



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

7:00 PM

Neighborhood Room - Recreation Center,
Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E.
Remington Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Special Meeting: Joint Meeting with Arts Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kenton called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Neighborhood Room at the Recreation Center.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kenton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Ralph Kenton
Vice Chair Daniel McCune
Commissioner Prakash Giri
Absent: 2 - Commissioner Henry Alexander III
Commissioner Craig Pasqua

Commissioner Alexander III's absence is excused.

Commissioner Pasqua's absence is excused.

Council Liaison Smith absent

ROLL CALL: Arts Commission

Chair Vaughan - present

Vice Chair Eskridge - present

Commissioner Rogers - present

Commissioner Serrone - present

Commissioner Gluckman - present

Council Liaison Larsson absent

PRESENTATION[19-0200](#)

PRESENTATION - Age-Friendly Update

Community Services Manager Tracey Gott, gave an update on Age-Friendly Sunnyvale. Highlights included:

- What is Age-Friendly
- Library and Community Services Department Age-Friendly Process
- Next Steps

Commissioners inquired/commented:

- In survey, are items broken down by service?
- Were all survey responses from seniors?
- Were comments from a certain part of town?
- Any specific comments/concerns on access to parks and amenities?
- Were most taking the survey 60 and older?
- Doesn't seem like a large number took it.
- Will information be available from focus groups and minutes taken at focus groups?

Ms. Gott commented:

- Items are broken down by domain and each domain had a subset.
- Anyone sent the survey had access. Results taken in focus groups and at Senior Center were mainly older adults.
- We received comments from a variety of locations, including near the Senior Center, by mobile home parks and senior living areas.
- Most were about easier access and transportation. Others comments on seating in and shade in areas.
- Seniors are 50+, there was a variety of ages.
- Overall, we are always evolving and over the 3-year development, we can reevaluate and change goals. We want this to be fluid and for it to be a way for the Senior Center to align and work towards community goals.
- We will be updating the age-friendly webpage and hope to have a draft of the report by August.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [19-0172](#) Review of Fiscal Year 2019/20 Recommended Budget

Director of Finance, Tim Kirby, provided an overview of the City's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. Mr. Kirby included information on the City's 20-year financial plan, technology enhancements, service delivery and the budget structure and process.

Commissioners inquired/commented:

- Do we get taxes from Airbnb rentals?
- Do we lose taxes from stores when they leave?
- Is the pension fund part of the reserves?
- Are salary increases automatically budgeted in?
- Do businesses pay property tax?
- Is it a 2-year budget cycle? 1-year operating, the other projects?
- Is project fund strictly for renovation? (speaking on a specific item)
- Is Sense of Place part of Park Dedication fees?
- Is Sense of Place part of Art?
- Didn't we add a few parks this year?
- Is it possible to add more money for art to the Civic Center budget?

Mr. Kirby commented:

- Yes, if ran through Airbnb, the City receives taxes.
- Yes, we lose taxes from businesses when they leave. We are the second lowest in the County. San Jose is the lowest. Both cities are not heavy in retail.
- No, we account for pensions by paying CalPERS directly to fund those retired and the employees currently on payroll.
- Performance is individual to employee. We generally just budget cost of living. It is not automatically budgeted, it is negotiated.
- Yes, businesses pay property tax.
- We focus on operating one year and projects the next. We are currently working on projects.
- Yes, those are restricted fees.
- No, Sense of Place and Park Dedication are separate fees.
- No, Sense of Place is not part of Art. It is for aesthetic improvements. If you go from business to residential, these fees will make it more friendly for the residents.
- Park Dedication Funds paid for the new parks (Seven Seas and at old Corn Palace development). They'll also be a new park at 1 AMD Place.
- Once an update comes out on the MPPA, information will be provided about the amount available for art at the new Civic Center. Public Art is part of the Civic

Center budget and the Arts Commission will have input. You are also welcome to attend council meetings and advocate for more art during the Public Hearing portion at Council.

No action was taken by commissions.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

None

-Staff Comments

Superintendent of Community Services Damon Sparacino, shared that staff will be providing the commissioners with a Superintendent's Report at each meeting. The May 22 report covered a variety of upcoming events, as well as shared information on Summer Camps and Swim Lessons fee waivers, Teen Fitness Challenge and past event updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.