



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

District 1 – Daphna Woolfe, Vice Chair
District 3 – Lawrence Ames
District 5 – Gregory Lovely
District 7 – Trami Cron
District 9 – Rudy Flores, Chair
Citywide – George Adas

Charles Dougherty Jr. – District 2
Kelly Snider – District 4
Vacant – District 6
Chet Mandair – District 8
Brian Quint – District 10

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- Commissioners Cron and Mandair absent

II. Public Comment

(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).

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III. Announcements

- None

IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest

- None

V. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Minutes of November 7, 2018
- B. Approve the Attendance Report of November 7, 2018
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission
Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of November 7, 2018. (2) Attendance Report for November 7, 2018.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Lovely, seconded by Commissioner Ames, the Commission minutes and attendance report were approved (8-0-2). Absent: Cron and Mandair

VI. Reports

- A. **Chair** - None
- B. **Director;** Justin Long, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:
 - Park Ranger Program updates on recruitment and retirements
 - Various events around the city
- C. **Council and Commission**
 - 1. **Council Liaison;** Councilmember Tam Nguyen & Bianca Perez – None
- D. **Department Staff and Organizations** – None

VII. New & Returning Business

- A. **2017-2018 Status Report on the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects;**
Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated November 16, 2018.

Sharon Erickson, City Auditor, and Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS, presented the item.

Chair Flores opened the floor for public comment:

- Eric Simons spoke to the Commission about the need for a soccer complex and the state of current facilities.
- Pat Pizzo inquired about the submitted budget, various previously mentioned projects that were no longer included in the report and the status of the soccer complex.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner comments.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Ames, to accept the report on the status of San José Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond Projects (Measure P), seconded by Commissioner Snider, the motion passed. (5-1-2-2). Noes: Dougherty, Abstain: Adas and Lovely, Absent: Cron and Mandair

- B. **2017-2018 Status Report on Parks and Community Facilities Development Capital Improvement Program;**
Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated November 26, 2018.

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS, presented the item.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner comments.

Action: Commissioner Lovely moved to accept the report on the status of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and the report on Park Impact Ordinance and Parkland Dedication Ordinance Fees for 2017-2018, seconded by Commissioner Adas. The motion passed. (8-0-2). Absent: Cron and Mandair

C. Placemaking and Viva CalleSJ Update;

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Jon Cicirelli, dated November 16, 2018.

Ed Solis, Recreation Superintendent, PRNS, presented the item.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner comments.

Action: Commissioner Quint moved to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty. The motion passed. (8-0-2). Absent: Cron and Mandair

D. San Jose Light Tower Site Selection and Next Steps;

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated November 15, 2018.

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS, presented the item.

Chair Flores opened the floor for public comment:

- Linda Reis asked the Commission to consider wildlife
- Susan DesVardin expressed concern with the light tower being located in green space and asked the Commission to look at the environmental impact and wildlife
- Dashiell Leeds asked the Commission to consider avoiding the use of artificial light
- Katja Irvin spoke about the Sierra's Club concern with the project being developed near streams
- Linda Ruthruff asked the Commission to remove the idea of a light tower from consideration
- Keith Wandry questioned if a light tower should be considered as iconic, sighting examples of other light towers
- Jean Dresden shared Arena Green is the only treed area in San Jose and mentioned there has been no discussion regarding the potential removal of

trees and the associated impact

- Shani Kleinhaus expressed the process and selection are a problem, sharing there has been a lack of public outreach

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner comments.

Action: Commissioner Ames moved to acknowledge receiving the report and not recommend any particular site, recommending the City Council make the selection, considering project guidelines based on location, environmental impact, footprint of the project, and compatibility with the site; and also suggests additional public outreach be conducted, seconded by Commissioner Adas. The motion passed. (5-1-1-3). Noes: Snider, Abstain: Woolfe, Absent: Cron, Lovely and Mandair

*Commissioner Lovely excused himself at 8:30pm

E. Proposed Pat Dando Monument;

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Jon Cicirelli and Jill Bourne, dated November 16, 2018.

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS, presented the item.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner comments.

Action: Commissioner Adas moved to authorize PRNS and the Library Department to coordinate with the Office of Cultural Affairs, the Office of Councilmember Khamis, and members of the public to install a Pat Dando Memorial Monument at the Almaden Library and Community Center, and recommended an architect or landscape architect develop a site plan, seconded by Vice Chair Woolfe. The motion passed. (6-0-1-3). Abstain: Ames, Absent: Cron, Lovely and Mandair

F. 2018-2019 Draft Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan;

Documents Filed: (1) 2018-2019 Draft Work Plan

Justin Long, Deputy Director, PRNS and Recording Secretary Teresa Meyer-Calvert presented the item.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff answered the Commission questions.

Action: Vice Chair Woolfe moved to accept the 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Work Plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Ames. The motion carried. (7-0-3). Absent: Cron, Lovely and Mandair

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 6, 2019.

Rudy A. Flores, Jr., Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission