



AGENDA  
CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: City Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, Top Floor  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Monday, November 07, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Abel Sanchez  
Commissioner De Worken  
Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Frank Barba

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Jessica Carrasco  
Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Araseli Campos

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services  
Israel Tirado, Facility Coordinator, Parks & Comm Svcs  
Jessica Beebe, Special Event Coordinator, Parks & Comm Svcs  
Jeremy Sanders, Asst. Admin. Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs.  
Leonardo Cruz, Comm Env. Outreach Coordinator, Pubic Works

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1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Abel Sanchez  
Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Frank Barba  
Commissioner Paul De Worken

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Araseli Campos  
Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Jessica Carrasco

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner De Worken, seconded by Commissioner Barba to excuse Commissioner Araseli Campos.

AYES: Sanchez, De Worken, Leonor, Barba  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Campos, Ibarra, Carrasco  
MOTION: Passed

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE

3.b. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON REPORTS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leonor attended the Candy Crawl and stated there is a need for more volunteers.

Commissioner Barba stated he went to the National Night Out event and that he enjoyed himself.

Commissioner Sanchez commented on the upcoming 2022 election and the measure on the ballot that would impact the Parks & Community Services Department.

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Calubaquib provided an update on upcoming special events such as the Veterans Day parade November 11<sup>th</sup>, the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on November 18<sup>th</sup>, the World day of remembrance on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual Santa tour December 14-16.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner De Worken, seconded by Commissioner Barba to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022.

AYES: Sanchez, De Worken, Leonor, Barba,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Campos, Ibarra, Carrasco

MOTION: Passed

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

NONE

7. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

7.a. 2022 REPORT ON SPECIAL EVENTS

Receive the report on 2022 Special Events

- a) Staff Report: Jessica Beebe Special Events Supervisor provided a report on 2022 Special Events. Beebe gave an overview of special events that were put together and or supported by the Parks and Community Services Department.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner De Worken asked if the Parks Department is connected to Firework Display at the Watsonville Airport. De Worken also commented on the availability of different vendors other than food vendors allowed at the Firework Display.  
Beebe advised the Parks did send teammates over to assist with things like parking but was not involved in planning or booth organization.  
Commissioner Leonor commented on how the community came out to support the various special events put on by the City of Watsonville  
Commissioner Sanchez asked if the Department reaches out for partnership.  
Beebe responded that outreach is done with local businesses to partner with the City on special events. She also stated that often times non-profit organizations will reach out to the City and will be awarded a sponsorship to assist with their special event.
- c) Public Input: None

7.b. REPORT ON FACILITY RENTALS

Receive the report on Facility Rentals

- a) Staff Report: Israel Tirado Facilities Coordinator, provided a report on Facility rentals. Tirado provided information on the current facilities available for rent, along with a breakdown of expenditures and revenues.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner Barba asked why Non-Profit organizations get a discount and how the Department is managing EA Hall fields.  
Tirado responded that the school is responsible for the gate opening and closure at EA Hall. He also stated that non-profit organizations get a discounted rate when the facilities are used and open to the public.  
De Worken asked if there are any tiers for cost. Tirado responded that there are tiers and the cost is dependent on each facility and the information is available on our website.  
Commissioner Sanchez requested a report that shows the expenditures and revenue for cost recovery.
- c) Public Input: Ms. Leonor commented on the cost of facility rentals and would like to see them available for the community that may not be able to afford the extra cost.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.a. APPROVAL OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT JOYCE MCKENZIE PARK

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the creation of a community garden on the sand area of Joyce McKenzie Park so that neighborhood can turn the old volleyball court into a community garden.

a) Staff Report: Leonardo Cruz Community Environmental Outreach Coordinator provided a report on the installation on a community garden located at Joyce McKenzie Park located on the old sand volleyball court. Cruz advised that there are about 15 households that are currently willing to be a part of the community garden. Cruz provided details on how the community garden will benefit the community by allowing families to supplement the cost of their groceries with growing their own fruits and vegetables. Cruz also explained that the City of Watsonville will provide soil and key water features to ensure all water conservation laws and policies are followed. Cruz went on to say that the community members will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.

b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner Barba, Commissioner De Worken, and Commissioner Leonor all commented on the need of fencing being placed around the community garden to keep animals and unauthorized people out. Cruz replied that any fencing would have to be paid for and installed by the community.

Commissioner De Worken asked how the plots will be divided and who would have access to the community garden. Cruz replied that the plots are divided up by 24 square feet raised plot beds. This can also change based on the number of community families participating by providing more space. Access to the community garden will be limited to the families that pay to utilize it.

Commissioner Leonor asked if there will be a place for composting, and who is responsible for the construction and set-up of the garden. Cruz explained that there will be a place for onsite composting. Cruz went on to say that the Community is responsible for all construction of the plots and fencing. City of Watsonville Public Works Department will have staff there for assistance to ensure regulations set by the city are being followed. Cruz added that the group committed to the garden are families who own or work in landscaping and construction.

c) Public Input: None.

d) Appropriate Action:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner De Worken and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the creation of a community garden on the sand area of Joyce McKenzie Park so that neighborhoods can turn the old volleyball court into a community garden.

AYES: Sanchez, Ibarra, Leonor, Barba,  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Campos, Ibarra, Carrasco,  
MOTION: Passed

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on December 5, 2022 at 6:30pm.