



*Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services*

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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District 1 - Daphna Woolfe, Chair  
District 3 - Lawrence Ames  
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

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### **Draft Minutes – Special Meeting** **Monday, March 8, 2021** **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.
- Adas absent
- Teresa Meyer-Calvert 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).*

- Paul Soto expressed concern about consultation with the Racial Equality Office for PRC items.

#### **III. Announcements**

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- None.

#### **IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest**

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- None.

#### **V. Consent Calendar**

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- A. Approve the Minutes of February 3, 2021
- B. Approve the Attendance February 3, 2021
- C. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of February 3, 2021. (2) Attendance Report for February 3, 2021.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Flores seconded by Commissioner Morrow, the Commission minutes and attendance report were approved. (7-0-1). Absent: Adas

## **VI. Reports**

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### **A. Chair**

- SJ Spotlight

### **B. Director;** Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:

- SJ Family Camp will be closed this summer
- PRNS is currently hiring lifeguards for the Aquatics program anticipating pools to be open this summer.
- HHPZ opened to the public for a walkthrough Zoo experience, reservations can be made online

### **C. Council and Commission**

#### **1. Council Liaison;** Councilmember Matt Mahan

- Present

### **D. Staff and Organizations**

#### **1. Better Bike Plan 2025;** John Brazil, Active Transportation Program Manager, Department of Transportation; Liz Sewell, Interim Planner, PRNS

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

#### Public Comments:

- Paul Soto spoke to equity
- Roland LeBrun spoke to meetings and outreach
- Bill Rankin asked about trail connections

Commissioner discussion ensued

## **VII. New & Returning Business**

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### **A. A. Open Space Concept of the Downtown West Design Standards and Guidelines;** Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, PRNS and Larissa Sanderfer, Interim Planner, PRNS

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Nicolle Burnham, dated February 22, 2021  
(2) PowerPoint Presentation

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Paul Soto spoke too equity
- Roland LeBrun asked about trail connections
- Carolyn K appreciated the attention to nature and birds in the planning
- Bill Rankin asked about bicycle and pedestrian safety verses traffic
- Dave Poeschel spoke to climate change and protection of Coyote Valley
- Jean Dresden spoke to parkland acreage
- Kathy Southerland spoke to quality and features of parks

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Commissioner Ames moved to accept the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services 2020 Community Impact Report and to include a letter to Council from the PRC, which was seconded by Commissioner Flores. The motion carried. (5-2-1). Noes: Snider, Vega Absent: Adas

**D. 2020-2021 Draft Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan;**  
Documents Filed: (1) 2020-2021 Draft Work Plan.

Teresa Meyer-Calvert, Recording Secretary noted the suggested changes to the work plan.

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

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

**VIII. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 7, 2021.

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Daphna Woolfe, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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