



MINUTES

CITY OF WATSONVILLE

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: Council Chambers
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
Thursday, March 07, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Noe Ibarra
Commissioner Emiko Stewart

Youth Representative: Gael Oscar Perez

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Jennifer Schacher
Commissioner Araseli Campos
Commissioner Paul De Worken

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services
Robert Berry, Construction Manager Parks & Comm Svcs
Hilda Peralta, Project Manager, Parks & Comm Svcs
Diego Aguilera, Recreation Coordinator, 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 Fabian Leonor
Commissioner Emiko Stewart

Youth Representative: Gael Oscar Perez

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Araseli Campos
Commissioner Paul De Worken
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

Elizabeth Williams, a community member with the Watsonville Community Members for Public Restrooms spoke regarding the availability of public restrooms and them being open 24 hours a day for use by the community.

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

Commissioner Leonor spoke on the Assessment Day for the soccer program. Leonor spoke on the great job the Parks team is doing with the sports program.

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Calubaquib provided an update to the Commission on department updates, to include updates on Muzio Community Garden. Calubaquib advised that the Parks Department is currently hiring, as well as the increase in minimum wages. Calubaquib provided an update on upcoming events, to include the department Star of the Month.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Motion was not taken due to not having quorum.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

NONE

7. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

7.a. REPORT ON 2023-2024 ELOP PROGRAMS

Receive the report on 2023-2024 ELOP Programs

- a) Staff Report: Diego Aguilera, Recreation Coordinator provided an update on the Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs (ELOP) that provide a safe space for kids before and after school.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioners Leonor questioned if any staff on sight are educators. Aguilera replied that there are educators on campus as well as in the classrooms.
- c) Public Input: None

7.b. RAMSAY PARK UPDATE/NATURE CENTER 95%

Oral Report only.

- a) Staff Report: Robert Berry, Construction Manager provided an update on the 95% remodel plans for both Ramsay Park and the Nature Center.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioners discussed the plans and shared their excitement to get the project started.
- c) Public Input: None

8. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at 6:00pm