



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

District 1 - Daphna Woolfe
District 3 - Lawrence Ames, Vice Chair
District 5 - Daisy Barocio
District 7 - Giavanna Vega
District 9 - Janny Choy
Citywide - Jose Villarreal

Andre Morrow - District 2
Vacant - District 4
Kelly Snider, Chair - District 6
Kent Campbell - District 8
Vacant - District 10

Minutes

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- Annie Wong provided meeting logistics information.
- Commissioner Barocio, Choy and Vega absent.
- Chair Snider moved Item II. Public Comment to be heard after Item VII. New & Returning Business.

II. Public Comment – Item was heard after Item VII. A.

(Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Committee, Board or Commission).

- Dean Stanford commented on the proposed zero-emission multi-use public park project.
- James Shaw commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Haolan Qin commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Gheorghe Muresan commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Fred Chen commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Jeff Pickleball commented on how pickleball builds community.
- Allan Strong commented on how pickleball builds community.

- Shanna commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Anil commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Liz commented on how pickleball builds community.
- Glen Charles commented on how pickleball builds community and asked the requirements for the reservation system for all courts.
- Luna commented on the disapproval of the reservation system for pickleball at John Mise Park.
- Ellen commented on how pickleball builds community and disapproval of the pickleball reservation system.

III. Announcements

- Commissioner Morrow commended the PRNS team on the work that was done to the basketball courts at Shady Oaks Park.
- Chair Snider commented on the success of the Viva CalleSJ that was held on Sunday, September 10th.

IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest

- None

V. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Minutes of September 6, 2023
- B. Approve the Attendance for September 6, 2023
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of September 6, 2023, (2) Attendance Report for September 6, 2023.

Action: Commissioner Ames motioned to approve the Commission minutes and attendance report, which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion was denied. (5-0-3-1) Absent: Barocio, Choy, and Vega. Abstained: Woolfe.

VI. Reports

A. Chair

- None.

B. Director:

1. **Avi Yotam**, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:

- City Council approved the new labor agreements and made amendments to the budget actions to maintain a balanced budget.
- Provided an update on Raging Waters.
- Commissioner name tags should be arriving next month.

- The Art Commission approved a design project for Plata Arroyo Park.
- There are various of Halloween events happening throughout October across the Community Centers.

Commissioner Vega arrived at the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

C. Council and Commission

1. **Council Liaison**, Diana Alanis, Council Community Relations Director
 - Invited Commissioners to attend the Plaza Azul Farmers' Market at City Hall that is held every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 - The River Glen Park restrooms are getting renovated and will reopen by the end of the year.
 - October 20th – Jazz concert at Arena Green East.

D. Staff and Organizations

1. **County Commission Liaison**, Keith Ball
 - Absent

Commission Barocio arrived at the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Chair Snider requested to reopen the approval of the items on the consent calendar with the arrival of Commission Barocio and Vega.

Action: Commissioner Ames motioned to reopen the approval and to approve the Commission minutes and attendance report, which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion carried. (7-0-1-1) Absent: Choy. Abstained: Woolfe.

2. Encampment Management Overview

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Andrea Flores Shelton, Deputy Director, PRNS, dated September 18, 2023; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Sandra Murillo, Program Administrator, PRNS, presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Dean Stanford asked a question about the connecting the homeless with mental health resources.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

VII. New & Returning Business

A. Park Ranger Program Annual Report

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated September 18, 2023; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS; Shannon Heimer, Division Manager, PRNS; and Pam Helmke, Supervising Park Ranger, PRNS, presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Dean Stanford commented on a picture from the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Morrow motioned to accept the Park Ranger Program Annual Report, which was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion carried. (8-0-1) Absent: Choy.

Commissioner Vega left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Item II. Public Comment was heard after Item VII. A. Park Ranger Program Annual Report.

B. 2023 – 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Documents Filed: (1) 2023 – 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

Annie Wong, Staff Specialist, PRNS, presented.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Dean Stanford commented on potential partnership funding for parks to build and maintain.
- James Shaw commented on adding a pickleball item to the workplan.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to accept the proposed changes to the 2023 – 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan and a follow-up in the next meeting to add a pickleball and a PRNS partnership item, which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion carried. (7-0-2)
Absent: Choy and Vega.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on November 1, 2023.



Kelly Snider, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission