



City of Saratoga Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2021
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair Paquier called the virtual Regular Session to order at 6:35 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Prior to Roll Call, the Chair and Staff Liaison explained that the meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The Commission met all of the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Chair explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

Roll Call: Chair Renee Paquier, Vice Chair Rick Pearce, Commissioner Ping Li, Commissioner Michelle Wang. All present. Also in attendance were John Cherbone, Public Works Director, Lauren Pettipiece, Public Information Officer and Kristin Borel, Staff Liaison. (All appearing via Teleconference)

Staff Liaison, Kristin Borel confirmed all the Commission members could hear the meeting proceedings and no doubts were expressed regarding the identities of the individuals representing themselves as Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Report on Posting of the Agenda: Kristin Borel reported that the Agenda for this meeting was properly posted on January 7, 2021.

Oral & Written Communication

None

Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Draft Minutes.

Commissioner Pearce/Li moved to **Approve the Parks and Recreation Minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2020. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**

Agenda:

1. Discuss the addition of pickleball to existing tennis court in a city park.

Commissioners discussed the high level of activity at Kevin Moran Park and recommended staff keep pursuing other parks and report back at the next meeting.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.

No one requested to speak

2. Review Draft Park Map

Commissioners reviewed draft map presented by Lauren Pettipiece and made corrections. The Commissioners will each review the map for accuracy and have the final Park Map brought back at the next meeting.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.

No one requested to speak.

3. Review 2020 Draft ADA Park Study

Commissioners discussed the Draft ADA Study and made no new recommendations.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.

No one requested to speak.

Commissioner Li/Pearce moved to **Approved the Draft ADA Parks Assessment Plan. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**

4. Mission Statement Review

The Commission reviewed the Draft Mission statement amended by Commissioner Wang and suggested a change of wording in the last sentence.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.

No one requested to speak.

Commissioner Wang/Pearce moved to **Approve the Draft Mission Statement with a change to the last sentence from “preserve the city’s valued natural and historical assets” to “preserve the City’s natural and historic resources”. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**

5. Next Steps and 2021 Workplan

Commissioners revised the 2020 workplan to reflect the changes that have taken place due to Covid 19.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.

No one requested to speak.

Commissioner Pearce/Li move to **Accept the 2021 workplan. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**

Commissioner and Staff Reports *(This includes committee updates and park reports. This section is informational only; no actions will be taken.)*

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Park</u>
Li	Wildwood, Foothill, Quarry
Pearce	Bell Grove, Congress Springs, Ravenwood, Gardiner
Paquier	Beauchamp, Brookglen, El Quito
Wang	Azule, Kevin Moran, Friendship Park

Agenda Items for Next Meeting March 9, 2021

- Report on development of Pickleball court
- Report of status of Let's Work program
- Review Final Park Map
- Report on progress of Historical Plaque Program

Adjournment

Commissioners Wang/Pearce move to **Adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**