

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
June 13, 2016
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 6:30 pm, at the Orchard City Green, 70 N. First Street, Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ptaszynski, Davidson, Scholberg, Walker
Absent: Gibson, Hughes
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Capurso, Parks Supervisor Huppe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Ptaszynski/Walker to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016 regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

Oral Requests:

None

Announcements:

Director Maurantonio introduced Lauren Merriman, the new Recreation Supervisor. Staff is very happy to have her here. Lauren spent a few minutes talking about her background. She worked in Mtn. View for 14 years. She has worked in senior services, youth services, facilities, aquatics and sports. She currently oversees special events including the concert series.

Director Maurantonio also announced that the vacant Commissioner opening closes on July 15th.

New Business

1. 2016–17 Budget Update

Director Maurantonio was pleased to say Council passed the budget pretty much as submitted on June 21. She highlighted the approval of:

- The remodel of the Q building, including the bathrooms, will happen in early September.
- New workstations in D37.
- The pilot case management program for seniors at risk.
- New chairs in Q80 and improved A/V for OCBH.
- Digitizing the museum collection.

Capital improvement projects that were approved include:

- Aquatic feasibility study.

- The play area design at the Community Center.
- The outdoor exercise station replacement.
- The Community Center sports field irrigation will be improved.
- Campbell Park improvements design.

Director Capurso added that in advance of the budget process staff talked to the Commissioners about what constitutes a good project for use of Park Dedication Fees. Any project that adds play value, or recreational value, would qualify. Staff still owes the Council a wrap up on that report. The Council also spent a fair amount of time discussing the pavement conditions around the City and increased the budget from the previous \$950K to \$1.8M.

He also went into more detail regarding the projects Director Maurantonio mentioned.

- Campbell Park will be a very prominent project. The design and construction has been broken up into 2 years so there will be plenty of time for community process.
- Staff was able to add the renovation of the play lots at Jack Fischer Park, John D. Morgan Park, Virginia Park and Hyde Park.
- The play lot at the Community Center will be done over 2 years also.
- Staff is very excited to be replacing the exercise equipment at the track.
- The sports field irrigation project at the Community Center allows staff to irrigate the fields more effectively.
- Lastly, there is funding to do a feasibility study not only for the Community Center pool but for the west bank section of the Creek.

Commissioner Davidson asked about the road improvement funds, saying that is almost double, what prompted that. Director Capurso explained that roadway requires a certain level of maintenance and if you don't keep up with that it drops to a lower level. We have 100 miles of roadway and we measure the condition in PCI (pavement condition index). Generally you want to be over 70 and over the last 3 years we've dipped from 73 to the high 60's. To keep 100 miles of roadway at 70 or better you would need to fund it at more than \$2M a year and we've been funding it at half that amount per year.

Chair Scholberg asked about the equipment that is going to be replaced at the Community Center. She didn't think it was that old. Director Capurso stated it's not the age, it's the condition it's in - it has been beat up.

Commissioner Walker asked how much money was in the Park Dedication fund. Director Capurso said there is upwards of \$4M right now.

Chair Scholberg asked about additional parks, and is the City considering buying land. Director Capurso said optimistically yes, but that would wipe out the money pretty quick. He talked about the Water District property by Virginia Park that will be up for sale. It's about 2 acres and they think that it's worth about \$6M so the City won't be buying that. Staff is looking at other areas that are park deficient. Director Capurso said the City can try to work with the schools to do more joint use agreements. These kinds of plans need to be highlighted in the General Plan.

Director Maurantonio said at the next meeting on Aug. 3 we will have the study session on the parkland dedication fees and we can talk about this more.

2. Update on Street Tree Replacement – Winchester Blvd.

Director Capurso said this mainly pertains to the Barracuda site. One of the Commissioners asked him what was going on with the trees there. It appeared to be a private company removing public street trees. This goes back to when Barracuda acquired two homes on Walnut and were allowed to demo those homes and make a parking lot. During one of the study sessions with the Council the neighbors called to their attention that there were some street trees that were not in very good condition and staff should consider removing them. Staff concurred with the assessment that was brought to Council and were planning on doing a replacement project there. Barracuda came in with their permit to the Planning department and we asked them to take on this portion of the work and they agreed to take care of it.

Superintendent Huppe stated they also removed 6 tulip trees that had declined. They had a very voracious scale (insect). Staff could not get rid of the scale and the trees died. Four have been removed in front of the Heritage Theatre and 2 were removed in front of Safeway. They will be replaced with the same tree (Sunset Red Maple) that is going in at Barracuda.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Walker said everything looks good on the trail. Lots of water, grass looks good. She has not been to the field. Director Capurso said the field looks good.

Chair Scholberg mentioned that the play structure at Jack Fischer is blocked off and wondered if it would remain closed. Supervisor Huppe said no, there would be some short term repairs.

Trees: Commissioner Davidson no report.

Special Events: Commissioner Ptaszynski no report.

Staff Reports:

General Plan Update

Director Maurantonio said there was a GPAC meeting, Commissioner Ptaszynski attended and she asked if he'd like to say a few words.

He said there are 19 people on the committee and they are projecting a 2 year process. That's pretty ambitious for this project. It was good to hear the process from the consultant.

Chair Scholberg asked if they will be divided up into smaller committees. Commissioner Ptaszynski said they did not talk about that. They will try to get a consensus but no formal vote.

Director Maurantonio said they will chunk it out with different elements together so when they get to the open space element staff will let the Parks and Recreation Commission know when those meetings will be. They will also put PRC together with BPAC for a meeting.

They did mention the DAAP. Chair Scholberg said she had a conversation with someone about the library and how the needs of the library have changed. It's more about community gathering places. Could a library be moved to the Community Center and leave more space for the police at the Civic Center. Director Capurso said yes, this scenario has been looked at. Most of the departments have the appropriate amount of space. The three things lacking are a library, police operations center, and community meeting space. If we were going to tear down and build new buildings, it would require a large sum of money. So we are looking at various scenarios of renovation. But this would not create any additional space. The initial responses by the Council were to keep everything on site. We might have to look at what would happen if we took some things off site.

Parks: Director Capurso

Supervisor Huppe:

- As of July 1 San Jose Water has received approval from SCVWD to reduce the water conservation amount from 30% to 20%. We will try to squeeze more than 20% conservation out here at the City.
- Plans are under way for a volunteer project to install fibar at Stojanovich Family Park, August 13, being handled by Bob Carlson and his volunteers; you are all welcome to come.
- Senator Beall will be doing his annual creek trail cleanup August 13.
- The basketball court resurfacing project will be done in the beginning of August.
- The playground at Campbell Park was closed, this work is rescheduled for next Tuesday, we will be getting a new merry go round and a chin up bar.

Director Capurso added:

- Back in May or June there was the first neighborhood meeting for the San Tomas Aquino Trail. It was almost unanimously opposed. A lot of opposition came from an area of residents where the trail would run behind their house and the trail was not there before. We will have another meeting in mid to late August.
- The morning of Friday August 5th we will have the grand opening/dedication ceremony for the Portals at 11:00 am.
- Director Maurantonio mentioned that the Ainsley House was part of the Pokémon Go game.

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- All Summer Programs going very well; swim lessons, sports camps, day camps.
- Summer Concerts are in full swing! So far we've enjoyed performances from the Jesse Charles Band, Cocktail Monkeys and the Hitmen. Tomorrow night brings the Megatonnes to the stage. We've also had wonderful Parks Make Life Better pre-concert demonstrations from Playwell Technologies who did a community Lego build; our Aquatics staff who led a fun water balloon toss; and a singing demonstration from Music Together. Tomorrow's pre-concert demonstration will feature Skyhawks sports camp.
- Our fitness programs have been teaching one free demonstration class at the Library each week. This is part of the Library's Summer Reading program. The feedback has been terrific as

the program introduces people who are unfamiliar with our fitness classes, to all that is offered at the Community Center.

- Wastewater Treatment Facility tour – registered everyone for August 27th 11 a.m. – 12
- New Parks Make Life Better shirts are here! 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
- The Bike Valet at the Farmers Market is a pilot program and it's been very successful. The first week we had 20 to 30 bikes and now we're up to 60 bikes. Commissioner Walker said it's helping from the perspective of the passageways in front of the shops.

Chair Scholberg mentioned that she connected with Robert Berry who owns the recording studio on Second Street. He's a world famous keyboard/bass player. He has said pretty regularly that he would like to help fund raise or something for Campbell. It would be really cool to find something for him to do for the City.

A member of the public named Guy stopped by the meeting to tell the Commissioners about a Beethoven contest being held at the Martin Luther King Library in San Jose.

Police Activity Report

Commissioner Walker observed there seems to be an uptick in police activity in the summer time.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Davidson said she was happy to be outside with everyone.

Chair Scholberg said she enjoyed the BBQ for Scott Johnson.

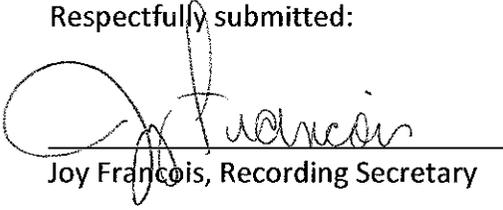
Commissioner Ptaszynski mentioned the perc ponds being open space, and wondered if the water company pays rent for the land. Director Capurso responded that the land is owned by the SCVWD. Their mission does not necessarily mean to open these to public access. The City would have to enter into an agreement with the District with some sort of plan and how the City would maintain it.

Chair Scholberg asked about the dog park and the casting ponds area on the Trail. It's not too far from Campbell Park, could that be something the City could approach the County to inquire about building a park there. It's not recreational space – not child friendly, doesn't have the amenities for kids. Director Capurso said yes, staff could approach the County and say we've identified a park deficiency in our City and we'd like to talk with you about doing some sort of improvement.

Commissioner Walker said she used the Portals, walked back well after dark and felt completely safe. It was fantastic.

Adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joy Francois", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial "J".

Joy Francois, Recording Secretary