

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
June 1, 2016
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 6:30 pm, at Campbell City Hall, Council Chambers, 70 N. First Street, Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gibson, Ptaszynski, Davidson, Scholberg (Hughes, Johnson and Walker arrived late)
Absent: None
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Capurso, Superintendent Mordwinow, Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Davidson/Ptaszynski to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Gibson, Ptaszynski, Scholberg, Davidson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Oral Requests:

Crystal Olsen, 2240 Middletown Dr. is a ten year resident of Campbell. She spoke about the high pollen count in Campbell and the fact that her 6 year old daughter has asthma. She said the City plants mostly male trees and she thinks the City needs to plant more female trees to catch the pollen.

Announcements:

Scott Johnson will be leading the pledge at the June 7th City Council meeting.

New Business

1. Walking Tour of Native Plant Garden at Campbell Historical Museum

Director Capurso introduced Alex Mordwinow, Public Works Superintendent, Charles Porter, Park Maintenance Worker and Bob Siudzinski, Arborist. Mr. Porter spoke about the plants, using less water, new water lines, and showed the Netafim irrigation. Superintendent Mordwinow stated this project was partially funded by a grant from the Santa Clara Water District. This project cost \$12,000 with \$5,000 grant reimbursement. The garden was designed by Anna Rosenbluth's mother who is a botanist. Anna is the Collections Specialist at the Museum. Mike Scott, Building Maintenance Lead Worker, built the bridge and the bench. Chuck Porter, Blake Bassett and Dave Olson were responsible for doing all the work.

The Commissioners said it was a great job.

2. Summer Recreation Highlights

Director Maurantonio Gave an update on the summer programs.

- We have a strong youth volunteer program with 26 Leaders in Training and approximately 18 Junior Guards; In-service Training June 7th – 11th
- New Camps!
 - The SS-ROV camp is a week-long, STEM oriented summer day camp for middle school students. The focus is ocean exploration technology through environmental conditions and operations that are considered during research planning for the collection of scientific data at sea. The cost is \$430 for a week long camp 8:00-5:00pm. This camp is in partnership with Los Gatos and Saratoga Recreation.
 - The Intro to Java using Minecraft camp explores the most common programming language using one of the world's most popular video games. Campers, ages 10-14, learn to program in Java and build Minecraft mods. The fee is \$695 for a week long camp 9:00-4:00pm.
- Summer Concerts - June 23 – August 11th

3. Reschedule July 6, 2016 Parks and Recreation meeting to July 13, 2016

The July 6th meeting will be rescheduled to July 13th, 6:30 pm on the Orchard City Green.

4. Schedule a Study Session on Park Dedication Fund Policy Development

A study session will be scheduled for the August 3rd meeting.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Gibson reported that he sees schools are using parks for end of year activities. There was a car show at Edith Morley Park on Sunday. A group called the Inliners – they parked along the park and used the picnic area. It's a really nice group. He wondered if they contacted the City for this event. Director Maurantonio will check to see if a permit was issued. He also mentioned there was a group in May or April that used a sound system.

Commissioner Davidson asked if, as a Campbell resident, she could rent the park for a group organization that she is a member of. Director Maurantonio said there are questions that are asked when reserving space and it could be a special event application would be required.

Commissioner Gibson asked how the relationship is going with the neighbors regarding the soccer program at the Community Center. Director Maurantonio responded that in general with the soccer programs all is going very well.

Trees: Commissioner Davidson had no report. She did notice that there is a tree removal permit that went to the Planning Commission for a house remodel. There is a tree in the park strip. The neighbors are already up in arms about the tree removal. There is a tree in the park strip and one on private property. Director Capurso said he would check into which tree they are talking about being "protected".

Special Events: Commissioner Hughes had no report.

Staff Reports:

General Plan Update

Director Capurso said there will be a kickoff meeting tomorrow, June 2 with the new consultant, DeNovo, and some of their sub-consultants so hopefully he'll have more to report next month.

Commissioner Davidson asked if the DAAP was being rolled into the General Plan. Director Capurso responded that the decision about putting the DAAP in the General Plan has not been made yet.

She then asked if someone is going to respond to all the queries regarding the DAAP. Director Capurso responded very likely, yes. He does not know the timeframe for the decision by Council but it will be by the end of the calendar year. The timeframe for the General Plan is 2 ½ years.

Parks: Director Capurso

- Staff is working on several maintenance projects:
 - Weed abatement along the Creek trail
 - Tennis court resurfacing has been completed
 - The basketball courts will start mid-June
 - Additional fiber will be installed at the preschool playground at the Community Center this week
 - Continuing preservation of the City Hall magnolia trees is being done with the recycled water truck
 - Highlighting older trees at City Hall and John D. Morgan Park
- Water Conservation efforts are still under last year's target of under 30%
- Held a successful volunteer project behind Rolling Hills Middle School on May 28th.
- Playground issues at Jack Fischer Park, staff is making some repairs and proposed new equipment in the CIP.
- Near the historical sign welcoming to downtown coming from the west, staff is doing a re-landscaping project.
- There will be a community meeting June 6th regarding the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail project

Chair Scholberg asked if signs went up at Jack Fischer Park. Superintendent Mordwinow responded yes, a sign was put up.

Commissioner Walker asked if the well project at JDM was scrapped. Director Capurso responded no, the Water District has pulled back for the time being. They will be doing three or four sites simultaneously.

Chair Scholberg asked about the accidents at Hacienda and Capri. The dangerous intersection sign has been removed. Director Capurso said there is nothing different at this intersection, but Hacienda is now a new street. There is no longer a wide right turn there. Drivers coming from the side streets that make a right turn on Hacienda are now immediately in the traffic lane. There is good enforcement from PD.

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- The Youth Commission wrapped up its first year with a meeting and dinner on May 23rd. 15 Youth Commissioners have been selected for the 2016-17 year. 8 of those students are returning from this year.
- Commissioner Johnson will lead the pledge of allegiance at the June 7th City Council meeting.
- City Council Budget meetings on June 7th and June 21st
- Ethics training notice sent out today.
- Wastewater Treatment Facility tour – registered everyone for August 27th 11 a.m. – 12
- New PMLB shirts will be ordered shortly. The new shirts will feature the six key messages of why Parks and Recreation programs make life better:
 - Play
 - Exercise
 - Gathering Places
 - Positive Spaces
 - Forever
 - Nature

Police Activity Report

Commissioner Walker mentioned there was a man with 12' long whips on the Budd side of JDM. He was inviting middle schoolers over to try out the whips. She called the police and they came out right away. She asked if there has been an uptick in graffiti in the parks. Superintendent Mordwinow stated that yes, there has been an uptick. Staff now has one person that spends 8 hours a week on graffiti abatement.

Commissioner Gibson asked if the ordinance requires 48 hours on private property. Director Capurso said he believes it does but he will check on that.

Commissioner Gibson noted there was a robbery on the Creek Trail on April 30th. Director Maurantonio said she had no specifics on that. She mentioned that the Police Dept. has been very responsive on stolen bikes.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Gibson asked Director Capurso if he was in charge of the policy for lighting the Water Tower. On Monday when the Sharks and Warriors are playing, who gets the priority? Director Capurso said that call has not been made. Any special calls have to be decided by the Council. Commissioner Gibson thanked Commissioner Johnson for his leadership and service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, he's been a great neighbor and he will be missed.

Commissioner Johnson said he appreciates his time on the Council, this is the greatest group and he will miss everyone.

Commissioner Ptaszynski said that Commissioner Johnson did a great job as chair person.

Chair Scholberg mentioned that Commissioner Johnson did not miss a single meeting during his year as Chair. She was Vice Chair and never had to fill in for him.

Director Maurantonio said that Commissioner Johnson's resignation will be accepted at the June 7th Council meeting and then the open position will be posted.

Commissioner Ptaszynski said he thought the Boogie on the Avenue was well run.

Commissioner Walker said she did 30% better than last year, there was less trouble and it went smoother. It seemed there were fewer booths and it wasn't hot so people were not drinking as much.

Commissioner Davidson thanked Commissioner Johnson and said she hopes he'll come back and visit, we are all jealous. She asked how the Public Works BBQ went. Director Capurso responded it was great, there were about 70 people, and it was at Edith Morley Park. Four of the five Council members stopped by, there was a cameo by a Parks Commissioner, and a couple of people from the Parks Foundation were there. Lots of churros were eaten.

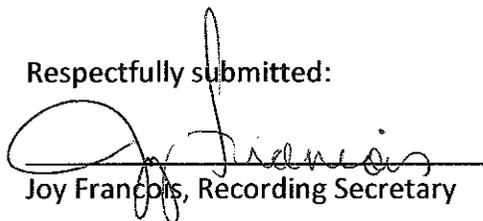
Commissioner Walker hosted the Youth Commission at the Snake and Butterfly. They had an open mike, her mom reported to her that the Commissioners were fantastic, they stayed and cleaned up after themselves, and she might be interested in hiring some of them to work in her shop.

Commissioner Hughes said congratulations to Commissioner Johnson. His retirement is well deserved. He has over 35 years of service. He noticed the trail had been trimmed and saw two beavers there.

Commissioner Gibson asked how the Portals are doing. Director Capurso said the Portals project is on the home stretch. There is still landscaping and artwork installation to be done, so we're looking at late June it will be open to the public. We will do a dedication event later in the summer, probably in August.

Adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Joy Francis, Recording Secretary