



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kenton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Kenton led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Chair Henry Alexander III (unexcused)

Council Liaison Gustav Larsson (absent)

PRESENTATION

[18-0551](#) Recognition of Service

Vice Mayor Larry Klein thanked all the Commissioners for their time and effort and expressed that Council appreciates their service.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [18-0543](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2018

- 1.B** [18-0544](#) Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission Joint Meeting Minutes with the Arts Commission of May 16, 2018

Commissioner Gabashvili moved and Commissioner McCune seconded to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Kenton
 Commissioner Gabashvili
 Commissioner McCune
 Commissioner Pasqua

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Alexander III

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2** [18-0070](#) Recommendation to City Council on Naming New City Park at the Vale Development

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark, presented a staff report on the naming of the new city park. Superintendent Stark referred to existing Council Policy 7.3.23 "Naming/Renaming Parks & Recreation Facilities" and the process that was taken to engage the community in the park naming decision and suggestions from the public. The City received 220 entries. The top names were mentioned: Loren Wiser Park or variation of, Parky McParkface, Jeanine Stanek Park, Richard Milkovich Park or variation of, Vale Park, Deguigne Park, Paddington Park, Sunny Park, Libby or Libby's Park, Parky McPark Park, and Jax Park.

Commissioner Pasqua inquired about the proximity of the new park to Swegles Park and if there would be any impact on operations. Staff indicated that the new park would accent Swegles Park and possibly more use of the play area along with better efficiency for staff working from Swegles park to new park.

Chair Kenton opened the item for public comment.

Speaker Deborah Wiser shared a presentation and respectfully asked for support and consideration in naming of the new park after her late husband Loren L. Wiser who was a dedicated City employee for over 33 years.

There were no other public comments and Chair Kenton closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pasqua thanked Mrs. Wiser for her presentation and asked her preference of the suggested park name. Mrs. Wiser stated she preferred the name Loren Wiser Memorial Park.

Commissioner McCune thanked audience for their attendance at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner McCune motioned to propose only one park name, Loren Wiser Park, for Council consideration. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gabashvili commented that the City should build new parks throughout the City.

Chair Kenton moved and McCune seconded the motion to submit three names for consideration and selection by the City Council in priority order using the provided list as a reference. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kenton
Commissioner Gabashvili
Commissioner McCune
No: 1 - Commissioner Pasqua
Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Alexander III

Commissioner Pasqua thanked the community for attending the meeting and stated that his opposition was because he wanted additional community voices to be heard regarding the park naming.

Commissioner McCune moved and Chair Kenton seconded the motion to prioritize and recommend the park names in the following order: the first name as Loren Wiser Memorial Park, the second name as Jeanine Stanek Park and the third name as Richard Milkovich Park. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kenton
Commissioner Gabashvili
Commissioner McCune
No: 0
Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Alexander III
Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Pasqua

3 [18-0545](#) Washington Community Swim Center Update

Nathan Scribner, Senior Engineer from the City's Department of Public Works provided an update on the Washington Community Swim Center. Staff incorporated Council's request from 2017 to add features to the approved conceptual design. County permits have been requested, construction bids will be announced and the project is expected to begin construction during the Summer of 2019 and finishing approximately one year later.

Community Services Manager, Nancy Grove, shared a variety of community programs that could be anticipated at the new Washington Community Swim Center after completion. The facility will include a new pool shape, a splash pad with water features, a zero-depth entrance and lap lanes. Included in the new facility is a community room which will be available for community use, party rentals and other programs. During construction, all swim programs will be moved to Sunnyvale and Columbia Middle school pools.

Commissioner McCune inquired about the splash pad for youth and expanding programs. Ms. Grove responded that this new feature would be an enhancement but would not be used to expand programs.

Chair Kenton inquired on the exact square footage of the new facility. Staff was unable to provide exact square footage. Chair Kenton suggested a summer water safety class. Ms. Grove confirmed that staff currently offers a water safety course along with special events that focus on water safety.

Mr. Scribner provided the Commission with preliminary overall usage of the new facility and existing parking information.

Commissioner Gabashvili inquired about entry to the pool area for members with special needs. Mr. Scribner stated that the zero-depth entrance would address the request for easier entry into the pool.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner McCune thanked all the Commissioners for their professionalism during the meeting.

Chair Kenton thanked Monica Gutierrez for preparing the Commission agenda and packets these past few months. Chair Kenton asked the Commission if they preferred paper packets versus digital packets. Superintendent Wax requested that the Commissioners respond to Mrs. Gutierrez with their preference. By default, staff will not print paper packets.

Commissioner Pasqua thanked Commissioner Gabashvili for her service and time with the Commission. Commissioner Pasqua also commented on Superintendent Wax's retirement and thanked him for his service and wisdom.

Chair Kenton thanked Superintendent Wax for his leadership and commitment. Chair Kenton stated that Mr. Wax was a great teacher and wished him best of luck. Chair Kenton inquired about Recording Secretary, Monica Gutierrez. Superintendent Wax replied that Mrs. Gutierrez would be staying and serving the Commission a few more months.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent of Community Services, Dan Wax thanked Commissioner Gabashvili for her commitment. Today was her last day on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark thanked Superintendent Wax for his efforts and contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Wax's confident personality and leadership provided a comfortable atmosphere for the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.