

**MINUTES  
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**AUGUST 5, 2019**

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
275 MAIN STREET, TOP FLOOR**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: DeWORKEN, FLORES**

**PCS STAFF: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB  
ASSISTANT PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HEISTEIN  
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST FLORES  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II MOYA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II DIAZ**

**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 Watsonville Strawberry Festival Strawberry Jam Run. Commissioner Hayashibara said he attended and enjoyed the Strawberry Festival. Commissioner Sanchez mentioned that the stage area in the City Plaza looked nice.

**3.3 DIRECTORS REPORT** – Director Calubaquib thanked everyone for the compliments received about the Strawberry Festival and discussed the highlights of the event. Director Calubaquib updated the Commission on establishing operation of the Henry J. Mello Center with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Director Calubaquib informed the Commission of Muzzio Park's play structure arson fire incident and plans to expand the playground. Director Calubaquib listed various upcoming events to the Commission.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2019 AND JULY 1, 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 May 6, 2019 and July 1, 2019.

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

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

**6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**6.1 RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF FINAL PARK MASTER PLAN FOR CITY PLAZA** – Project Manager Corbin Schneider of Verde Design, Inc. reported on the final park master plan for the City Plaza and requested the Commission to recommend adoption of the plan, and the plan presented at the City Council meeting for final approval. Commissioners and members of the public asked questions about the park master plan for the City Plaza and Project Manager Schneider clarified and responded.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sencion, seconded by Commissioner Carrasco and carried by the following vote to adopt the Final Park Master Plan for City Plaza.

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

**CIVIC PLAZA COMMUNITY ROOMS, 275 MAIN STREET, TOP FLOOR, 7:30PM**

**6.2 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 7:30PM)** – The Commission discussed challenges that confront both agencies and planned future joint meetings and collaborations.

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**6.3 PUBLIC ART FEE BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES** – Senior Administrative Analyst Flores reported on the recommendation to adopt an application process fee for Community Initiated Public Art on privately owned commercial spaces. The Parks & Community Services Department has been tasked with re-establishing the Public Art Program and to establish guidelines for approval of art projects in the City, with the Parks & Recreation Commission appointed the approving body. The Commission requests to table this item and continue the discussion at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

**6.4 PUBLIC ART DESIGN APPROVAL BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES** – Senior Administrative Analyst Flores reported on the Watsonville Brillante Project and introduced local artist Kathleen Crocetti, who is leading the public art project at the Rodriguez Street Parking Garage, to the Commission. Kathleen Crocetti described the process for selecting art designs and recommends the Commission approve the “Strawberry Picker” as the first image of the Watsonville Brillante Project for one of the four large vertical sections at the Rodriguez Street Parking Garage.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sencion, seconded by Commissioner Carrasco and carried by the following vote to approve the “Strawberry Picker” to be used as the first image of the Watsonville Brillante Project.

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

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

- a) **STAFF REPORT** – Director Calubaquib reported on the recommendation to develop and adopt an annual Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan and appoint Commissioners to lead the implementation of Work Plan projects. During its meeting on April 15, 2019 and May 6, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the report and moved to table discussions to allow staff to review resources required to implement recommended Work Plan items.
- b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – Commissioners asked questions about the various proposed work plans, established the Work Plan projects and appointed Commissioners to the projects.
- c) **PUBLIC INPUT** – NONE
- d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION – MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Hurtado, seconded by Commissioner Sencion and carried by the following vote to adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

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

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 9:31pm**