



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

District 1— Daphna Woolfe
District 3— Adelina Del Real
District 5— Ernesto Bejarano
District 7— Trami Cron
District 9— Rudy Flores, Vice Chair
Citywide— Virginia Thomas

Sergio Jimenez, Chair —District 2
Barinder Ahluwalia—District 4
Demerris Brooks-Immel—District 6
Vacant—District 8
Brian Quint—District 10

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, February 03, 2016

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting to order at 5:32 pm
- Commissioner Bejarano Absent
- Steve Hammack asked to move Item C to Item A

II. Public Comment

(Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission - Speakers are limited to 2 minutes).

- Larry Ames spoke to the Willow Glen Trestle
- Kirk Vartan spoke to exploring the idea of developing elevated parks.

III. Announcements

- Commissioner Del Real spoke to the *** Community Meeting
- Vice Chair Flores provided an update from the Levitt Stakeholders meeting
- Commissioner Quint provided an update from the Kelley Park Master Plan Community meeting

IV. Consent Calendar

- Approve the Minutes of January 6, 2016
- Approve the Attendance Report
- Receive and File Correspondence to Commission
Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of January 6, 2016. (2) Attendance Report for January 6, 2016.
Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Flores, seconded by Commissioner Del Real, the motion carried unanimously, the Commission minutes and attendance report were approved. (9-0-1. Absent: Bejarano)

V. Reports

A. Chair;

B. Director; Steve Hammack reported on the following:

- Senate Bill 317
- Plaza De Caesar Chavez Super Bowl activation

C. Council and Commission

1. Council Liaison; Michele Dexter – reported on the following:

- Planting of roses at Almaden Meadow Park
- Winter Walk Senior Program at Oakridge Mall
- Emergency Preparedness event being planned at Parma Park

2. Senior Citizens Commission; None

3. Youth Commission; Jason Kim from the Youth Commission provided an overview of the Commission's activities.

D. Department Staff and Organizations

1. Placemaking Update

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum, from Suzanne Wolf, dated January 20, 2016. (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Suzanne Wolf, Deputy Director, PRNS, introduced the item and Ed Solis, Recreation Superintendent, PRNS and they provided highlights of 2015 placemaking activities and upcoming planned events.

Public Comments: Larry Ames offered locations for placemaking activities. Darryl Ospring read a letter submitted regarding placemaking efforts and the need for Park Rangers.

Commission discussion ensued

Suzanne Wolf and Ed Solis responded to Commissioner questions.

VI. New & Returning Business

C. Therapeutic Operational Plan

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum, from Suzanne Wolf, dated January 20, 2016. (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Suzanne Wolf, Deputy Director, PRNS, introduced the item and Christina Matta, Therapeutic Services Manager, PRNS. Christina shared highlights of the Therapeutics' program and introduced the operation plan, highlighting sections for review.

Public Comment: The following spoke about the Power Soccer Program, sharing their individual experiences: Siddharth Karnala, Mariah Serratos, John Conndly, Julio Llerenas, and Chris Faria.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Suzanne Wolf and Christina Matta responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks-Immel. The motion carried unanimously, accepting the report. (9-0-1. Absent: Bejarano)

A. Family Camp Update

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum, from Steve Hammack, dated January 20, 2016. (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Steve Hammack, Deputy Director, PRNS, introduced the item and Jena Sorrells, Parks Facility Supervisor, PRNS, who highlighted the Family Camp at Yosemite program; including the history of lease the agreements, occupancy, revenue and partnerships.

Public Comment: The following shared their positive experiences at Family Camp: Lorena Barajas, Alice Monteiro, Omar Vasquez, and Ariana Vasquez.

Commissioner discussion ensued

Jena Sorrells and Steve Hammack responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Vice Chair moved to accept the report and recommend the City Council Direct the City Manager to Negotiate a 20 Year Lease with the United States Forest Service the motion was seconded by Commissioner Woolfe. The motion carried unanimously, accepting the report. (9-0-1. Absent: Bejarano)

B. Alternative Sports Field Surface Report

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum, from Jason Condit, dated January 19, 2016. (2) PowerPoint Presentation. (3) Alternative Sports Field Feasibility Study – Final Draft

Matt Cano, Assistant Director, PRNS, introduced the item and Jason Condit, Associate Landscape Architect, PRNS. Matt addressed concerns the department had received prior to the meeting and Jason provided the Commission an overview of the feasibility study and global examples of field utilization.

Public Comment: Rick Simons spoke against the idea of having dirt fields. Maria Mata spoke in support of dirt fields and of her coaching street soccer played on blacktop.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Matt Cano and Jason Condit responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Thomas moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks-Immel. The motion failed (3-5-1. Absent:

Bejarano) Commissioner Quint moved to not approve staff's recommendation and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cron. The motion passed (7-2-1 Absent: Bejarano)

D. Park Ranger Operations

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum, from Alex Pearson, dated January 20, 2016. (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Steve Hammack, Deputy Director, PRNS, introduced Alex Pearson, Parks Manager, PRNS and Pam Helmke, Senior Park Ranger, PRNS, who all provided an overview of the Park Ranger program, hiring challenges, partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the receipt of the Park Rangers Association of California Life Saving Award.

Public Comment: Deb Kramer thanked Pam for her work and shared salary analysis with other Bay Area agencies. She suggested pay parity and help with community stewardship. Bill Rankin spoke to increasing staffing for the trail system. Jean Dreseden asked the Commission to look at to deployment allocation and thanked the City for doing a salary survey and increase. Darryl Ospring continued to read her letter asking for additional funding and salary adjustments for Park Rangers.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Alex Pearson and Pam Helmke responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Brooks-Immel moved to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flores. The motion carried unanimously, accepting the report. (8-0-1. Absent: Bejarano and Thomas)

E. 2015-16 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Work Plan.

Documents Filed: (1) 2015 - 2016 Work Plan, City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Commission.

Steve Hammack, Deputy Director, PRNS introduced the item and the following was discussed:

- Strategic Partnerships changing to PRNS Annual Report
- Tree condition assessment report

Action: Commissioner Del Real moved to accept the work plan, seconded by Vice Chair Flores. The motion carried unanimously, accepting the 2015-16 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan. (8-0-1. Absent: Bejarano and Thomas)

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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