



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

District 1 - Daphna Woolfe, Chair
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District 5 - Vacant
District 7 - Giavanna Vega
District 9 - Rudy Flores, Jr.
Citywide - George Adas, Vice Chair

Andre Morrow - District 2
Kelly Snider - District 4
Art Maurice - District 6
Vacant - District 8
Vacant - District 10

Approved Minutes **Wednesday, November 4, 2020** **5:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Commissioner Vega absent
- Teresa Meyer-Calvert provided meeting logistics information.

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).

- None.

III. Announcements

- None.

IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest

- None.

V. Consent Calendar

- Approve the Minutes of October 7, 2020
- Approve the Attendance October 7, 2020
- Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of October 7, 2020. (2) Attendance Report for October 7, 2020.

Commissioner Maurice entered the meeting.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Commission minutes and attendance report were approved. (6-0-1-1). Absent: Vega Abstain: Maurice

VI. Reports

A. Chair

- None.

B. Director; Avi Yotam, Interim Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:

- The Placemaking Team successfully activated 19 Al Fresco locations in San José.
- Playgrounds are now open; guests are expected to follow safety protocols.
- Happy Hollow Park & Zoo opening to the public on November 24, 2020 with reservations beginning November 13, 2020. Members will preview the new park experience on November 10, 2020 with reservations beginning November 9, 2020.
- Christmas in the Park will be transformed into a holiday drive-through affair at History Park beginning November 27, 2020.

C. Council and Commission

- 1. Council Liaison; Councilmember Maya Esparza (Michael Pearce)**
 - Shared that Councilmember Esparza and staff previewed Happy Hollow Park & Zoo's Reopening.

D. Department Staff and Organizations

- 1. Neighborhood Center Partner Program (formerly Reuse) Update; Andrea Flores Shelton, Interim Deputy Director, PRNS and Pauline Khek, Interim Recreation Supervisor, PRNS**
Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Andrea Flores Shelton, dated October 23, 2020 (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Andrea Flores Shelton, Interim Deputy Director, PRNS and Pauline Khek, Interim Recreation Supervisor, PRNS presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for comment.

Public Comment

- None.

Commission discussion ensued. Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

2. Proposed Diridon Station Area Open Space and Public Life Plan;

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated October 19, 2020 (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS and Larissa Sanderfer, Interim Planner I, PRNS presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Member with number ending in 6262 provided his comments about the Los Gatos Creek Trail on Slide 12; spoke against a park underneath the tracks; expressed how the trail and mobility network does not emphasize how San Fernando will be used as a bike and pedestrian gateway; and noted traffic concerns around Cahill.
- Jean Dresden expressed concern about how Google plans to dedicate land with a park dedication rather than a conservation easement.
- Bill Rankin inquired how the trail connection from San Fernando and train station will cross Park Ave., and asked if there is enough park space and amenities in the area
- Deb Kramer spoke against the crisscrossing along the creek of the trail from W. San Fernando and W. Santa Clara due to wildlife concerns, and recommended adding a bridge.
- Roma Dawson expressed concerns about the traffic and density in the area, and hoped that the surrounding communities were engaged in the outreach process.
- Shani Kleinhaus expressed how there is not enough park land dedicated to the project and opposed the crisscrossing of the trail.

Commission discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

VII. New & Returning Business

A. Citywide Sports Program Process Improvement Project;

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Shannon Heimer, dated October 23, 2020

Shannon Heimer, Division Manager, PRNS; Troy Trede, Parks Manager, PRNS, and Randy Adams, Parks Facilities Supervisor, presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Helen Chapman spoke on behalf of Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and how they plan to make the sports fields more equitable for all users in the City of San Jose.
- Bob McCarty asked if the policy priority nomination by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez is available to the public; requested Parks groups coordinate with the Adopt-A-Program so his rugby team can assist in maintaining Calabazas Park; spoke about the challenges with the residency requirement.
- Dean Eysers spoke against the residency requirement.
- Mark Waterbury – There was a poor connection and did not re-connect.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Commissioner Morrow moved to accept the report, which was seconded by Commissioner Adas. The motion carried. (7-0-1). Absent: Vega

B. Master Plan for Neighborhood Parks at North San Pedro and Bassett Streets;
Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated October 19, 2020
(2) PowerPoint Presentation

Yves Zsutty, Division Manager, PRNS and Vanessa Lindores, Associate Landscape Architect, Department of Public Works, presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Rebecca Gallardo spoke in favor of the plan.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Ames moved to accept the report, which was seconded by Flores. The motion was unanimous. (7-0-1). Absent: Vega

C. Memorial for Pat Pizzo;

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Jon Cicirelli, dated October 23, 2020.

Torie O'Reilly, Division Manager, PRNS, presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comment:

- Deb Kramer talked about Mr. Pizzo's passion for native plants, and how she designed a native plant area at the Hellyer Park visitor area. She suggested dedicating a park bench.
- Jean Dresden talked about how Mr. Pizzo dedicated his life to sports, research, and the community. She mentioned several projects that they worked on together before his passing and suggested naming a sports field after him.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Flores made a motion to appoint Commissioners Ames, Flores, and Morrow to the working group, which was seconded by Commissioner Ames. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0-1). Absent: Vega

D. 2020-2021 Draft Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan;

Documents Filed: (1) 2020-2021 Draft Work Plan.

Melrose Hurley, Recording Secretary noted the following changes:

- The PDO/PIO Credits for Moderate Housing was re-scheduled from December from November.
- The Winchester Ranch Park Master Plan and Naming moved back to December from February.
- Park Design Guidelines was added to the December schedule.
- Gimelli Park Naming was added to the February 2021 schedule.
- A report on the Safe Streets/ Vision Zero Project with the Department of Transportation will be heard some time in the spring of 2021.
- The Anti-Graffiti and Anti-Litter Program and Beautify/SJ Project was dropped from the work plan.
- A reminder was given about the Google Downtown West Special Meeting on November 18, 2020 at 6 pm.

Action: Commissioner Morrow moved to accept the 2020-2021 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) Work Plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Adas.

The motion carried unanimously. (7-0-1). Absent: Vega

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

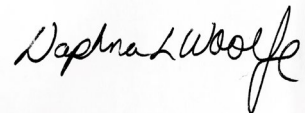
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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 2, 2020.



Daphna Woolfe, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission