



*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

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### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**5:30 p.m.**

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

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- Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- Annie Wong provided meeting logistics information.
- Commissioner Campbell and Morrow 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).*

- Daisy Barcocio commented on the concerns of the neighborhood parents over Emma Prusch Farm Parks new slide material (metal).

#### **III. Announcements**

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- Vice Chair Ames thanked Chair Snider for hosting a lovely retirement party for Commissioner Woolfe and thanked her for her years of service.
- Commissioner Choy wanted to recognize the great work of Roosevelt Community Center's staff during their Cooling Center Activation.
- Commissioner Ken Brennan introduced a list of items he would like to get onto next year's work plan.

**IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest**

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- None

**V. Consent Calendar**

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- A. Approve the Minutes of May 1, 2024
- B. Approve the Attendance for May 1, 2024
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

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

Action: Vice Chair Ames motioned to approve the Commission minutes and attendance report, which was seconded by Commissioner Barocio. The motion was carried. (8-0-2-1) Absent: Campbell and Morrow. Abstain: Vega.

**VI. Reports**

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**A. Chair**

- None

**B. Director:**

1. **Raymond Constantino**, Deputy Director reported on the following:
  - City Council will hear an item of potential for Park Ballot Measure for November General Election on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
  - Viva CalleSJ Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> – El Corazon Downtown & Eastbound
  - End of Year Celebration for Teens at Mayfair Community Center on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm.
  - Summer Bash Event at Mayfair Community Center on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.
  - San Jose Earthquakes Resource Event “Summer Kick-Off Event” at Seven Trees Community Center on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.
  - Groesbeck Park Pickle Ball Ribbon Cutting on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm.
  - Ice Cream and Paint Social at Willow Glen Community Center on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm.
  - Viva Parks events will be starting in June and run through August from 6pm-8pm with movie nights running from 6pm-10:30pm.
  - National Night Out at Alma Community Center on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm.
  - Summer Camps begin Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am-6pm.
  - Summer Aquatics Program begins June 17<sup>th</sup>, times vary by location.
  - Summer Outdoor Concert Series will be held every Thursday in July at 6pm.

**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
2. **City Downtown High-Rise Incentive (Item was heard after Item VII. D Overfelt Gardens Park Master Plan Update)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Raymond Constantino, Deputy Director, PRNS, date May 20, 2024

Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS; Raymond Constantino, Deputy Director, PRNS.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Ames motioned to send a letter to City Council on behalf of the Commission and have Vice Chair Ames speak on the topic at the City Council meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by Commissioner Choy. The motion carried. (5-3-2-1) Absent: Campbell & Morrow. Abstain: Barocio

**VII. New & Returning Business**

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**A. Meadowfair Park Master Plan Update**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated May 20, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Jason Condit, Senior Landscape Architect, PRNS; Willa Mui, Landscape Designer, PRNS, presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Choy motioned to accept the Meadowfair Park Master Plan Update, which was seconded by Commissioner Villareal. The motion carried. (9-0-2) Absent: Campbell & Morrow.

**B. Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan Amendment**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated May 20, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Ryan Sheelan, Planner IV, AIR; John Wilson, Planner II, AIR., presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Jordan Moldow: Spoke in opposition to this amendment, and encourages everyone to read the letter provided by Leslie Hamilton.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Ames motioned to accept the Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan Amendment, which was seconded by Commissioner Choy. The motion carried. (7-0-2-2) Absent: Campbell & Morrow. Abstained: Villareal & Woolfe.

**C. Montague and Seely Park Master Plan and Park Name**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Raymond Constantino, Deputy Director, PRNS, dated May 20, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Rebekah Ross, Planner IV, PRNS; Marybeth Bowman, Interim Planner, PRNS; Joe DeVito, Associate Designer, PRNS, presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Sam Farb, representative of Eiichi Edward Sakauye's daughters, would like the proposed park name to be Eiichi Edward Sakauye Park or Eiichi E. Sakauye Park.
- Ben Leech is in support of the design incorporating historical preservation.
- Vanessa Hatakeyama, Acting Museum Director of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, is also in support of the park name being 'Eiichi Edward Sakauye Park'.

- Jordan Moldow supports using the full name of the individual for park name, as well as design incorporating historical preservation.
- Sally Zarnowitz is in favor of the design incorporating historical preservation.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to recommend the official park name to be father's full name the "Eiichi Edward Sakauye Park", which was seconded by Commissioner Brennan. The motion carried. (9-0-2) Absent: Campbell & Morrow.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to accept Montague and Seely Park Master Plan with the recommendation to revise the plan with meaningful historical elements and references throughout the site, which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion carried. (8-0-2-1) Absent: Campbell & Morrow. Abstain: Nguyen.

**D. Overfelt Gardens Park Master Plan Update**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated May 20, 2024; (2) PowerPoint Presentation.

Han-Lei Wang, Associate Landscape Architect, PRNS, presented.

Chair Snider opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Jordan Moldow suggests PRNS should collaborate with DOT to install a crosswalk/ramp to connect Overfelt Gardens to the Penitencia Creek Trail.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Woolfe motioned to accept the Overfelt Gardens Park Master Plan Update, which was seconded by Commissioner Barocio. The motion carried. (9-0-2) Absent: Campbell & Morrow.

**Item VI. D. 2 City Downtown High-Rise Incentive was heard after Item VII. D. Overfelt Gardens Park Master Plan Update.**

**E. August 2024 Retreat Planning**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, dated May 20, 2024

Annie Wong, Interim Analyst, PRNS, facilitated a discussion on the following:

- The option of moving the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to a later date to accommodate for potential changes in schedules due to the summer season.
- Suggestions for the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting location.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 4, 2024.



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 Chair  
 Parks and Recreation Commission