



MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT
DECEMBER 12, 2023

1.0 MINUTES

- Parks & Recreation Commission
- June 22, 2023
- August 3, 2023
- September 7, 2023

2.0 PROCLAMATIONS

- Cesario Ruiz
- December 2, 2023



MINUTES
CITY OF WATSONVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, Top Floor
Watsonville, CA 95076
Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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

Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Abel Sanchez

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services
Adriana Flores, Sr. Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs
Jessica Beebe, Community Engagement & Special Events
Supervisor, Parks & Comm Svcs.
Jeremy Sanders, Assistant Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs.

1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

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

Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Abel Sanchez
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

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 provided information on the Senior Action Committee, and the work that is being completed on a survey to assess the needs of the community's seniors. Leonor stated that there is a need for more staff at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Stewart updated the Commission on her meeting with the Youth Center. Youth Commissioner Brandon updated the Commission on her time at the City Council meeting.

Commissioner De Worken updated the Commission on NERDVILLE stating it was a success and enjoyed seeing the community come out to support.

Commissioner Ibarra added that he would like to make the parks programs more visible. Director Calubaquib provided an update on the areas within the Parks Department that are still in need of a liaison.

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Calubaquib provided an update on the Callaghan Park restrooms stating that the restrooms will be open every day starting July 1st.

Calubaquib provided an update on the new partnership with Parks Department, PVUSD and De Teatro Campesino which is a bilingual theater program that will run through a part of the summer.

Calubaquib continued with additional updates stating that Gymnastics is back at Callaghan Park, the aquatics program is also in full swing and Camp WOW is at capacity. The Department continues to look to hire more staff to handle the increase in attendance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2023

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the minutes of May 1, 2023.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Stewart, De Worken

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sanchez, Schacher,

ABSTAIN: Campos

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.a. REPORT ON JULY IS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH

Receive the report on July is Parks Make Life Better Month.

- (a) Staff Report: Jessica Beebe, Community Engagement & Special Event Supervisor updated the Commission on the “July Parks Make Life Better Month”
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner Stewart asked if the dance performed by De Teatro Campesino will be recorded. Beebe replied that the performance may be recorded.

Commissioner Leonor asked what the Parks Department does for kids and families that are not able to participate due to activities being at capacity. Adriana Flores, Sr. Admin Analyst advised that there is a waitlist that is used to fill spots as they become available. Alternate activities are also offered to those families as other options. For financial barriers the Parks Department partners with the Friends of Watsonville Parks & Community Services, a non-profit organization, to offer a scholarship program.

Commissioner Leonor also asked if the Scavenger Hunt requires registration. Flores advised the Scavenger Hunt is free and does not require registration. The clues can be found on the Parks website.

Youth Representative Brandon asked how the Parks Department can estimate the attendance for next year, and how Camp WOW can be expanded.

Calubaquib replied that they use the kids currently enrolled as well as the kids on the waitlist an estimate can be made on how many possible registrations for next year. The number of teammates also determines how many kids can be registered for Camp WOW.

Commissioner De Worken asked what type of outreach is being done to reach youth and young adults who may want a summer job.

Calubaquib replied that the Recreation Division spends time attending job fairs and reaching out to local schools to spread the word about open positions.

Commissioner Ibarra asked how the public is notified about programs that are offered, other than social media. Ibarra also asked what the Parks Department is doing to get younger individuals to apply for open positions.

Beebe advised that the Parks Fun Guide is sent out to the community members through the mail. Calubaquib replied that the Jr. Rec Leader program is a great way to build that bridge with the younger community. Also, word of mouth along with the recreation department tabling at job fairs, as well as school events in the community.

- (c) Public Input
NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.a. MOTION APPROVING PUBLIC ART PROJECT LOCATED AT 1482 FREEDOM BLVD SUBMITTED BY EDEN HOUSING INC.

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Tabasa Gardens Art Project located at 1482 Freedom Boulevard.

- (a) Staff Report – Sr. Admin Analyst Adriana Flores provided information on the Tabasa Gardens Art Project. The mosaic mural will be located at 1482 Freedom Blvd. The project was brought to the city by Eden Housing after a call was made to leaders of the Filipino community to honor the Filipino heritage. Caitlin Bayaca an 18-year-old Filipino artist submitted an image based off a photo provided for inspiration. The image was chosen by community members with a vote where the majority chose Bayaca’s work.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner Leonor asked why this specific location of the building was selected. Kathleen Crocetti, artist taking the lead on the project replied that the side of the building where the image will go is the only location without windows and provides the space to house the image.
- (c) Public Input: Caitlin Bayaca provided background and thoughts behind the artwork.
- (d) Appropriate Action:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Campos to approve the image for the Project at 1482 Freedom Blvd.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

8.a. ADOPT REVISED PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BYLAWS That the Commission adopts revised Bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- (a) Staff Report – Director Calubaquib provided an overview of the revisions to the Bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Commission which included the meeting date and time be switched from the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm to the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm as well as to have a standing agenda item add labeled Workplan Progress Reports.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input
NONE
- (c) Public Input:
NONE
- (d) Appropriate Action:

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Campos to adopt revised Bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 3, 2023 at 6:00pm.

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MINUTES
CITY OF WATSONVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: City Council Chambers
250 Main Street, OLD Council Chambers
Watsonville, CA 95076
Thursday, August 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Noe Ibarra
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Emiko Stewart
Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Abel Sanchez
Commissioner Paul De Worken
Commissioner Araseli Campos
Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services
Imelda Negrete, Recreation Superintendent, Parks & Comm Svcs
Joseph Medina, Parks Superintendent, Parks & Comm Svcs
Adriana Flores, Sr. Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs
Jose Barrera, Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Comm Svcs.
Jeremy Sanders, Assistant Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs.

1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners.
Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Noe Ibarra
Commissioner Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Emiko Stewart
Youth Representative: Izabella Brandon
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Abel Sanchez
Commissioner Araseli Campos
Commissioner Paul De Worken

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Schacher and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to excuse the absent Commissioners.

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

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 spoke on updates to the Youth Center that are needed and will help increase the use of the facility.

Commissioner Stewart updated the commission on a meeting with City staffer Jessica Beebe regarding safety surrounding public events. Specifically, safety at the upcoming Strawberry Festival.

Commissioner Schacher updated the Commission on her work on a mural. Schacher also toured the parks as part of the Parks Assessment.

Commissioner Ibarra updated the Commission on his conversations with City staffer Jessica Beebe regarding different partnerships with local organizations and gave the example of the partnership between the department and the Friends of Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department.

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Calubaquib provided an update on the upcoming events such as those at the Strawberry Festival. Calubaquib also provided an update on the spending plan priorities for the Measure R funding.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2023

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Schacher and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the minutes of June 22, 2023.

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

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 sports programing.

- (a) Staff Report Jose Barrera, Recreation Supervisor provided a report on the sports programing for the first half of 2023.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed ways to increase involvement within the sports programing.
- (c) Public Input: None

7.b. REPORT ON COST RECOVERY POLICY

Recommendation that the Commission provide feedback on the new cost recovery policy.

- (a) Staff Report: Imelda Negrete, Recreation Superintendent updated the Commission members on the new cost recovery policy.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed the department's cost recovery policy.
- (c) Public Input: None

8. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.a. MOTION APPROVING PUBLIC ART AT HAZELWOOD PARK LOCATED AT 297 HERMAN AVENUE.

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Serape Lips 2023 mural located at 297 Herman Avenue.

- (a) Staff Report – Sr. Admin Analyst Adriana Flores gave a report to the Commission on a new mural “Serape Lips 2023” located at Hazelwood Park.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed the history of the artwork and location.
- (c) Public Input: None
- (d) Appropriate Action: Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the mural Serape Lips 2023 located at 297 Herman Avenue.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Schacher and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the image “Serape Lips 2023” located at 297 Herman Avenue.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Schacher, Stewart,
NOES: None

ABSENT: Sanchez, Campos, De Worken,

9.b. APPROVE PUBLIC ART APPLICATION FOR MURAL AT RAMSAY PARK FAMILY CENTER LOCATED AT 1301 MAIN STREET BY PAJARO VALLEY ARTS

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the “A Bigger Picture” mural to be placed on the west facing wall of the Ramsay Park Family Center located at 1301 Main Street.

- (a) Staff Report – Sr. Admin Analyst Adriana Flores provided the Commission with details regarding the public art application.
- (b) Commission Questions & Input: The Commission members discussed the artwork and location.
- (c) Public Input: Students from Pajaro Valley Arts spoke on the artwork and their specific involvement, as well as what the art means to them personally.
- (d) Appropriate Action: Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the “A Bigger Picture” mural to be placed on the West facing wall of the Ramsay Park Family Center located at 1301 Main Street.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Schacher and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the “A Bigger Picture” mural to be placed on the West facing wall of the Ramsay Park Family Center located at 1301 Main Street.

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on September 7, 2023 at 6:00pm.

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 Chairperson District 6



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

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Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Emiko Stewart
Commissioner Araseli Campos
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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

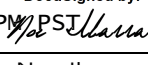
9.b. RAMSAY PARK TOUR
Tour of Ramsay Park

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.

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 Parks & Community Services Director

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 Chairperson District 6



*P*roclamation

Cesario Ruiz **10 Year Anniversary** **December 2, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** growing up in Andocutin, Guanajuato, a small village in Mexico’s El Bajío region, Cesario was a farmworker from a traditional family where farming and cooking were integral parts of daily life; and
- WHEREAS,** at the age of 14, Cesario traveled over 2,000 miles to the United States in search of better opportunities to help support his family, only bringing with him his mom’s recipes, cooking skills, and a deep love for food; and
- WHEREAS,** Cesario’s first job in the food service industry was as a dishwasher in a commercial kitchen, where his passion for cooking propelled him through the ranks and within a few months, he advanced from the prep station, to line cook, to store manager; and
- WHEREAS,** seeking growth opportunities, Cesario decided to explore other options and worked with two prominent local businesses, mastering the financial and administrative aspects of food service; and
- WHEREAS,** Cesario’s strong background, positive attitude, and community-minded approach made him the ideal candidate to manage El Pájaro CDC’s Business Incubator Program, where he has always embraced the mission of promoting equal access to economic opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure, Cesario has not only managed a kitchen but has breathed life into El Pájaro CDC’s kitchen incubator, fostering a community of food entrepreneurs who share space and collaborate to achieve success by developing high quality products and building robust businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** Cesario is the creator and instructor of the new “How to Start a Food Business” program curriculum, and his leadership has helped the Kitchen Incubator Program support over 100 entrepreneurs in developing their own food products and brands; and
- WHEREAS,** Cesario firmly believes the best way to create stronger connections between people is to share what you excel at and pay it forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eduardo Montesino, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Cesario Ruiz on his 10-year anniversary as manager of El Pájaro CDC’s Food Business Incubator Program, commend him for his willingness to help others achieve their dream of becoming business owners, and thank him for his contributions to a wide range of “Made in Watsonville” products he has contributed to developing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 21st day of February, Two thousand and twenty three.




Eduardo Montesino, Mayor