



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#### JOIN VIA ZOOM:

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#### **7:00 P.M. CONVENE REGULAR PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** - Chair Codron called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Avis Codron; Vice-Chair Jennifer Kaczor; Members, Ben Chuaqui, Norman La Force
- 2. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Informal reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the Park and Recreation Commissioners and City Staff.

Commissioner La Force spoke about an article in the *New Yorker* about Pickleball.

Commissioner Chuaqui attended and reported on the community meeting on proposed development at El Cerrito Plaza BART Station.

#### **3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.*

All written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting were posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record. Written public comment for matters not on the agenda was received from Sean Angles.

David Weinstein thanked the Commission for supporting the efforts of the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers. He also spoke about the Rollers and Strollers, a new group in El Cerrito focused on bike and pedestrian improvements and safety.

Justin Van Zerber stated that he has lived in El Cerrito for 2.5 years and is interested in applying for the Park and Recreation Commission.

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

Staff and/or Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Motoyama may report on matters of general interest to the Park and Recreation Commission, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council. Staff will ask if any members of the public who intend to apply to the Park and Recreation Commission are present at the meeting and wish to be recognized.

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama discussed and responded to questions about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival, the passage of the City Budget in June, Measure H, and the Recreation Pool Re-Plaster project.

Director Jones discussed and responded to questions about funding for grant writing and project management services in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and the license agreement with the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District for the usage of one of the portables at 10940 San Pablo Ave.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on **May 25, 2022**.

**Moved/Seconded:** Vice Chair Kaczor/Member LaForce.

**Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on May 25, 2022.

**Ayes:** Chair Codron; Vice-Chair Kaczor; Members Ben Chuaqui, Norman La Force.

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

#### 6. 2022-23 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKPLAN

Discussion, brainstorming and possible action to adopt the Park and Recreation Commission's 2022-22 Work Plan.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Commissioners and staff responded to questions and comments about work plan goals and progress including school district partnership, community outreach & engagement, engaging recreation/community partners, open space & urban trails, monitoring the Recreation Department and Measure H budgets and implementation of projects in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. Particular attention was paid to the Castro Park Agreement and Pickleball, surveys for Recreation programs, high school tennis courts, outreach for recreation programs and services, parks project management, attending community meetings and events, land acquisition and recruitment of additional commissioners.

**Public Comment:**

David Weinstein spoke about the need to preserve large private properties around town as open space.

**Action:** Received and filed.

## **7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS**

Review Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects related to Parks and Recreation.

**Presentation and Discussion:** Staff responded to questions and comments about the following projects: Arlington Park Improvements, Hillside Natural Area Signage Improvements, Hillside Natural Area Improvements, Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Program, Swim Center Capital Enhancements, and other unfunded or future projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

**Action:** Received and filed.

## **8. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Update on items of interest in the Recreation Department.

Director Jones reported on the upcoming Fall 2022 rECguide Activity Brochure, upcoming school year childcare programs, staff hiring, after school enrichment programs, new classes, senior day trips, and the Swim Center Fall schedule.

## **9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Projects Update – Ongoing
- Work Plan Item Discussion/Updates – Ongoing
  - Survey Results – August
  - Open Space & Urban Trails Report – August
- Work Plan Approval and Work Plan Groups – August

## **10. ADJOURN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING - Chair Codron adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.**

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Avis Codron, 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 on May 25, 2022 as approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.

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Christopher Jones, Staff Liaison