



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

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 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Alexander III led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Henry Alexander III
Vice Chair Ralph Kenton
Commissioner Craig Pasqua
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Robert Pochowski

Commissioner Pochowski's absence is excused.
Council Liaison Davis (absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Esther Lucas spoke regarding parks for children with physical and cognitive disabilities and stated she has gathered 230 signatures on a petition from individuals who have indicated an interest in having parks equipped to accommodate this population in Sunnyvale.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 Approval of Draft Minutes of July 13, 2016

Vice Chair Kenton moved, and Commissioner Pasqua seconded, approval of the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Alexander III
Vice Chair Kenton
Commissioner Pasqua

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Pochowski

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2** Review Parks Capital Projects from FY 2015/16 and Discuss
Upcoming Projects for FY 2016/17

Parks Manager Juan Barajas provided the Commission with an overview of Parks Capital Projects. FY 2015/16 completed projects included: expansion of Orchard Gardens Park; restroom and parking lot improvements at Fairwood Park; renovation of tennis and basketball courts at Encinal, Orchard Gardens, Lakewood and Washington Parks.

He noted that projects planned for FY 2016/17 include: park building rehabilitation for Washington, Raynor, DeAnza and Ponderosa Parks; restroom improvements at Orchard Gardens; enhancement of Washington Pool complex and various playground equipment, parking lot and park renovations throughout the City.

Staff answered Commissioners' questions regarding renovation of tennis/basketball courts and an all-inclusive park for children with physical and cognitive disabilities, as mentioned by Esther Lucas. A total of six tennis and two basketball courts were renovated during FY 2015/16. New and/or renovated playground equipment in Sunnyvale Parks meet ADA requirements. The City does not have an all-inclusive park. Commissioners encouraged staff communicate with Ms. Lucas during the next playground renovation project.

- 3** Provide an Overview of Columbia Neighborhood Center Programs and
Services

Youth and Family Resources Manager Angela Chan provided the Commission with an overview of Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) programs and services. CNC serves youth and their families assigned to Columbia Middle School, Bishop, Lakewood, Fairwood and San Miguel Elementary Schools. They offer programs in the areas of youth and neighborhood safety, recreation and enrichment, health services, mental health, social services, community events and education.

During FY 2015/16 some of the services provided included: over 6,300 hours of counseling; over 14,400 hours of community education; over 10,700 participant hours in health and wellness programs; over 47,700 hours of recreation and enrichment and over 2,800 residents received medical services.

In addition, CNC provides support for child care providers. During FY 2015/16, some of the services provided included: over 2,200 participants in activities/workshops; approximately 1,200 attendees at the Fit and Fun Fair; approximately 125 child care referrals and 12 child care providers and over 230 child care seekers participated in the 4th annual Child Care Fair.

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

Staff answered Commissioners questions regarding CNC operating budget, assessing community needs and funding opportunities with Santa Clara County. Building maintenance and/or renovations are not included in the operating budget. In accessing community needs, staff works closely with school administrators and also attends neighborhood and/or parent meetings. CNC does not receive direct funding from Santa Clara County, however, does receive services from Santa Clara County grant awardee entities.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Kenton noted he will be attending the Joint Study Session with Council on Tuesday, October 25 at 5 p.m. in the West Conference Room.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Wax noted the following:

- The Parks and Recreation Commission will be ranking Study Issues for 2017 at their November 9 meeting.
- The 2017 Study/Budget Issues Workshop has been rescheduled to Friday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- Staff is working on securing a Sunnyvale park facility for an upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alexander III adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.