



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA

Thursday, June 1, 2017

7:00 PM

MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Hall, at 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Carol Stanek, Judy Wilson, Helene Davis, Neesha Tambe
(arrived at 7:06pm)

Commissioners absent: Meenakshi Biyani

Staff present: Christine Hanel, Gail Seeds, Mariah Dabel, Kelsey Hayes,
Kevin Khuu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of May 4, 2017 – Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2017. Commissioner Stanek seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2, with 2 absent.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

2. Summer Events Presentation

Christine Hanel introduced Kelsey Hayes and Mariah Dabel to present the 2017 Summer Events. Kelsey reviewed the events and invited the commissioners to the concerts, to introduce the bands. The Commission volunteered and accepted the idea.

Kelsey also reviewed the morning 4th of July Events at Memorial Park and Blackberry Farm, the evening fireworks show, scheduled to start at 9:30pm, the Shakespeare in the park event, and the Cinema at Sundown movies. She ended the presentation overviewing the upcoming festivals in 2017, which include:

- Kids 'N Fun Festival – August 12th
- Silicon Valley Fall Festival – September 9
- Diwali Festival – September 30
- Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony – November 11

- Annual Tree Lighting – December 1
- Breakfast with Santa – December 2

Commissioner Tambe requested a soft copy of the summer events flyer for the commission so they can distribute it them via social media and other methods.

3. Bee Guild Presentation

Elizabeth Victor, from the Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers Guild, presented to the Commission about an idea of establishing an apiary at the Stockmeir Orchard. Elizabeth reviewed the guild's goals, benefits of the apiary, and requested that staff could report back to the Commission in the August meeting, detailing the possibility.

Discussion followed. Michael Stang, from the Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers Guild, described his experience as a bee keeper of the Juniper Hotel, highlighting the classes taught, safety of his apiary, and potential benefits for both the City and the Bee Guild.

Assistant Director, Christine Hanel, stated that staff would still need to investigate all aspects of the proposal, including the Citywide Master Plan, and asked the Commission for direction on whether or not to further investigate and come back with feedback and an update.

The Commission showed support and directed staff to research the possibility and have this item on a future agenda. Also recommended to perform outreach and survey the community's interest in establishing the apiary.

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

4. Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update

Gail Seeds introduced Cindy Mendoza, Senior Project Manager from MIG, to provide an update on the Master Plan to the Commission. Cindy reviewed the community outreach findings and the overall themes that emerged from the

survey, asking the Commission for feedback and direction on the results. Vice Chair Tambe requested to have more research done on the racial background on those that responded to the survey. Cindy followed up and confirmed that more surveys and intercepts will be conducted.

Mackenzie Mossing, from the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, supported the Master Plan goals of enhancing nature play and activity in Cupertino, but also emphasized the need to focus on connectivity for nature itself.

Steve Terry, a resident of Half Moon Bay, expressed support for the idea of a roller rink in Cupertino, highlighted the benefits, and invited the Commission to see the one Half Moon Bay.

Discussion followed. Vice Chair Tambe emphasized getting survey results that encompassed all ages, especially youth groups, and different ethnic groups as well. Offered to help distribute the new survey if needed.

Gail Seeds confirmed that staff is currently working with the City Attorney's Office to find the best way to form the Advisory Group and will report back to the Commission and will widen efforts to be as inclusive as possible with the new survey.

In the discussion, the Commission agreed that the themes did match what they heard from residents.

Cindy asked the Commission about things that were missing or theme that needed more focus?

Vice Chair Tambe emphasized that age and ethnic diversity were lacking, as well as the connectivity between the different parks and areas throughout Cupertino. Commissioner Wilson added that partnerships were missing from the survey. Commissioner Stanek mentioned that our parks needed to be updated and be more visually pleasing. Chair Davis emphasized the connectivity to nature, multigenerational activities, more open spaces, improved recreation programs, and transparency to the community.

Cindy confirmed that a status report will be presented to the Commission during the August 3 meeting.

5. 2016-2017 Commission Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the work plan. Chair Davis asked for a motion to cancel the July meeting. Commissioner Wilson moved to cancel the meeting. Vice Chair Tambe seconded. Motion passed 4 yes and 1 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

6. Director's Report

Christine Hanel reported to the Commission on the following:

- A. July is the Parks and Rec Month and the Recreation department will have some giveaways.
- B. Blackberry Farm is now open and has been open in the past few weekends, from 10am to 6pm. Will only be open to schools during weekdays.
- C. Summer programs will begin next week, with the In-Service Training scheduled to start everything off.
- D. Two new supervisors joining the Recreation department, Jenny Koverman and Kim Calame. Will ask them to join the August or September meeting. Also invited the Commission to come out to the Summer Concerts and introduce the bands.

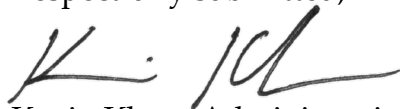
Commissioner Stanek had travelled to South Carolina and observed a weekend long art festival there. Highlighted the activities and the possibility of holding one in Cupertino.

Commissioner Davis attended the Leadership 95014 graduation and reviewed the different projects. Christine invited the Commission and public audience to join the program next year. Commissioner Davis also attended the Grassroots Ecology Volunteer celebration on Friday.

Christine encouraged the Commission and public to volunteer with Grassroots, citing that they have planted over 12,000 plants at McClellan Ranch and have about 4,000 volunteers from high schools and local youth groups. Also reminded everyone that the July meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Khuu, Administrative Assistant
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Minutes approved at the 08.03.17 regular meeting