



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 10, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Ralph Kenton
Vice Chair Prakash Giri
Commissioner Daniel Bremond
Commissioner Gregory Dibb
Commissioner Mike Michitaka

Council Liaison Hendricks (Present)

PRESENTATION

A [21-0454](#) Aquatics Report

Recreation Services Coordinator II, Jesus Raygoza provided a presentation on Aquatics. Highlights included: pool locations, pre-COVID programming, current programming, aquatic statistics, Summer plans and scheduled expansion.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Are lap swim prices at Fremont Pool standard? Yes, the City used neighboring cities' price points as benchmarks and found that lap swim prices are similar when priced per minute.

Has a monthly lap swim pass been considered? Yes, although the City will assess a year's worth of aquatics data before adjusting any fee structures.

Does any other aquatics location in the City have a zero-entry pool? No, Washington Pool is the only site that has zero-depth entry; however, all other sites have either ladders, steps or an elevator chair.

Chair Kenton opened public comment.

Colin Dixon, Sunnyvale resident, asked if the City could provide cheaper rates during non-full time slots.

Chair Kenton closed public comment.

B [21-0453](#) Capital Improvement Projects Update

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark provided a presentation on Capital Improvement Projects. Highlights included: Plaza Del Sol II, playground equipment replacement, John W. Christian Greenbelt Pathway rehabilitation, De Anza Park Pathway rehabilitation, AMD/Redwood Place Park, construction projects, Fair Oaks/Magical Bridge, and the Murphy Tot Lot project.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Would staff be able to provide a list of parks that were most recently renovated? Staff will send the Commission a spreadsheet of the City's 20-year plan and provide a list of recent projects the City has worked on. Will send spreadsheets in the coming weeks.

Vice Mayor Hendricks asked staff to provide City Council with a graph of newly added parks, including acreage.

Chair Kenton opened public comment.

Colin Dixon, Sunnyvale resident, asked if the City has viewed Mountain View's dog off-leash policy? The City has had numerous meetings on dog off-leash policies, but did not pursue a pilot program due to liability and staff availability.

Chair Kenton closed public comment.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Kenton provided an announcement of Commission vacancies and application

deadline.

Chair Kenton opened oral communications and there was no public testimony, closed oral communications.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Bremond moved and Commissioner Michitaka seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Kenton
Vice Chair Giri
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Dibb
Commissioner Michitaka

No: 0

- 1 [21-0455](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021

Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of March 10, 2021 as submitted.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

Standing item. No study issues approved in previous meeting were proposed.

- 2 [21-0456](#) Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2022

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

- 3 [21-0504](#) Las Palmas Park Empty Pond Space

Chair Kenton thanked the resident for their proposal to expand the park's usage.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Will staff respond to the resident's inquiry? Yes, the Parks department will respond and invite the patron to attend a future outreach session.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Kenton provided the Commission with an update on the Boards and Commission Subcommittee meeting and the Quarterly Neighborhood Association meeting. He also informed the Commission that the Sunnyvale Tennis Club will offer two \$500 grants for patrons interested in playing tennis.

-Staff Comments

Jim Stark shared with the Commission that most outdoor activities are permitted in the orange tier. He informed the Commission that currently the City will not activate the water fountains and spray pools, until the County is in the yellow tier. Lastly, Jim announced that the City is now taking picnic reservations.

Damon Sparacino informed the Commission that we are scheduled to have a joint meeting with the Arts Commission on May 19, 2021 to review the recommended budget, but may pivot to a regular meeting depending on the Finance Department's availability. Moreover, that Recreation Services is gathering registration data and will share results to Commission and City Council once complete. Lastly, Damon provided an update that the City is planning to have the State of the City event in-person, but on a smaller scale to conform to the pandemic's social distancing guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.