



*Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services*

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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### **Approved Minutes** **Wednesday, November 18, 2020** **6:00 p.m.**

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

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- Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Melrose Hurley, Recording Secretary, provided meeting logistics information.

#### **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).*

- Jon Monroe shared his concerns about the usage at John Mise Park.

#### **III. New & Returning Business**

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##### **A. Proposed Downtown West Open Space Plan;**

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

Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Sheela Jivan, Google; Ricardo Benavidez, Google; Eri Suzuki, Sitelab Urban Studio; and Daniel Vasini, West8 presented the item.

The presentation, questions, and public comments were taken in three sections: Overview, Framework and Vision, and Public Spaces.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments

- Cayce Hill liked how the plan focused on parks and open spaced. She inquired if there will be a clear designation of public and private spaces, and if staff had any processes, mechanisms, or conversations in providing unhoused individuals with resources.
- Bill Rankin talked about the potential splitting of the trail at San Carlos. He suggested Park Avenue run under the current railroad bridge so there is a trail connection to Diridon Station.
- Roland suggested staff revisit the girth at Cahill and Montgomery, and to implement more active transportation in parks.
- Helen Chapman inquired if there will be bike and pedestrian access to the north end park and noted how her neighborhood is park deficient.
- Roma Dawson inquired if Google will have ongoing resources and support to maintain its facilities and amenities.
- Mary spoke about how disenfranchised individuals can be managed with the appropriate resources by knowing how to respectfully treat them.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

City staff, Google staff, Eri Suzuki, Sitelab Urban Studio; and Daniel Vasini, West8, responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Commissioner Ames moved to accept the report, which was seconded by Commissioner Flores. The motion carried. (8-0).

**IV. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

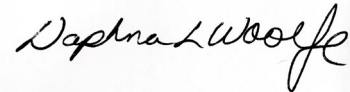
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For questions, please contact Melrose Hurley at (408) 793-4186.

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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