



**CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Community Hall
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, July 2, 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kumarappan called the meeting to order at 7:05p.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

Guest speakers: None

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting of June 4, 2020.

Commissioner Tambe asked for clarification on what information is captured in the context and requested to amend the minutes to reflect that Commissioner Tambe voted no, based on the tiered system.

Commissioner Tambe motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment of the discussion and rationale behind the tiering system of the funding to Item 3. Chair Kumarappan seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Stanek asked for clarification on the amendment to the minutes.

Commissioner Tambe specified the amendment should reflect one No vote from Commissioner Tambe on the basis of a tiered system.

Motion passed with 5 votes yes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

POSTPONEMENTS

2. Satellite Community Garden Project.

Joanne Magrini provided an update on the item which has been on hold due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Tambe recommended looking at non-traditional spaces for potential satellite garden sites.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Joanne Magrini provided an update on the Coronavirus' impacts to Cupertino's Parks and Recreation Programs, including new guidance for the use of face coverings, no aquatics programming this summer, camps being offered, updated virtual recreation website, private lessons offered (golf, tennis personal training), electric carts available at the golf course, park bathrooms opening, and the #CupertinoCares initiative.

Commissioner Tambe requested information on registration numbers vs capacities for camps and the unique number of participants at the golf course.

4. Provide Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Dog Off Leash Area Trial at Jollyman Park.

Joanne Magrini reviewed the staff report for the item and asked the Commission to provide a recommendation to City Council on the Jollyman DOLA as well as the hours if extended.

Community member Ankita Goyal spoke in favor of the DOLA and spoke in favor of changing the hours to 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunset.

Community member Sameer Raheja spoke in favor of the DOLA and supported the proposal to change the hours to 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunset.

Community member Deepa Mahendrakar spoke in favor of the DOLA and supported the proposal to change the hours to 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunset.

Community member Madhu Krishnan spoke in favor of the DOLA and supported the proposal to change the hours to 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunset.

Community member Raj Avasarala and his children spoke in favor of the DOLA.

Community member Manjaya Hegde spoke in favor of the DOLA.

Community member Debashis Patnala spoke in favor of the DOLA and supported the proposal to change the hours to 1 hour before sunset and 1 hour after sunset.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions

Vice Chair Stanek spoke in favor of changing the hours to one hour before and one hour after sunset.

Commissioner Tambe spoke in favor of changing the hours to one hour before and one hour after sunset, so long as staff are able to accommodate the adjusted hours and recommended continuing to identify potential DOLA locations while the trial continues.

Commissioner Tambe motioned to approve the extension of the DOLA trial to June 30, 2021. Chair Kumarappan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Begur added an amendment to the motion to include "or until 2 months of coexistence with youth sports, whichever comes first".

Amended motion passed with 5 votes yes.

Vice Chair Stanek motioned to change the DOLA hours to 1 hour before and 1 hour after sunset all year long. Commissioner Tambe seconded the motion.

Motion passed with 5 votes yes.

5. Parks and Recreation Commission FY 2020/21 Work Program.

Joanne Magrini reviewed the staff report and asked the Commission to provide a recommendation to City Council.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Joanne Magrini suggested to change the wording of the DOLA item project objective to read "To identify additional areas suitable for permitting dogs to be off leash and establish other areas, if the current trial period is successful" and change the item's performance goals to read "..and establish other DOLAS".

Commissioner Tambe recommended re-adding the original recommended State of the Trails item to align with the City Work Program's transportation item 6, which references traffic mitigation and adding the marketing research and implementation item.

Commissioner Tambe motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation FY 2020/21 Work Program with the following items:

Blackberry Farm Golf Course
Dogs Off Leash Areas (DOLA)
Rancho Rinconada (RR)
Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Plan
Use of Athletic Fields in Parks
Community Garden Improvements
State of the Trails

And DOLA item project objective to read "To identify additional areas suitable for permitting dogs to be off leash and establish other areas, if the current trial period is successful".

Chair Kumarappan seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 votes yes.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

6. Receive Monthly Update Reports from:

Director

- No items to report

Commissioners

- Commissioner Tambe provided an update on the Strategic Plan subcommittee
- Vice Chair Stanek provided an update on City Council's decision on Community Funding Grant Program
- Commissioner Xu provided an update from the Rancho Rinconada subcommittee

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Commissioner Xu will attend the July 15th Mayor's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kumarappan adjourned the meeting at 9:56p.m. to the August 6, 2020 meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Whitney Zeller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and 'Z'.

Whitney Zeller, Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at the August 6, 2020 regular meeting