



MINUTES  
CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Location: Council Chambers  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
Thursday, Jul 02, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Emiko Stewart  
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher  
Commissioner Paul De Worken  
Commissioner Celste DeWald

Youth Representative: Gael Oscar Perez

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Araseli Campos

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services  
Josph Medina, Parks Superintendent, Parks & Comm Svcs  
Jessica Beebe, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Comm Svcs  
Jeremy Sanders, Asst Admin Analyst, Parks & Comm Svcs.

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1. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Noe Ibarra  
Commissioner Fabian Leonor  
Commissioner Emiko Stewart  
Commissioner Paul De Worken  
Commissioner Jennifer Schacher  
Commissioner Celste DeWald

Youth Representative: Gael Oscar Perez

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Araseli Campos

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner DeWald and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to excuse the Commission Members from the meeting scheduled January 18, 2024.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Stewart, De Worken, Schacher

NOES: None

ABSENT: Campos

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Community members and avid tennis players spoke regarding the Ramsay Park Renaissance project and the allocation of funds. Due to the current shape of the tennis courts, it was requested to have funds allocated to renovating the tennis courts as part of the overall project.

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

Commissioner Leonor spoke on the time spent with the Parks team at our city parks. Stated that with upcoming changes that it will bring more kids and families out to enjoy the parks. Commissioner DeWorken advised the swim program to include the Jr. Life Guard program is a great addition to the summer. DeWorken also stated that there is a art piece that has been placed on a church that is visible to the public. Commissioner Stewart stated that she was involved with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July dog walk and had a good time. Commissioner Schacher spoke about the fossil dig that the Parks Department funded and that it was a good time with the youth.

3.c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nick Calubaquib provided information on the new Fun Guide being available. Also advised that the Ramsay Park Project construction is currently happening. Calubaquib provided an update on the schedule of installation of park amenities. Calubaquib also provided an update on the revitalization of City Plaza. The Park Assessment is currently being looked at to setup a Master Plan to have the needs met at the sites noted as needing the most work. Strawberry Festival is around the corner.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024.

4.b. MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 02, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner DeWald and seconded by Commissioner Leonor to approve the minutes of March 07 and May 02 of 2024.

AYES: Ibarra, Leonor, Stewart, De Worken, DeWald

NOES: None

ABSENT: Campos, Schacher

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.a. JULY IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Receive the presentation on July is Parks and Recreation Month

- a) Staff Report: Jessica Beebe, Recreation Coordinator provided an update on the activities planned for the month of July that are free for the community to get involved in.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioners DeWald asked about the Art with Grandchildren. Beebe explained that the activity is held at the Watsonville Senior Center.
- c) Public Input: None

7. WORKPLAN PROGRESS REPORTS

Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Leonor provided an update on the Public Art Master Plan. It was advised that other cities Master Plan were looked at to obtain ideas and more information on how to update the City of Watsonville Public Art Master Plan.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a. PUBLIC ART AT HAZELWOOD PARK LOCATED AT 297 HERMAN AVENUE

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the art mural project at 297 Herman Avenue as part of this year's Community Mural Paint Day event.

- a) Staff Report: Nick Calubaquib provided information about the mural located at 297 Herman Avenue. Calubaquib provided the images to be placed in the location which will replace the preexisting images.
- b) Commission Questions & Input: Commissioner DeWald asked if the previous artist were notified regarding the restoration and replacement of their art pieces. DeWorken replied that he did reach out to the previous artist, and they are ok with the changes.
- c) Public Input:
- d) Appropriate Action: Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the art mural project at 297 Herman Avenue as part of this year's Community Mural Paint Day event.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner DeWald and seconded by Commissioner Schacher to approve the art mural project at 297 Herman Avenue as part of this year's Community Mural Paint Day event.

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 1, 2024 at 6:00pm.