



MINUTES
CITY OF WATSONVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: Ramsay Park Family Center
1301 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
Thursday, September 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Noe Ibarra
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Emiko Stewart
Commissioner Paul De Worken
Commissioner Araseli Campos

Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services
Joseph Medina, Parks Superintendent, Parks & Comm Svcs
Robert Berry, Construction Manager, Parks & Comm Svcs
Jose Barrera, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Comm Svcs.
Jeremy Sanders, Asst Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs.

1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Noe Ibarra
Commissioner Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Emiko Stewart
Commissioner Araseli Campos
Commissioner Paul De Worken

Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon

Commissioners Absent:

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marilyn Hyde, a community member and pickleball athlete spoke on concerns surrounding the installation of permanent pickleball courts at Callaghan Park. Another Watsonville resident Pickleball player spoke regarding the possibility of installing permanent courts at Joyce McKenzie Park.

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

NONE

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Calubaquib provided an update on the events surrounding the Strawberry Festival weekend. Calubaquib also provided an update on upcoming events to include the Watsonville Film Festival. Calubaquib went over the list of priorities for Measure R funding for the parks department.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF August 03, 2023

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Schacher and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the minutes of August 03, 2023.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Stewart, Schacher, Campos, De Worken
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, & APPEALS

NONE

7. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

7.a. REPORT ON 2023 SPORTS PROGRAMS

Receive the report on 2023 Aquatics programing.

- (a) Staff Report Jose Barrera, Recreation Supervisor provided a report on the 2023 Aquatics programing.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed ways to increase involvement within the Aquatics programing as well as how Aquatics can be made into a year around program.
- (c) Public Input: None

8. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.a. RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC ART “PAGEANTRY & PERFORMANCE” BY KATHLEEN CROCETTI

Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission recommend that the City Council approve a contract for public art “Pageantry & Performance” by Kathleen Crocetti, to be placed at the Watsonville City Plaza.

- (a) Staff Report – Director Calubaquib provided details on the Contract to approve public art for “Pageantry & Performance” to be placed at the Watsonville City Plaza.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed the artwork and location.
- (c) Public Input: Kathleen Crocetti provided the Commission with details on how the statues will be built. Crocetti also provided information on why she chose the specific designs.
- (d) Appropriate Action: Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission recommend that the City Council approve a contract for public art “Pageantry & Performance” by Kathleen Crocetti, to be placed at the Watsonville City Plaza.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Leonor and seconded by Commissioner De Worken to recommend that the City Council approve a contract for public art “Pageantry & Performance” by Kathleen Crocetti, to be placed at the Watsonville City Plaza.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Schacher, Stewart, Campos, De Worken,
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

9.b. RAMSAY PARK TOUR

Tour of Ramsay Park

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm
The next Commission meeting will be held on October 19, 2023 at 6:00pm.