



DRAFT MINUTES
CUPERTINO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, April 2, 2026

At 7:02 p.m. Chair Seema Swamy 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 Seema Swamy, Vice Chair Claudio Bono, and Commissioners Gopal Kumarappan, Sheela Sreekanth and Carol Stanek. Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: December 4, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the December 4, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

MOTION: Bono moved and Kumarappan seconded to approve the December 4, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Swamy, Bono, Sreekanth, Stanek. Noes: None. Abstain: Kumarappan. Absent: None.

2. Subject: March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Review and approve the March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

MOTION: Bono moved and Stanek seconded to approve the March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Swamy, Bono, Kumarappan, Sreekanth, Stanek. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

POSTPONEMENTS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

3. Subject: Chair Selection

Recommended Action: Conduct the selection of the Chair

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell introduced the item.

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

MOTION: Sreekanth moved and Swamy seconded to select Chair Swamy as Chair. The Commission did not vote on this motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Swamy moved and Sreekanth seconded to select Commissioner Kumarappan as Chair. The substitute motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Swamy, Sreekanth, Kumarappan. Noes: Bono, Stanek. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Stanek moved and Bono seconded to select Vice Chair Bono as Chair. The substitute motion failed with the following vote: Ayes: Bono, Stanek. Noes: Swamy, Kumarappan, Sreekanth. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

4. Subject: Vice Chair Selection

Recommended Action: Conduct the selection of the Vice Chair.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell introduced the item.

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

MOTION: Stanek moved and Swamy seconded to select Commissioner Sreekanth as Vice Chair. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kumarappan, Bono, Swamy, Stanek, Sreekanth. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

5. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Community Funding Application Evaluation and Recommendation to City Council

Recommended Action: Receive staff report, allow for clarifying questions, open the public comment period, receive Commissioner scoring, review and consider application

evaluations, and provide a funding recommendation to City Council for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Community Funding applications of Parks and Recreation

Written communications for this item included staff presentation.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell introduced Management Analyst Jacinta Liang who gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

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

At 8:46 p.m., Chair Kumarappan recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m. with all Commission members present.

The Commissioners continued their discussion.

Commissioners made funding recommendations to the City Council, as detailed in the supplemental report posted on April 14, 2026, under the April 2, 2026 meeting date.

6. Subject: Parks and Recreation Commission 2026 Meeting Topics
Recommended Action: Review and approve the list of potential meeting topics for 2026.

Written communications for this item included staff presentation.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

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

MOTION: Swamy moved and Bono seconded to approve the list of potential meeting topics for 2026. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Kumarappan, Sreekanth, Bono, Swamy, Stanek. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS –

Written communications for this item included staff presentation.

Commissioner Swamy reported on the Mayor's Meeting, commending staff for their presentation noted an increase in Sports Center memberships, Cupertino's most popular destinations, and the tax distributions to Santa Clara County.

Commissioner Bono reported on the mayor's presentation at the League of Women's Voters.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Carolyn McDowell gave a presentation. She outlined a new approach for staff liaison reports, focusing on highlights since the last meeting, upcoming programs, and timely departmental updates, while inviting feedback from commissioners. She reviewed recent and upcoming events, including the Big Bunny 5K, Teen Resource Fair, Volunteer Recognition Lunch, Earth and Arbor Day, Hack Cupertino, Foot Golf Tournament, and the Senior Health Expo. She also emphasized commissioner accountability, including expectations for training compliance, meeting attendance, effective communication, and minimizing simultaneous conversations to improve efficiency and transparency. She concluded by previewing the summer activity guide.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:16 p.m. Chair Kumarappan adjourned the Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

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