



*Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services*

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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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  
 Jo Nguyen - District 4  
 Kelly Snider, Chair - District 6  
 Kent Campbell - District 8  
 Ken Brennan - District 10

# Minutes

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**5:30 p.m.**

### **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

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- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Avi Yotam provided meeting logistics information.
- Commissioner Choy, Snider, and Vega absent.

### **II. Public Comment**

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*(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).*

- Girl Scouts Troop 60486 commented on some park concerns they have noticed at Starbird Park and presented the Commission with some possible solutions and partnership ideas.
- Erika Laguna commented on the availability of funds allocated through the parks support service contract between the Downtown Streets Team and the City of San José that will end in June 2024.
- Moria Merriweather commented on an update from her previous comment on February 7, 2024 regarding tree replacements, vegetation management and involving the neighborhoods in decision making processes.
- Ken Brennan commented on the 2024 Family Camp Status Report and requested for future reports to include detailed financial subsidy and demographic impact data.

Commissioner Choy arrived at the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

**III. Announcements**

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- Vice Chair Ames announced that he will be guiding a bicycle tour on the Sothern half of the City Loop Trail on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- Commissioner Choy commented on the success of the April 21<sup>st</sup> Viva CalleSJ and was happy to see the new trees planted along the Monterey highway.

**IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest**

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- None

**V. Consent Calendar**

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- A. Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2024
- B. Approve the Attendance for March 6, 2024
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of March 6, 2024, (2) Attendance Report for March 6, 2024.

Action: Commissioner Morrow motioned to approve the Commission minutes and attendance report, which was seconded by Commissioner Woolfe. The motion was carried. (9-0-2) Absent: Snider and Vega.

**VI. Reports**

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**A. Chair**

- None

**B. Director:**

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

- The Chartered Parkland item has been delayed going to Council and is scheduled to go sometime after May.
- New park openings at Newbury Park, Payne Avenue Park and the playground renovation at Bellevue Park.
- The Emma Prusch Farm Park all-inclusive playground opening soon.
- After school professionals acknowledgement week was the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sign up for city notifications for events happening around the city.
- Cinco De Mayo Dance at Gardner Community Center on May 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- Southside Community Center Pop-up Market on May 18 at 10 a.m.

- Willow Glen Community Center: Teen Center Graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.
  - Evergreen Community Center: Evergreen Preschool Graduation on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
  - Berryessa Community Center Ice Cream Social on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Senior Safari at Happy Hollow Park & Zoo will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The next Viva CalleSJ will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Calibunga (formerly known as Raging Waters) is scheduled to open soon.
2. **Jon Cicirelli**, Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:
- Mayor’s budget messaged will be released by the end of the week.
  - Expecting budget cuts and programming impacts that will eliminate some positions, many of which are vacant positions.
  - Some one-time funded items are being moved to ongoing funding and some were eliminated.
  - No cuts to park maintenance.
  - BeautifySJ program is expanding.
    - o No return zones.

Commissioner Vega arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**C. Council and Commission**

1. **Council Liaison**, Diana Alanis, Council Community Relations Director
- Absent

**D. Staff and Organizations**

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

**VII. New & Returning Business**

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**A. 2023-2024 Older Adults/Senior Services and Age-Friendly Initiative Report**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated April 15, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Maria De Leon, Deputy Director, PRNS; Jeremy Shoffner, Recreation Superintendent, PRNS; Rhonda Vargas, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor, PRNS, presented.

Vice Chair Ames opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Villareal motioned to accept the 2023-2024 Older Adult/Senior Services and Age-Friendly Initiative Report, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. The motion carried. (9-0-1-1) Absent: Snider. Abstained: Campbell.

**B. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Status Report**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated April 15, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS; Olympia Williams, Division Manager, PRNS; Erik Chiarella Jensen, Assistant to the City Manager, CMO, presented.

Vice Chair Ames opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to accept the Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Status Report, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. The motion carried. (9-0-1-1) Absent: Snider. Abstained: Brennan.

**C. 2023-2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan**

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

Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, presented the following changes:

- The June 5, 2024 PRC meeting will consist of all Capital related items.
- Moved into the to be determined section and expect to add these items to the Fall 2024 agenda:
  - o Placemaking and Park Activation Update
  - o PRNS Partnership Overview
- Proposed a plan to review the workplan agenda order with the Commission and staff to ensure a more efficient meeting.

Vice Chair Ames opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to accept the 2023 - 2024 Park and Recreation Commission Work Plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion carried. (10-0-1) Absent: Snider.

**VIII. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 5, 2024.



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Kelly Snider, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission