



**MINUTES  
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

November 4, 2019

CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
275 MAIN STREET, TOP FLOOR

**1. ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS:** DEWORKEN, CARRASCO, FLORES, HAYASHIBARA, HURTADO, SANCHEZ, SENCION

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** NONE

**PCS STAFF:** PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB  
ASST PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR BEN HEISTEIN  
SUPERINTENDENT IMELDA NEGRETE  
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES  
RECREATION SPECIALIST NAZMY GODINEZ  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II DESIREE MOYA

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – NONE**

**3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS** Commissioner Hurtado commented on the public event that the film festival put on with collaboration with the City for Dia de los Muertos and said it looked like a fun event to attend for the community. Commissioner Hurtado also introduced her mentee from the Puente program with Cabrillo. Commissioner Sanchez commented on attending a gathering at one of our Ramsay Community Center, he enjoyed the location and said it was impressive to see the up keeping of the facility. Director Calubaquib responded that the Ramsay Center has had some significant improvements recently. He also noted that it is one of the projects in the Capital Improvement Projects List that Asst Dir Heistein will be presenting on later in the meeting.

**3.3 DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Calubaquib reminded the Commission of upcoming events for the department through the end of the year. He also spoke of the programs the department is beginning to implement for adult services at the Senior Center.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2019**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Hurtado, seconded by Commissioner Sencion and carried by the following vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 7, 2019.

**AYES:** DEWORKEN, CARRASCO, FLORES, HAYASHIBARA, HURTADO, SANCHEZ, SENCION

**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – NONE**

**6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**6.1 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY CITY ATTORNEY ALAN J. SMITH**

City Attorney Alan J. Smith gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Commission Authority & Role, Ethic principles and an introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. City Attorney Alan J. Smith discussed the municipal code adopted by Council and how it helps give expectation and rule what everyone does in the City of Watsonville and why.

**6.2 REPORT ON ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS BY RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT IMELDA NEGRETE**

Superintendent Imelda Negrete discussed the enrichment programs offered in our community, Musical Me, Karate classes, Zumba, Skateboarding Lessons and Adult Trips. Superintendent Negrete discussed the goals for each program to help create enrichment programs that create recreation, learning opportunities, promote a healthy lifestyle, and strengthen the community through diverse physical, education and cultural programming. Superintendent Negrete discussed marketing for enrichment programs including Social Media, the Fun Guide, Peach Jar flyers to the schools, banners, previous participants, presentations and other outlets.

**6.3 REPORT ON CAMP W.O.W. SUMMER DAY CAMP 2019**

Recreation Specialist Nazmy Godinez reported on the Camp W.O.W. Summer day camp that was held at Callaghan Park during the summer months. Recreation Specialist Godinez discussed program purpose, components, attendance, budget, marketing, program evaluation, and staff recommendations to help the program grow.

**6.4 PROGRESS REPORT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BY ASSISTANT PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR BEN HEISTEIN-**

Assistant Parks and Community Services Director Heistein gave an update to the Commission on the status of each CIP. Assistant Director Heistein informed the Commission that a facility assessment was underway and was designed to identify capital improvements necessary to address deferred maintenance at all department facilities.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ART SUBMITTED BY CITY OF WATSONVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE “GREAT WHITE EGRET: MURAL AT THE NATURE CENTER LOCATED AT RAMSAY PARK” BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES**

**A. STAFF REPORT:** Senior Administrative Analyst Flores presented an application submitted by the Watsonville Public Works department for the “Great White Egret”, a proposed mural at the Nature Center Located at the Ramsay Park. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application.

**B. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT:** Commissioner DeWorken asked if the mural was going to be in the shape of the Egret and the reasoning behind the size and location. He also asked how this project would benefit the area and the people of Watsonville. Leonardo Cruz, Nature Center Coordinator that is familiar with the

project addressed the Commission and explained that the location for the piece was chosen so people from the community that are driving by can see the mural and notice the location of the Nature Center. This would also allow people to be aware of the animal that migrates through the slough area and may attract people to the center to learn more about these animals and natural resources.

- C. **PUBLIC INPUT:** A member of the public asked about the location and why it was being placed towards the back of the building and not the front of the building. Coordinator Cruz explained that the location was chosen to be visible from the playground area, parking lot and the street.
- D. **APPROPRIATE ACTION:** MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sencion, seconded by Commissioner Carrasco and carried by the following vote to approve the application submitted by City of Watsonville Public Works Department for the "Great White Egret".

**AYES: DEWORKEN, CARRASCO, FLORES, HAYASHIBARA, HURTADO, SANCHEZ, SENCION**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1 PARKS AND RECREATION WORKPLAN 2019 UPDATE BY DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB**

**STAFF REPORT:** Director Calubaquib gave an update on the six projects of the Commission's 2019 Work plan. The Commission gave their input on their involvement in carrying out their role as it relates to the work plan.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 9:34 pm**