



# City of Saratoga Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

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## *Minutes*

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chair Paquier called the virtual Regular Session to order at 6:33 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 Anna Huang, 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 March 4, 2021.

### **Oral & Written Communication**

None

### **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Draft Minutes.**

Commissioner Li / Pearce moved to **Approve the Parks and Recreation Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.** Passed by a verbal roll call: **Ayes: Huang, Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**

**Agenda:**

**1. Review Final Park Map**

Commissioners reviewed final map presented by Lauren Pettipiece. The Commissioners were happy with the result and thanked staff for their efforts.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
There were no speakers.

**2. Pickleball Discussion**

Commissioners discussed the high-level tennis activity on the existing courts and recommended to staff that Pickleball lines not be added to the tennis court at Azule Park. Staff mentioned that the City would be receiving “park in-lieu fees” sometime this year and some of the funds could be used to build a dedicated Pickleball court. The Commission supported this and will develop the idea at a future meeting. In the meantime, staff will investigate if there are any possible locations for a temporary court and report back at the next meeting.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
There were no speakers.

**3. Update on “Let’s Work”**

Commissioners Li talked about the volunteer program at Quarry Park and how it is managed with Covid restrictions. She asked if another Commissioner would be interested in helping with the program. Commissioner Huang and Commissioner Wang volunteered to help Commissioner Li.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
There were no speakers.

**4. Update on the Historical Plaque Program**

The program is mostly on hold because of Covid. Commission Pearce talked about the progress of the Historical Preservation’s creation of signs in the downtown area. Staff asked for another Commissioner to join this program since Commissioner Pearce’s term ends in September. Commissioners Huang and Wang stepped up to help the program.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
There were no speakers.

**5. Update on City Plans for Summer Programs**

Staff Liaison, Borel gave the update on City programs which are on hold due to Covid. The City is in a holding pattern and following the State and County’s direction regarding community events. Since the County moved into the Red Tier, there will be more activity on the sports fields which can operate safely outside. Staff will give an update at the next meeting.

Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
There were no speakers.

**6. Garbage Solutions at Quarry Park**

Commissioner Li gave an overview of the garbage issue and possible solutions to removing garbage cans in Quarry Park. Also discussed were several sign options.

Commissioner Li / Paquier move to **Accept the 2021 workplan. Passed by a verbal roll call: Ayes: Huang, Li, Paquier, Pearce and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**  
Chair Paquier invited any public comments on this item.  
No one requested to speak.

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

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting March 9, 2021**

- Report on development of Pickleball court
- Report of status of Let’s Work program
- Report on City Plans for Summer Programs
- Report on progress of Historical Plaque Program
- Report on progress of Quarry Park garbage can removal

**Adjournment**

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