



**CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Community Hall
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020
7:00 PM
DRAFT MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kumarappan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Gopal Kumarappan, Carol Stanek, Neesha Tambe, Xiangchen Xu, Sashikala Begur

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Joanne Magrini, Christine Hanel, Whitney Zeller, Toni Oasay-Anderson, Zach Korach

Guest speakers: None

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting of May 14, 2020.

Vice Chair Stanek motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Xu seconded. Motion passed unanimously with 5 votes yes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community member Manali Begur spoke on the Black Lives Matter movement and asked if the Commission would allow white circles to be drawn on the grass at parks to allow for social distancing while protest occur and also inquired about the City providing resource tents at the parks during protests with supplies such as water and COVID testing.

Community member Jennifer Griffin commended the Commission on keeping the parks open during COVID and the work being done to allow park access.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Written communications were received for item 3.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Update on the Coronavirus' Impacts to Cupertino Parks and Recreation Programs.

Joanne Magrini provided an update on the Coronavirus' impacts to Cupertino's Parks and Recreation Programs including changes to the County's Order effective 12:01am on June 5th outlined in the staff report, virtual recreation classes offered, senior wellness calls, food deliveries and the #CupertinoCares initiative. Updates are being provided through social media as well as the Cupertino website.

Community member Mahesh Pakala spoke on the item and offered assistance with the virtual recreation.

Commissioner Begur recommended providing the public with the County Order updates and including a list of approved activities.

Commissioner Tambe requested more information on mask regulations and asked what steps are being taken to accommodate the protest happening.

Commissioner Xu agreed with Commissioner Begur's suggestion to share County Order updates with the public.

Chair Kumarappan asked about actions being taken to accommodate protests and how the County Ordinance restrictions are being enforced.

Joanne Magrini responded that signs are being posted at sports courts and fields with the Order's guidelines and stated that more information will be provided to the Commissioners on face coverings

Commissioner Tambe requested information on the City's response to the Black Lives Matter movement and recommended providing social distancing markers, resources and COVID-19 information for those attending the protest.

3. Evaluate FY 2020/21 Community Funding Grant Program Applications and Provide Recommendation to Council.

Toni Oasay-Anderson introduced the item and instructed the Commission to review their consolidated evaluation results and provide a recommendation to Council.

Community member David Fung provided information on the Friends of Deer Hollow Farm organization and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Orrin Mahoney provided information on the Cupertino Rotary and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Josh Selo provided information on West Valley Community Services and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Mahesh Pakala provided information on the Bhubaneswar Sister City and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Margo Sidener provided information on Breathe California and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Matthew Dodder provided information on Santa Clara Audubon Society and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

Community member Jeanne Wun provided information on the Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care and their Community Funding Grant Program application.

The Commissioners each reviewed their methodology for evaluating the applications received.

Zach Korach confirmed that the funds approved will come from the general fund and will appear as a line item in the Council's proposed budget and that the City is anticipating a decline in tax revenues.

Commissioner Begur motioned to form two tiers for recommendation as follows:

Tier 1 – Recommended for funding

Breathe CA - \$4,000

West Valley Community Services - \$20,000

Euphrat Museum - \$10,000

Tier 2 – Optional Recommendation if Council has funds available

Elevate the Future - \$3,000

Rotary Club - \$12,000

Deer Hollow Farm - \$15,000

Commissioner Xu seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 votes yes from Commissioners Kumarappan, Stanek, Xu and Begur and 1 vote no from Commissioner Tambe.

4. Update on the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District: Receive Report From Staff and Subcommittee Commissioners Xu and Begur.

Joanne Magrini reviewed the staff report and Commissioner Xu provided information on next steps for the item including reviewing survey results and arranging more community outreach.

Community member Jennifer Griffin commented on the item and spoke in favor of maintaining the status quo.

Chair Kumarappan clarified that he had appointed Commissioner Xu to replace himself in the subcommittee for this and that Commissioner Xu had accepted the appointment.

Commissioner Tambe recommended attaining input from both the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District as well as those in opposition of the current Board to ensure a comprehensive overview of the topic.

5. Update on the Development of the Specific Plan: Receive Report From Staff and Subcommittee Commissioners Stanek and Tambe.

Joanne Magrini provided an update on the item and shared that the subcommittee had met in early March and has not been able to meet since due to the shelter in place order.

Vice Chair Stanek shared that Public Works had provided a list of Capital Improvement Projects that they were considering at the March meeting.

Commissioner Tambe requested to meeting with the subcommittee and the Director virtually to discuss the Strategic Plan before meeting with Public Works.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

9. Receive Monthly Update Reports from:

Director

- No items to report

Commissioners

- Chair Kumarappan shared that he is available to help with the Black Lives Matter movement if anyone would like to reach out to him for assistance.
- Commissioner Tambe suggested to formalize a recommendation to Council and the Mayor to restrict aggressive use of force by law enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kumarappan adjourned the meeting at 9:55p.m. to the July 2, 2020 meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Zeller, Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation Department
Minutes approved at the _____ regular meeting

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