



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 PM

Laurel Room - Senior Center, Sunnyvale
Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr.,
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Special Meeting: Joint Meeting with Arts Commission LOCATION CHANGE

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kiphuth from the Arts Commission called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Laurel Room.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Kiphuth led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Arts Commission

Present: 4 - Vice Chair Kiphuth
Commissioner Eskridge
Commissioner Laird
Commissioner Rogers

Chair Vaughan (excused)
Council Liaison Griffith (present)

ROLL CALL: Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Commissioner McCune (excused)
Council Liaison Larsson (absent)

PRESENTATION

[18-0476](#) Overview of The Brown Act

Assistant City Attorney, Melissa Tronquet, provided an overview of the Brown Act. Ms. Tronquet answered questions from the Commissioners regarding the Brown Act requirements, public meeting notifications, emails and correspondences, and violations of the Brown Act.

Chair Kenton of the Parks and Recreation Commission requested that the overview presentation be sent to both Commissions.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker Mr. Shandor Dektor introduced himself as a resident of Sunnyvale. Mr. Dektor asked the Commissions to consider placing a child-friendly facility such as a park or playground in the Downtown Sunnyvale area. Mr. Dektor described the distance to parks in the vicinity but nothing nearby for those families moving into the newly constructed condominiums or homes. He also addressed the entry point to Ellis Park/School and having to walk to Fair Oaks Avenue to enter.

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark mentioned the Redwood Square area which is a publicly accessible open space of a 1/2 acre in the Downtown Area. Mr. Stark noted that this area is not considered to be a City park or City open space and is unsure what the developer has planned for this area.

Mr. Dektor will consider going to a developer's open meeting to ask about their future plans and request a play area for all to enjoy.

Superintendent Stark offered to talk to Mr. Dektor about easier accessibility to Ellis Park/School.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1 [18-0477](#) Review and Approve FY 2018/19 Recommended Budget

Assistant Director of Finance, Kenn Lee, provided an overview of the City's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19. Mr. Lee included information on the City's 20-year financial plan, technology enhancements, service delivery and the budget structure and process.

Superintendent of Community Services, Dan Wax and Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark provided the staff report and answered Commissioners' questions.

Chair Kenton of the Parks and Recreation Commission inquired about attendance at Sunnyvale golf courses.

Commissioner Eskridge of the Arts Commission suggested a golf tournament between local high tech companies.

Commissioner Alexander III of the Parks and Recreation Commission asked if any assistive technology would be featured in the Magical Bridge Park such as talk to text/speech features.

Chair Kenton of the Parks and Recreation Commission inquired about the operational costs versus capital improvement projects and how the modernization of Sunnyvale's City Hall area fits into the recommended budget.

Commissioner Alexander III of the Parks and Recreation Commission inquired about the Land Aquisition Fund.

Commissioner Gabashvili of the Parks and Recreation Commission asked if the City takes into consideration the impact of a possible recession.

Vice Chair Kiphuth of the Arts Commission inquired about the Airbnb Transient Occupancy Tax.

Vice Chair Kiphuth opened the item for public comment and there being no public comments, she closed the item for public comment.

Vice Chair Kiphuth asked for a motion from the Arts Commission. Commissioner Laird moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion to recommend Council approve the budget as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Kiphuth
Commissioner Eskridge
Commissioner Laird
Commissioner Rogers

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Chair Vaughan

Vice Chair Kiphuth requested a motion from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Pasqua moved and Chair Kenton seconded the motion to recommend Council approve the budget as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kenton
Commissioner Gabashvili
Commissioner Pasqua

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner McCune

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Alexander III

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Eskridge updated Commissioners on the Mother Earth Project that will take place during the Hands on the Arts Festival on Saturday, May 19th.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Wax thanked Commissioner Laird for her participation and work as a Commissioner with the Arts Commission.

Community Services Manager, Trenton Hill, mentioned there will be 33 artist workshops, various performing arts groups and food vendors at the Hands on the Arts Festival. Mr. Hill announced that 345 tickets had been sold online exceeding last year's pre-event ticket sales.

Commissioner Alexander III would like to share the Hands on the Arts information with the neighborhood. Mr. Hill will provide the informational flier to both Commissions.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Kiphuth adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.