December 4 regarding the new branch library and a joint meeting with the Arts Commission on January 17, 2018 regarding the Master Plan for Public Art.

Superintendent Stark announced the opening ceremony for Animal Assisted Happiness will be held on November 16 and discussed the improvements at Braly Park which is currently under construction.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.