

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 7:30 pm, at Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 West Campbell Ave., Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Johnson, Gibson, Ptaszynski, Davidson, Scholberg, Hughes

Absent: Walker (excused)

STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Park Maintenance Supervisor Vince Huppe and Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Gibson/Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Johnson, Gibson, Ptaszynski, Scholberg, Davidson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hughes

Oral Requests:

None.

Announcements:

None.

New Business

1. Draft Public Art Policy

Deputy City Manager Al Bito presented parts of a presentation that was given to the Civic Improvement Commission last November. The need for a public art policy arose from a proposal by a private party to have a statue of a farmer picking fruit placed in Campbell Park. Mr. Bito passed around a mockup of the statue. Because the City does not have a formal public art policy, staff is starting from the ground up and is seeking comments from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Comments from the Commissioners included:

- Who would own/maintain the artwork?
- Would the City approach private properties, such as Penny Lane, to add public art to improve the overall aesthetic?
- Is there information from other cities that allow people to keep and maintain their art?
- However the policy is finalized it needs to be flexible enough to apply to all kinds of art forms.
- A lot of communities go out and people buy sculptures and paint them and resell them as fundraisers.
- There needs to be good guidance to folks who want to participate in this.

- Ownership and disposition are very important.
- City would need to look at impact – cost to bring piece in, how it is placed, should not look like an addition to the park/property.
- Will there be artists on the Public Art Review Committee?
- Who decides where the art will be placed?
- A safety review should be involved.
- There needs to be criteria and guidelines regarding where to place the art.
- The City did a great job on the art at Stojanovich Park.
- At what point does the public get to weigh in on the artwork?
- What about functional art, would that be included in this policy?

Commissioner Davidson mentioned there is a typo on page 4, PRC should say PARC.

Resident Michael Clark commented on “fitting the art in the park”. These types of statues act as landmarks and could serve as a meeting place.

Resident Mike Krisman spoke about parks having art components. He is glad this policy is coming before the Parks and Recreation Commission. This is a good starting point. Campbell has art but no statues.

Deputy City Manager Bito stated they could incorporate an artist on the PARC. The guidance of where to place the art would be done through a team of advisors, such as was done with the Art boxes. There would be a safety review by Public Works and staff. The public could weigh in at the Civic Improvement Commission meeting. Interactive art would be included.

Commissioner Hughes stated he thinks having a professional artist on the committee might stifle the group.

Deputy City Manager Bito said they recommended someone from the Community Development Dept. in case there is a proposal for art on private property that would need approval. He did want to mention some language that was added to the policy which was the ability to issue an RFP or RFQ to give more flexibility. This would work kind of like the art box project. The Civic Improvement Commission developed guidelines to vet the artists.

Deputy City Manager Bito thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Commissioner Gibson quoted “Good art is appreciated. Bad art is remembered.”

Director Maurantonio said this would go to Council as a draft on May 17th.

2. Update on Proposed Budget and CIP from May 2, 2016 Council Study Session

Director Maurantonio handed out a modified package of budget slides that were relevant to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Ptaszynski asked why Public Works Admin (701) was increasing by 18%.

Commissioner Hughes asked about the projects that need to be done at the Community Center. Director Maurantonio said those would come up later under CIP.

Commissioner Hughes asked if the City was paying for the LED streetlight conversions. Supervisor Huppe responded that yes, it's under Dave Mooso, and the City also got some grants.

Director Maurantonio stated there were a lot of CIP projects on the list this year and went over what staff was proposing.

Council suggested Campbell Park Improvements be split it out into 2 years – Design would be done the first year and Improvements the next year.

She stated that the Council had a lot of projects to look at and they did express concern about Pavement Maintenance being underfunded. Staff needs to return to Council regarding what can be removed from the list if the Council wants more funding for Pavement Maintenance.

Commissioner Davidson asked what isn't being covered by the \$1.2M in Pavement Maintenance, what is needed on an annual basis. Director Maurantonio said \$2M is needed to catch up.

Commissioner Scholberg was surprised that the pool is not a placeholder on the 5 year list. Director Maurantonio said it would be on the unfunded list.

Director Maurantonio stated the budget will go back to Council for final adoption in June.

3. Proposed Work Plans

As a quick update, Director Maurantonio handed out the attachment for the draft work plans that went to Council on April 4th. The Commissioners would like Park in Lieu, Park Dedication and Parkland Dedication Funds to have just one name. They would prefer Park in Lieu.

The goal is going to be to develop a policy and a yearly process so that the Park Dedication fees come to the Commission every fall and go to council every January. Council said it should go to the Parks and Recreation Commission every year.

4. Update on Park Fees

Recreation Supervisor Bissell and Director Capurso did a fantastic job on the study session that was held on April 5th. Staff got a lot of good feedback and clarification. Council was helpful in saying what they would like to use the funds for and was very open to developing a process as how to use the funds. There was talk about the Commission wanting a Park Fees 101 class. Staff can present that at the June or August Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gibson asked if other Commissions could be invited, such as the Planning Commission. Everyone needs to understand what this fee is for and how it should be implemented. Council is welcome to come too.

Director Maurantonio was thinking this might be part of a Parks and Rec meeting. Commissioner Davidson said perhaps a study session. Director Maurantonio will talk to Director Capurso and Supervisor Bissell and get some options.

5. Measure Q

On April 11th Directors Capurso and Maurantonio attended the Open Space Authority meeting that was held at the Community Center. It was a terrific meeting, lots of members of the public attended, not a lot of Campbell residents but County residents. It was an opportunity to apply for grants. Staff will look to see if there are any grants available to the City.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Gibson reported that the Fischer Park play equipment has been disabled. The turf renovation is well in progress. He stated it would be cool if the Public Works Department would offer a public workshop on how to properly maintain your yard. He also said the xeriscape project is looking great at the Museum and staff is really rocking trimming and replacing the street trees.

Chair Scholberg asked if the water features will be turned on. Supervisor Huppe responded they were turned on May 1st, except for Jack Fischer Park.

Commissioner Hughes stated the Creek Trail looks a bit overgrown. Supervisor Huppe responded that staff waits for the grass to "talk to us". Once it stops being green it will get mowed.

Chair Scholberg mentioned that Hacienda Avenue grass recently got a haircut. Huppe responded that the seed stalks were part of the design. Staff got so many calls about the weeds, even though it was part of the design, the residents didn't like it so staff mowed it down. This week staff will be removing the seed heads.

Trees: No Report.

Special Events: Commissioner Hughes did not make it to the Bunnies and Bonnets Parade. Commissioner Scholberg said it was fascinating. The tires were underinflated so the Commissioners could not ride in the truck, only Chair Scholberg and the bunny rode in the truck. The parade was packed.

Staff Reports:

General Plan Update: Director Maurantonio

On April 19th Council approved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with DeNovo Group for facilitation and preparation of Envision Campbell. Staff did recommend rolling the DAAP into the General Plan.

Parks: Supervisor Huppe

- The wooden play structure at Jack Fischer Park, the posts are rotting and a section has been boarded off. Three playground consultants have advised replacing the wood equipment. He will post some signs as soon as he knows the dates.

Chair Scholberg asked if staff does planned maintenance on the equipment. Supervisor Huppe responded yes, staff does planned maintenance which is part of the assessment study that is ongoing. This spans maybe 10 years. There is a replacement plan. Last year staff did an in depth assessment plan, fortunately there are the park dedication funds that can be tapped into.

Chair Scholberg said so it's out of service to the kids. She is bothered by this. We have these fees, why doesn't the City dip into it and fix these things. Supervisor Huppe responded, usually that's what staff does, but in this situation, because it's attached to the rest of the playground, it involves fixing the entire structure. It's more cost effective to address the whole structure.

Chair Scholberg responded, so this makes it a longer process. Supervisor Huppe responded yes. She suggested staff post a sign that states what's going on with the equipment and that it will be replaced. Supervisor Huppe thanked her for that suggestion.

Commissioner Gibson asked if there is an opportunity to remove the part of the structure that has the decayed post, can that come out right now. Supervisor Huppe will double check.

- Staff has enlisted Our City Forest. They are partnering with the residents in various neighborhoods and have turned it into a reforestation project.
- The xeriscape project is coming along well. The fence around the Historic Museum should be coming down this week and it will be open to the public. Parks staff designed it and installed it and he couldn't be more proud. Awesome job.
- Staff will be closing down the tennis courts at the Community Center and will bring in a resurfacing contractor. This work will begin May 16th and should be done by May 27th.
- In mid-June the Campbell Park basketball courts will be resurfaced.
- The April 23rd Great American Litter pick-up broke attendance records with 204 people attending.
- Youth Commission work day was May 1st. They partnered with Natasha Bissell and Bob Carlson and installed 30 yards of fibar in Virginia Park playground areas and 25 yards of fibar at Hyde Park.
- Behind Rolling Hills School there's been vandalism, homeless problems. This past weekend the residents had a big cleanup. They painted the walls, picked up litter, and did a great job.

Commissioner Davidson asked about another car accident at Hacienda/Capri. She's wondering if there's any thought about stop signs there. Supervisor Huppe will bring it up at his key staff meeting on Tuesday and he'll make sure the people that need to look at it are out there. He knows Matthew Jue is aware.

Recreation – Director Maurantonio

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- We have some transitions – Lauren Merriman is our new Recreation Supervisor. Mariah Dabel came back from maternity leave last week and goes to Cupertino next week.
- We are getting three new shade canopies for the pool area. They will be installed in time for our summer programs.
- Thanks to Public Works for all the work on the Museum. Just to clarify it was Anna Rosenbluth's mother who designed the actual layout.
- Council is not meeting on July 5th. The Parks and Recreation Commission has a meeting scheduled July 6th. She would like to know if the Commissioners will be in town or should we move it out a week. Commissioner Gibson won't be here the 6th or the 13th. She will email the Commissioners and put it on the June agenda.
- The Commissioners chose to have the June 1st meeting at the Orchard City Green.
- Tours are being offered at the San Jose Waste Water Treatment plant, available dates are August 27th, or October 29th from 11 to 12 or 2:00 to 3:00. She will register everyone for August 27th from 11 to 12 and see who wants to go.
- Misty Booth is no longer in the Community Center Supervisor position, she has moved back to preschool classes and day camp.

Police Activity Report

Good of the Game

Commissioner Gibson said all looks good, great job, the Community Gardens are looking great.

Commissioner Ptaszynski seconded that. He was very impressed with the Youth Commissioners at the parade. He completed CERT training last month; he highly encourages the training for those who are interested.

Commissioner Johnson said the parade was great, he couldn't believe how many people were there. June will be his last meeting, he is retiring and relocating so will be resigning from the Commission.

Anyone that wants to can go out after the June meeting to congratulate Commissioner Johnson is welcome.

Commissioner Davidson commented on the Activity Guide saying we have so many great things going on. There's actually a Master Gardener class. It underscores for her how great it is to live in Campbell. Director Maurantonio responded that this is the first full color Activity Guide.

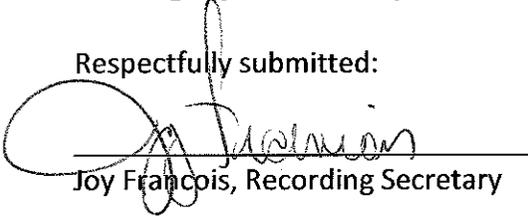
Commissioner Hughes said it's good to see everyone. The parks look fantastic. He wishes the parks in the City he works in looked as nice as Campbell's. Staff does a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Meeting was reopened for a comment by Michael Clark, Campbell resident. He commented that the slide in the tot lot at Campbell Park is too hot in the morning. Supervisor Huppe asked if there was a place to plant a tree near it; he'll see what can be done.

Meeting adjourned 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Joy Francois, Recording Secretary