

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
August 3, 2016
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 7:35 pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers, 70 N. First Street, Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ptaszynski, Davidson, Scholberg, Walker, Gibson, Hughes
Absent: None
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Capurso, Public Works Superintendent Mordwinow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Walker/Ptaszynski to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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

Oral Requests:

None

Announcements:

None.

New Business

1. Los Gatos Creek Trail Par Course

Director Capurso introduced, Aaron Peth, management intern for Public Works. He'll be presenting this item tonight. He also introduced volunteers Bob Carlson and Kimi De Leonibus, Vince Huppe, Parks Supervisor and Ron Taormina, Streets Supervisor.

Mr. Peth presented the Los Gatos Creek Trail Par Course renovation project. In 2014 the Campbell Parks and Recreation Foundation attempted to renovate the Par Course. Most of the equipment was old, and they wanted more relevant equipment, and increased accessibility. There is a long distance between stations. While designing the new station they chose new equipment which used pressure treated lumber which is no longer allowed in close proximity to the creek. The process was put on hold until now. The Foundation has found new equipment which is all metal, and is approved for owner installation. The new course will consist of nine stations. These will all be located around the southern turf area of Campbell Park.

The construction of this will take place as a joint effort between Public Works and the Campbell Parks and Recreation Foundation. The time line will take six to eight weeks, hopefully beginning Sept. 3.

Questions:

Commissioner Davidson asked what the life expectancy is of this new equipment. Mr. Peth did not know the exact answer; Mr. Carlson said it depends on usage. Superintendent Mordwinow said staff anticipates it will last at least 10 years.

Commissioner Walker asked if this was funded all through donations. Mr. Peth responded yes, it is funded from donations from Community groups as well as Robson Homes.

Superintendent Mordwinow acknowledged Bob Carlson and Kimi De Leonibus for going out and getting the donations and preparing for this project. The Commissioners gave them a round of applause.

Director Capurso said Mr. Peth did an exceptional job and he also thanked the volunteer staff for their help and parks staff for attending the meeting tonight.

2. Community Center Q Building Renovation

Director Maurantonio said staff is very excited that the Q building renovation is going to take place Sept. 6th through the 30th. The flooring will be improved in Q80 and Q84, new paint, new windows, and Building Maintenance will be redoing the restrooms.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Gibson said the parks are looking well. He has noticed the geese have been coming back. The turf looks good, congratulations to the staff. Edith Morley looks like the rail fence system is kind of nearing the end of its usefulness. He wonders if staff is considering doing something different to change those out. Superintendent Mordwinow said they had to remove some sections of the fence because they can't find replacement timbers. The interim repair will be to piece existing pieces together and then start replacing whole sections. As they replace sections they will go to a more traditional type of fencing.

Trees: Commissioner Davidson no report.

Special Events: Commissioner Hughes no report.

Staff Reports:

General Plan Update

Nothing to report.

Parks: Director Capurso asked Superintendent Mordwinow to speak.

Superintendent Mordwinow stated there are a number of projects planned for September. He appreciates staff that attended tonight, Vince Huppe and Ron Taormina.

The street section and park section are combining for several projects:

- Los Gatos Creek Trail project – staff is over-coating and crack sealing. The trails have been closed and the closure information is on the website.
- There is a project to complete a rest area and a pergola at the Community Gardens.
- The basketball courts at Campbell Park are closed for resurfacing.
- Staff will be meeting with some of the design consultants to do some xeriscaping projects including the west entrance to downtown.
- They will also be doing some renovation work at City Hall. They will be removing some of the shrubbery and widening some of the pavement areas in the large parking lot on the corner.
- Supervisor Huppe has been actively engaged with some playground manufacturers soliciting designs for Fischer Park as well as the exercise stations at the Community Center.
- Staff has been very busy with the end of summer maintenance. Staff is looking forward to the fall and the special projects that have been identified.

Commissioner Gibson asked if they will stay within the confines of the concrete site at Fischer Park. Superintendent Mordwinow said they would see what the manufacturer recommends and there could be a phase two expanding the footprint. There would be community input before that is done.

Superintendent Mordwinow mentioned that Ron Taormina came to the City a couple of years ago from the private sector, working for JJ Albanese. He has quite an extensive background and staff does a lot of work in house that saves the City a lot of money.

Commissioner Hughes asked what exactly is planned at Fischer Park. Superintendent Mordwinow responded they are replacing all the play equipment. Phase 2 could add an expansion of the play area. There is \$100K budgeted for the Fischer Park play areas. This will come from the park in lieu fees.

Commissioner Hughes then asked about a play structure at the Community Center. Does it cost more because of the work that needs to be done under the surface. Superintendent Mordwinow said at Fischer Park staff is not rebuilding the play area, it's a matter of pulling out the old and replacing with the new. The Community Center would cost more since there is underground work to be done.

Commissioner Gibson asked if staff is duplicating what is out there now at Fischer Park. Superintendent Mordwinow responded that the City has a certified playground inspector on the ABAG staff. They will review and give direction to staff.

Director Capurso added that after the Council meeting last night the City will be changing their water conservation effort from Stage 3 to Stage 2 targets, from 30% to 20% so staff can now irrigate on a three day basis instead of two.

Council also gave staff the authorization to pursue the acquisition of two separate properties: 209 Railway Ave and one that is held by San Jose Water Co. just north of the Pruneyard. Staff and Council have a closed session in two weeks to get into more detail. The properties would be intended for some sort of recreational use.

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- This is the last week of swim lessons.

- Last night there was a thank you event held for the leaders in training and junior lifeguards and their parents. It was a nice opportunity to thank them for all the work they did, and their parents were very impressed after hearing what their kids had been doing all summer.
- The summer concert series is going extremely well, there are two more concerts left.
- The bike valet program continues to be very popular at the Farmers market, with an average of 60 bikes.
- Youth Commissioner training will be August 18th and 27th.
- Fall registration is August 23rd for Campbell residents and August 24th for non-residents
- Free summer movie night on August 19th at John D. Morgan Park. The movie will be Rio at 8:00 pm.
- The interviews for the Parks and Rec Commission vacancy were held last night and Council will appoint someone at the Aug. 16th meeting.
- The San Jose Waste Water tour scheduled for August 27th – Director Maurantonio found out Boards and Commissions cannot conduct meetings outside the City so the Commission cannot go as a group. Three or fewer Commissioners can go together. Commissioners Hughes, Gibson and Walker dropped out. Commissioners Davidson, Ptaszynski and Scholberg will attend.

Commissioner Ptaszynski asked if there are organized leagues playing at the basketball courts at Campbell Park. Director Maurantonio responded no, there are not organized leagues.

Police Activity Report

Commissioner Gibson mentioned two fires reported at John D. Morgan Park, same day, same time. Director Maurantonio did not hear anything about it.

Commissioner Walker asked if the encampments have been moved lately. There seems to be more homeless population downtown. Director Capurso said it seems to be a steady thing. Superintendent Mordwinow said this is something else Ron takes care of, staff is pretty responsive in evicting people along the trail; they just completed a sweep a few weeks ago and then they do move into the parks.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Davidson said she is going to the Portals dedication on Friday. She looked at the fruit lampshades and she thinks it looks ripe for vandalism. It's been fun and exciting to see Hacienda and the Portals come together.

Commissioner Hughes said the Portals look great, very welcoming compared to what it looked like before. The ornamental structures are fantastic. The parks look so nice compared to other cities. He appreciates the time and effort staff puts in. The Creek Trail looks great now that it's all trimmed. We're extremely fortunate to have such an attentive staff.

Chair Scholberg echoed the same sentiments and is looking forward to the activities coming up in September.

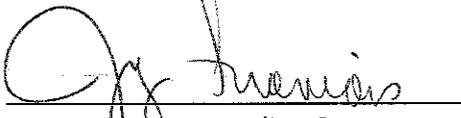
Commissioner Walker had the opportunity to reassure someone that the merry go round would be coming back to Campbell Park.

Commissioner Ptaszynski is very pleased that all the equipment has been donated for the Par Course and the presentations tonight were very good.

Commissioner Gibson said the garden at the museum is looking really good now that things are growing in. The water feature at Jack Fischer Park is a huge deal. There were like 8,000 kids there last weekend. He hears a lot of nice comments. He will be working the concert tomorrow night. Commissioner Walker will be there too.

Regular meeting adjourned 8:21 p.m. and the Commission will continue the study session from earlier in the evening.

Respectfully submitted:



Joy Francois, Recording Secretary