



*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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# **Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
5:30 p.m.**

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

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- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Teresa Meyer-Calvert provided meeting logistics information.
- Commissioner Snider 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).*

- None

### **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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- Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2021
- Approve the Attendance May 5, 2021
- Approve the Corrected March 8, 2021 Minutes
- Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Documents Filed: (1) Minutes of May 5, 2021. (2) Attendance Report for May 5, 2021, (3) Corrected Minutes of March 8, 2021

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow seconded by Commissioner Ames, the Commission minutes of May 5, Corrected Minutes of March 8, and attendance report for May 5 were approved.  
(7-0-1) Commissioner Snider absent.

## **VI. Reports**

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### **A. Chair**

- Recognized Commissioner Rudy Flores for his 10 years of service as a Commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Commission

### **B. Director:**

#### **1. Avi Yotam**, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:

- Listed volunteer events for Parks, a list can be emailed to the Commission.
- Tamien Ribbon Cutting for Phase II; Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
- Arcadia - Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony coming in July.
- Senior Hour at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo, May through October on the fourth Thursday of the month, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. for adults age 50+.
- PRNS will be launching a new Parks Standard Assessment process that will include a GIS survey tool.
- The Ranger Station at Guadalupe River Park has suffered three fires and the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy asked the City to consider its removal.
- Provided a status update on Commissioner applications.

#### **2. Jon Cicirelli**, Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:

- Announced that PRNS promoted Avi Yotam as the Deputy Director of Parks Division; Andrea Flores-Shelton as the Deputy Director of the new Community Services Division; and Maria De Leon will be joining PRNS in mid-June as the new Deputy Director of the Recreation Division.
- PRNS is introducing a new “Community Services” division that will include Youth Intervention, the Mayors Gang Task Force, and BeautifySJ. PRNS will now have five divisions: Recreation, Community Services, Parks, Administration, and Capital.

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

#### **1. Council Liaison;** Michele Dexter

- Almaden Rotary has been working with the community to raise funds to add to the new play garden in Almaden. Visit [PlaygardenALP.org](http://PlaygardenALP.org) for more information.
- Mentioned that the City Council agenda on Tuesday, June 8 has Item 10.4: Item 10.4 21-1334 C21-010 - City Initiated Conforming Rezoning for

Properties Located at 0 Sierra Road, 0 Miracle Mountain Drive and 0 Casa Loma Road. – DEFERRAL. Commissioner Woolf requested a map of the area to send to all Commissioners.

**D. Staff and Organizations**

**1. Summer Program Preview**

Documents Filed: (1) PowerPoint Presentation

Hal Spagenberg, Interim Division Manager, PRNS; Nicholas Georgoff, Interim Recreation Supervisor, PRNS; Liz Nolan, Senior Librarian, San Jose Public Library; Samantha Kramer, Education Manager, San Jose Public Library presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner discussion ensued

Staff responded to Commissioner questions

**2. Therapeutic Services Program and Services Report**

Documents Filed: (1) PowerPoint Presentation

Jeremy Schofner, Recreation Supervisor, PRNS presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner discussion ensued

Staff responded to Commissioner questions

**3. Pat Pizzo Work Group Update**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from PRC

Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Morrow, and Commissioner Ames presented the item.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner discussion ensued

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

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

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### **A. Park Yards Study**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Hayde Pacheco, Parks Manager, PRNS presented the item.

Action: Commissioner Maurice moved to accept the Accept the Park Service Yards Strategic Planning Study and acknowledge staff's prioritization of Security and Wi-Fi as priority investments with current funding, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. (7-0-1) Commissioner Snider absent

The motion carried

### **B. August 2021 Parks and Recreation Retreat Recommendation**

Documents Filed: None

Teresa Meyer-Calvert, Interim Senior Analyst, PRNS reviewed retreat date options.

Action: Discussion ensued. Waiting for the appointment of new Commissioners before an August retreat date will be selected.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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

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Daphna Woolfe, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission