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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

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1. **7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL – Convene Regular Meeting** Chair Zuckermann called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. **Present:** Chair David Zuckermann; Vice-Chair Tara McIntire; Members Ben Chuaqui, Avis Codron, Norman La Force, Art Machado; **Absent:** Jun Sunseri

2. **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Chaugui commented on the poor aesthetics of the gates installed at Canyon Trail Clubhouse and urged a different solution.

Director Jones announced that today is Unity Day in El Cerrito, a day recognized nationwide to unite against bullying.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

4. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto reported on recent significant actions taken by the City Council. She highlighted El Cerrito renter protection ordinances, the repeal of just cause for eviction ordinance, and the task force created for housing issues. There was additional discussion about fire prevention, emergency preparedness, the declaration of a climate emergency by the City, and the Hillside Natural Area Wayfinding Sign project.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Seconded: Members La Force/Chuaqui. Pass a motion to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on October 23, 2019. **Ayes:** Chair Zuckermann; Vice-Chair McIntire; Members Chuaqui, Codron, La Force and Machado. **Noes:** None

6. **OHLONE GREENWAY SIDEWALK CONNECTION TO SAFEWAY CONNECTION PROJECT**

The Commission received a presentation from Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director, Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager, and Cynthia Greenberg,

Landscape Architect from Placeworks regarding the Ohlone Greenway Sidewalk to Safeway Connection Project including the original design and potential changes needed due to a new BART sub-station project and the desire to have more landscaping.

Comments from members of the Committee on Aging, Park and Recreation Commission and the City's ADA Task Force were reported out. Commissioners made suggestions in regards to landscaping choices and styles, the potential for a mural to screen the BART sub-station, and eliminating the ninety degree turn that the original trail had in its design. Staff will return with a design based on feedback received.

7. RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEW STRUCTURE OVERVIEW AND SUPERVISOR PRESENTATIONS

Director Jones gave a brief overview of the City of El Cerrito's organization and of the recently reorganized Recreation Department. Recreation Supervisor Melton reviewed the newly formed Youth Programs & Sports Division including scope and highlights of program offerings. Recreation Supervisor Frazer discussed the Aquatics & Facilities Division including enrollment statistics. Director Jones explained the joint oversight of parks and facilities between the Recreation and Public Works Departments including each department's responsibilities in terms of maintenance.

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS

The Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects was reviewed and discussed by the Commission and Staff.

Discussion, including a question and answer period followed.

9. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Director Jones reported on the following items: Sip & Savor Fundraiser, Halloween Festi-Fall, Swim Center Holiday Schedule, and Thanksgiving Break Camp.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Other-Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) Policy – December
- Recreation Department Division Overviews: Youth Services, Adult Programs & Services, and Administration & Business Services Divisions - December
- Land Acknowledgement – TBD
- Drone Policy – TBD

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


David Zuckermann Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting of August 28, 2019 as approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.


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