



## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**April 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vanessa Quiroz-Carter,  
Commissioner Abel Sanchez,  
Commissioner Noe Ibarra,  
Commissioner Frank Barba

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Araseli Campos,  
Commissioner Brando Sencion,  
Commissioner Jessica Carrasco

Staff Present: Nick Calubaquib, Parks and Community Services Director  
Ben Heistein, Assistant Parks & Community Services  
Director  
Adriana Flores, Senior Administrative Analyst  
Desiree Moya, Administrative Assistant II

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### **1. ROLL CALL**

#### **Motion to excuse absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners (If any)**

Pursuant to Charter Section 900, Paragraph 2.

**MOTION:** Excuse Absent Parks & Recreation Commissioners

**Moved by** Sanchez

**Seconded by** Quiroz-Carter

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Sencion, Carrasco,

**Carried (4 to 0)**

### **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 Sanchez stated he is excited to hear that there will be fireworks show this year.

Commissioner Quiroz-Carter clarified her vote from the February 1, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting under section 6b, Nomination and Election of Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Quiroz-Carter stated she made her vote for consistency to maintain the previous vice chair and was not opposed to others taking the role.

### **3.c DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Calubaquib updated the Commission on upcoming projects and events such as the opening of the Ramsay Park Bike Pump Track, the second annual Easter egg drop, release of an RFP for design services for Ramsay dog park, multi-use field, inclusive playground and soccer field. Director Calubaquib also updated on the opening of sports programs, planning for summer programs and modified special events which can be subject to change based on current guidelines. Director Calubaquib announced the star of the Month for March Jorge Rocha Sr. Park Maintenance Worker.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4.a MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021**

**MOTION:** Approve Minutes of March 1, 2021

**Moved by** Quiroz-Carter

**Seconded by** Ibarra

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Sencion, Carrasco

**Carried (4 to 0)**

## **5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

## **6. PRESENTATION & REPORTS**

### **6.a CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE 2020-2021**

Assistant Director Heistein provided the commission with an update on the 2020-2021 Capital improvement projects (CIP). Due to COVID restrictions, some CIP projects carried over from the previous fiscal year. CIP's were displayed for the current fiscal year and commission was updated on what has been completed on the list and what is still currently being worked on.

Commissioner Barba asked if the City Plaza was a national registry or national landmark and when the restroom is constructed would it cause any issues for approval. He also asked if the restroom will be opened 24 hours or on a time schedule. Heistein clarified that the City Plaza is a National Historical registry along with the Gazebo and the design of the Plaza restroom did have to follow various processes prior to the approval of the plan. Heistein also stated that the restroom will be on a time schedule and monitored during the day.

Commissioner Quiroz-Carter asked if there is a projected date for the completion of the Plaza restrooms. Heistein stated that it is on schedule for completion by July 2022.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if there would be an opportunity for art work on the restrooms and if the Ramsay Urban Greening project would include adding lighting to the park. Heistein stated that a mural will be added to the Plaza restroom and the Ramsay sidewalk will be illuminated by the park's existing lights. Commissioner Sanchez commented on the Ramsay pump track and gave his gratitude to the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz for their help and contribution.

Commissioner Ibarra commented on the dog park and that it might look like an area that would need lighting. Heistein stated that park is open from sunrise to sunset and at sunset the park would be closed, however, additional lighting will be explored as the project progresses.

Commissioner Barba asked if future security cameras are planned for the park. Heistein responded that cameras will be added to help monitor for security.

Comment from the public: Paul DeWorken, community member, had some questions and concerns regarding homeless in the area towards the backside of the soccer field. He suggested that the plan include a section for public safety and include solar lighting in the soccer field area. He also stated that the lighting at the PAL Davis site needs improvement. DeWorken commented on the Pump track and asked if the Bike Shack or other community members that assisted with the construction of the track had been included in the video. Heistein provided clarification on the questions and concerns.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7.a PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON**

a) Staff Report - Director Calubaquib showed the various program areas in the department where Commissioners could serve as liaisons. This item was presented to the PRC previously and was tabled so that absent commissioners could be included. Commissioners were given the opportunity to choose the area they wanted to serve as liaisons and gain a better understating of how programs function.

b) Commission Questions & Input - None

c) Public Input - None

d) Appropriate Action

**MOTION:** Approve Appointed Commissioners to Serve as Liaisons to Various Program Areas

**Moved by** Ibarra

**Seconded by** Quiroz-Carter

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Sencion, and Carrasco

**Carried (4 to 0)**

## **7.b PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

a) Staff Report - Director Calubaquib displayed to the commission the work plan for the 2021 calendar year. This item was presented to the PRC in March 1, 2021 and was brought back to the commission meeting so that the absent commissioners be included to develop and adopt a work plan.

b) Commission Questions & Input - Commissioner Barba requested to adopt the Ramsay soccer committee work plan.

c) Public Input - None

d) Appropriate Action

**MOTION:** Adopt the Commission Work Plan

**Moved by** Quiroz-Carter

**Seconded by** Ibarra

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Sencion, and Carrasco

**Carried (4 to 0)**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.a APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ART FOR A MURAL LOCATED AT 35 E. LAKE AVENUE**

a) Staff Report - Senior Administrative Analyst Adriana Flores presented the application for public art for mural located at 35 E. Lake Avenue. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application for Public Art. The artist is Paul DeWorken and he provided additional information on the mural art project. He added that this work is a collaboration between the following artists: Jessica Carrasco, Mateo Gonzalez along with himself and various community members.

b) Commission Questions & Input - Commissioner Barba asked the cost to create the mural and how it is funded. DeWorken clarified that the cost to create the mural is about \$2,500 and it is paid by the owner. He also stated he applied for a grant to help with additional expenses.

- c) Public Input - None
- d) Appropriate Action

**MOTION:** Approve the Public Art Application for a Mural Project Located at 35 E. Lake Ave.

**Moved by** Quiroz-Carter

**Seconded by** Ibarra

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Sencion, Carrasco

**Carried (4 to 0)**

## **8.b STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

a) Staff Report - Director Calubaquib provided an update on the strategic action plan for the department.

b) Commission Questions & Input - Commissioner Quiroz-Carter asked what the three partner schools are. Calubaquib answered that the schools that were part of the joint use agreement are Landmark, EA Hall and Ann Soldo. Commissioner Sanchez asked whether those that are vaccinated are able to gather indoors and stated he has not seen any regulations regarding active senior adults. Calubaquib responded that he has not seen guidelines that specifically target seniors and that guidance for gathering indoors is still very limiting.

- c) Public Input - None
- d) Appropriate Action

**MOTION:** Adopt the Strategic Action Plan Update

**Moved by** Quiroz-Carter

**Seconded by** Ibarra

AYES (4): Quiroz-Carter, Sanchez, Ibarra, Barba

ABSENT (3): Campos, Brando Sencion, Carrasco

**Carried (4 to 0)**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Abel Sanchez, Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission

Nick Calubaquib, Director, Parks & Community Services Department