



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 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).

- Lilian Koenig inquired about the re-opening of Community Centers for senior programs.

III. Announcements

- None

IV. Announcements of Conflict of Interest

- None

V. Consent Calendar

- Approve the Minutes of September 1, 2021
- Approve the Attendance of September 1, 2021
- Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

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

Upon discussion, the September 1, 2021 minutes, page 2, Item VI. A. were amended to reflect that Commissioner Rich Giammona, District 10, stepped down.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Ames, the amended Commission minutes and attendance report were approved. (8-0-1). Absent: Vega

VI. Reports

A. Chair

- Reported on her attendance at Viva Calle.

B. Director:

1. **Jon Cicirelli**, Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS), reported on the following:
 - Senior programming was reinstated in a limited capacity at some of the community centers beginning November 1, 2021.
2. **Avi Yotam**, Deputy Director, PRNS, reported on the following:
 - Staffing levels and recruitment efforts within the department.
 - Happy Hollow Park and Zoo operating hours have been reduced due to staffing limitations and approval for new special events will be placed on hold.
 - Viva Calle event on November 7, 2021.
 - Coyote Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting on November 7, 2021.

C. Council and Commission

1. **Council Liaison; Matt Mahan**
 - The City Council considered the Covid-19 Pandemic Response and Community and Economic Recovery Budget Adjustments at the November 2, 2021 City Council meeting.
 - The City of San Jose is undergoing a re-districting effort.
 - Current projects in District 10 that relate to City parks.

D. Staff and Organizations

1. Environmental Resilience Corps

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Torie O'Reilly, Division Manager, PRNS, dated November 3, 2021, (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS; Torie O'Reilly, Division Manager, PRNS; Briana Horta, Program Manager, San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC) and Edgar Echevarria, Environmental Projects Director, SJCC presented.

Chair Woolf opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

2. **Community Forest Management Plan Update**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Eric Hon, Division Manager, Department of Transportation (DOT), dated October 19, 2021, (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Russell Hansen, Arborist, DOT, presented.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Barocio left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

VII. New & Returning Business

A. **Emma Prusch Farm Park Long-Term Use Agreement**

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated October 18, 2021, (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS; Petra Riguero, Interim Program Manager, PRNS, presented.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments:

- Marie Millares spoke in support of recommending Veggielution as the long-term operator.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Morrow motioned to recommend Veggielution as the long-term operator of a six-acre portion of agricultural space at Emma Prusch Farm Park to the City Council which was seconded by Commissioner Ames. The motion carried (7-0-2). Absent: Barocio, Vega

B.

Park Ranger Program Annual Update

Documents Filed: (1) Memo from Jon Cicirelli, Director, PRNS, dated October 4, 2021, (2) PowerPoint Presentation

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, PRNS; Pam Helmke, Supervising Park Ranger, PRNS, presented.

Chair Woolfe opened the item for public comment.

Public Comments: None.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Morrow motioned to accept the Annual Report on the Park Ranger Program for 2020-2021 which was seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. The motion carried (7-0-2). Absent: Barocio, Vega

C.

2021-22 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Documents Filed: 2021 - 22 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Teresa Meyer-Calvert, Interim Senior Analyst, PRNS, presented.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Action: Commissioner Morrow motioned to accept the 2021 - 22 Park and Recreation Commission Work Plan which was seconded by Commissioner Choy. The motion carried. (7-0-2). Absent: Barocio, Vega

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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The foregoing minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 1, 2021.

Daphna Woolfe, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission