



DRAFT MINUTES
CUPERTINO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, May 7, 2026

At 7:02 p.m. Chair Kumarappan called the Regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order in the Quinlan Community Center Conference Room, 10185 N. Stelling Rd., and via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gopal Kumarappan and Commissioners Claudio Bono, Carol Stanek and Seema Swamy. Absent: Vice Chair Sheela Sreekanth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: April 2, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the April 2, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

Chair Kumarappan opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Bono moved and Swamy seconded to approve the April 2, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kumarappan, Bono, Stanek, Swamy. Noes: None. Absent: Sreekanth. Abstain: None.

POSTPONEMENTS

MOTION: Kumarappan moved and Bono seconded to hear New Business Item No. 3 before Old Business Item No. 2. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kumarappan, Bono, Stanek, Swamy. Noes: None. Absent: Sreekanth. Abstain: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following members of the public spoke:

Susan Bloomfield spoke about the pickleball trial.

OLD BUSINESS –

2. Subject: Senior Services Subcommittee Update
Recommended Action: Receive an update on the findings from the Senior Services subcommittee.

Written Communications for this item included a commissioner's presentation.

Commissioner Seema Swamy gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which the presenter and staff responded to.

Chair Kumarappan opened the public comment period and the following people spoke:

- Chris Satterlee

Chair Kumarappan closed the public comment period.

Commission received an update on the findings from the Senior Services subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS –

3. Subject: A Presentation on the Proposed Public Open Space Conceptual Design for The Rise Development Project (formerly Vallco Town Center)
Recommended Action: Receive the presentation and provide input on the Proposed Public Open Space Conceptual Design for The Rise Development Project (formerly Vallco Town Center).

Written Communications for this item included a presentation.

Director of Public Works Chad Mosley introduced the project team, who gave a presentation:

- Skip Graffam – Partner and Director of Research, The OLIN Studio
- Hangxing Liu – Senior Landscape Architect, OLIN
- Reed Moulds – Managing Director, Sandhill Property Company
- Courtney Higgins – Senior Associate Principal, KPF
- Takashi Soto – Associate, The OLIN Studio

Commissioners asked questions which staff and the presenters responded to.

Chair Kumarappan opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

Commissioners made the following recommendations:

- Ensure bike and pedestrian safety on shared trails through adequate width, slower cycling speeds, and possible signage.
- Maintain strong bike connectivity throughout the project with multiple trail types and street access for cyclists.
- Use food trucks to create a lively community destination rather than a revenue-focused space.
- Design landscaping with long-term sustainability and drought conditions in mind.
- Integrate inclusive play features into the playground design.
- Continue close coordination with Parks & Recreation staff to align the project with the city's master plan and future community programming.

At 8:03 p.m. Commissioners recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. with all Commissioners present (Sreekanth absent).

MOTION: Bono moved and Kumarappan seconded to continue to agenda item No. 4 and then hear Old Business Item No. 2. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kumarappan, Bono, Stanek, Swamy. Noes: None. Absent: Sreekanth. Abstain: None.

4. Subject: Capital Improvement Programs Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Five-year Plan.
Recommended Action: Receive presentation and provide input on the development of the proposed Capital Improvement Programs Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Five-year Plan as related to Parks and Recreation.

Written Communications for this item included a staff presentation.

CIP Manager Susan Michael gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

Chair Kumarappan opened the public comment period and the following people spoke:

- Chris Satterlee

Chair Kumarappan closed the public comment period.

Commission received the presentation and provided input on the development of the proposed Capital Improvement Programs Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Five-year Plan as related to Parks and Recreation.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS –

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell reported updates on new programs, summer preparations, and community engagement efforts, including the launch of a new Instagram page. The department and its staff received multiple statewide and regional awards recognizing volunteer programs, recreation initiatives, and outstanding employee contributions. Recent and upcoming community events include Earth and Arbor Day, the Live Well Age Well Health Expo, and the sold-out Pooch Plunge event. Staff are preparing for the busy summer season through lifeguard certification, seasonal hiring, recreation training, and expanded summer programming and facility operations.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING – None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 p.m. Chair Kumarappan adjourned the Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

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