

1/27 Commission Interviews  
Written Communications  
Parks & Recreation Commission

**Cyrah Caburian**

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**From:** Jennifer Shearin <shearin.jen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** City Council; Deborah L. Feng  
**Subject:** Reappointment of Carol Stanek to P&R Commission

Dear Mayor Scharf, City Councilmembers and City Manager Feng,

I write today as a resident to wholeheartedly encourage the reappointment of Carol Stanek to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Carol has been a tirelessly hard worker on behalf on the City of Cupertino, and has consistently showed her passion for making our parks and programs the best they can be for all our residents. She truly exemplifies what a good commissioner should be: responsive to residents, extremely knowledgeable about the issues relating to her commission, hardworking, fair to all viewpoints, and possessing the ability to work well with other commissions.

Reappointing Carol to the Cupertino Parks and Recreation would be a great benefit to our city and its residents. I earnestly encourage you to do so in the upcoming appointment decisions.

Best Wishes,

Jennifer Shearin

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Note: in this email I am acting as a resident. It is not intended to represent the views of the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission or the City of Cupertino.

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**From:** Sameer Raheja <sraheja@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 9:27 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** kristens@cupertino.org  
**Subject:** Supporting Carol Stanek for Parks and Rec Commission

Dear City Council members,

I have worked with Carol over the past two years on the issue of a Dog Off Leash Area in Jollyman Park. During that time I have come to admire her knowledge, engagement and advocacy. I am writing to support Carol Stanek for her application for a new term with the Parks and Rec Commission.

Carol is a well informed member of the commission. She looks beyond what is happening in Cupertino and is aware of activities in neighboring towns. She is aware of current issues of the Parks and Rec Commissions of Los Altos and Sunnyvale. While on the commission I observed she backs up her speaking points with references to the latest findings of the National Recreation and Park Association. She can speak to issues that come before the commission from a local, regional and national perspective.

Carol visits the parks. My wife or I are in Jollyman Park almost every day. Carol is the one parks commissioner who consistently shows up. She checks in on how the park is being used. She interacts with users of the park and solicits their feedback. She is able to relate her personal interaction with our local parks to her work on the commission.

Carol is an advocate for the parks. She believes in making the parks safe, friendly and accessible to all residents. She asks good questions of the Park and Rec department staff during monthly meetings. She pushes for change where she believes it is needed, and also acknowledges the good work the Parks and Rec department does.

Carol is well liked by the Parks and Rec Department and other members of the Parks and Rec Commission. She is informed, participates fully and is a good spokeswoman for the residents of Cupertino. My wife and I, as residents of Cupertino, would be pleased to see Carol as a member of the Parks and Rec Commission.

Regards,  
Sameer Raheja

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**From:** Lori Ekman <lori.ekman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Cupertino City Manager's Office; City Clerk; City Council; Steven Scharf; Darcy Paul; Liang Chao; Rod Sinks; Jon Robert Willey  
**Subject:** Commission appointments

Council Members,

I am writing to let you know my opposition to Tessa Parish for any commission. I have been bullied by her on nextdoor. She abused her lead status on nextdoor and after my complaints nextdoor removed her as a neighborhood lead. Her behavior on nextdoor is extremely antagonizing when she does not agree with neighbors. This form of behavior is not fitting for a commission. We have seen how appointing citizens with antagonizing behavior has played out in our city, with the appointment of R Wang. We do not need a repeat of that.

Lori Ekman  
Cupertino Resident



Monday, January 27, 2020

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION				
3 available seats (residency requirement for all five members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	5:30	Neha Sahai	Sustainability	Incumbent
2	5:36	Sashikala Begur	Parks and Recreation	
3	5:42	Sam Vicchilli	Housing	
4	5:48	Anil Pesaramelli	TICC	
5	5:54	Eric Shan	Public Safety	
6	6:00	Bo Zhang	TICC	
7	6:06	Lixin Yu	TICC	
8	6:12	Lakshminarasimha Ankireddipally	TICC	Video interview
9	6:18	Aidong Chen	TICC	
10	6:24	Geoffrey "Geoff" Paulsen	Parks and Recreation	
11	6:30	Swaminathan Ramany	TICC	
12	6:36	Charlene Lee	Audit	
13	6:42	Tiffany Wang		
14	6:48	Min Jiang	Parks and Recreation	
	6:54	<b>Vote for 3 full terms ending 1/30/24 and any alternates</b>		
	7:00	<b>20-Min Dinner Break</b>		

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION				
2 available seats (residency requirement for all five members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	7:20	Sashikala Begur	Public Safety	
2	7:26	Patrick Kwok		
3	7:32	Geoffrey "Geoff" Paulsen	Public Safety	
4	7:38	Viraj Raut	TICC	
5	7:44	Tessa Parish	Housing	
6	7:50	Min Jiang	Public Safety	
7	7:56	Carol Stanek		Incumbent
	8:02	<b>Vote for 2 full terms ending 1/30/24 and any alternates</b>		
	8:08	<b>5-minute break</b>		

AUDIT COMMITTEE				
2 available seats (no residency requirement for all large members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	8:13	Angela Chen		Sustainability incumbent
2	8:19	Mingming "Daisy" Liang	Planning	Incumbent
3	8:25	Charlene Lee	Public Safety	
	8:31	<b>Vote for 2 full terms ending 1/30/24 and any alternates</b>		

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

HOUSING COMMISSION				
2 available seats (residency requirement for three out of five members; Business representative must be from a Cupertino-based business)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	5:30	Eric Shan	Public Safety	
2	5:36	Sam Vicchilli	Public Safety	
3	5:42	Diyan Liu	Sustainability	
4	5:48	Neil McClintock		
5	5:54	Tessa Parish	Parks and Recreation	Qualifies for Business rep
6	6:00	Nina Daruwalla		Incumbent, qualifies for Business rep.
7	6:06	Sue Bose		Incumbent Business rep.

## COMMISSION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - Continued

8	6:12	Heather Payne		
	6:18	<b>Vote for 2 full terms ending 1/30/24, including 1 Business representative, and any alternates</b>		
	6:24	<b>20-Min Dinner Break</b>		

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

3 available seats (residency requirement for three out of five members; Education and Business representative must be from a Cupertino-based institution and business)

	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	6:44	Diyan Liu	Housing	
2	6:50	Ram Mohan		
3	6:56	Neha Sahai	Public Safety	Public Safety incumbent
4	7:02	Rose Grymes		
5	7:08	Vignesh Swaminathan		Incumbent Business rep.
6	7:14	Andrew Qu	TICC	
7	7:20	Anna Weber		Incumbent Education rep.
8	7:26	Lakshmi "Meera" Ramanathan		Incumbent
	7:32	<b>Vote for 3 full terms ending 1/30/24, including 1 Education and 1 Business representative, and any alternates</b>		
	7:38	<b>5-Min Break</b>		

**TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

2 available seats (residency requirement for all five members)

	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	7:43	Anil Pesaramelli	Public Safety	
2	7:49	Anil Garg		
3	7:55	Bo Zhang	Public Safety	
4	8:01	Andrew Qu	Sustainability	
5	8:07	Rajaram Soundararajan		Incumbent
6	8:13	Lakshminarasimha Ankireddipally	Public Safety	Video interview
7	8:19	Aidong Chen	Public Safety	
8	8:25	Eliza Du		
9	8:31	Viraj Raut	Parks and Recreation	
10	8:37	Swaminathan Ramany	Public Safety	
11	8:43	Lixin Yu	Public Safety	
	8:49	<b>Vote for 2 full terms ending 1/30/24 and any alternates</b>		



Planning Commission	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb	Mar	Mar SP	Mar	Apr	Apr	Ma	Ma	Ju	Ju	Jul	Jul	Jul SP	Aug	Aug	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Oct SP	Nov	Nov	Dec SP	Dec	Dec	Total Regular Meeting Absences	Regular Meetings Scheduled	Absence Percentage %
Ray Wang			P	P	X	SP	X	X	P	P	A1	P	P	P	NQP	SP	A2	X	P	P	X	NQA3	SP	P	X	SP	P	X	3	23	13%
David Fung	P	X	P	P	X	SP	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	NQA1	SP	P	X	P	P	X	NQP	A	P	X	SP	P	X	1	23	4%
Kitty Moore			P	P	X	SP	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	NQP	SP	P	X	P	P	X	NQA1	SP	P	X	SP	P	X	1	23	4%
Vikram Saxena			P	P	X	SP	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	NQA1	SP	P	X	P	P	X	NQA2	SP	P	X	A	A3	X	3	23	13%
Takahashi, Alan	P	X	P	A1	X	SP	X	X	P	P	P	A2	P	P	NQA3	SP	P	X	A4	P	X	NQP	SP	A5	X	SP	P	X	5	23	22%

Meet twice monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., Community Hall Council Chamber. Staff Liaison is Ben Fu.

sp = special meeting (does not count towards regular attendance)

Wang, Moore, and Saxena appointed on 1/29/19

**GEOFF PAULSEN - PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 2020**

**EDUCATION:**

- Undergraduate education (B.S.) to be an interpretive naturalist.
- Masters of Public Administration.
- Various park and planning conferences and courses.

**EXPERIENCE:**

- 30+ years full-time experience in Bay Area government - city, regional, state, federal.
- Park Ranger (7 years) - National Park Service, City of Palo Alto.

Primary responsibility, at various times, for prescribed fire, trails, signs, facilities, vehicles. Gave interpretive walks and talks, patrolled, did various maintenance tasks, fought wildfires - and many other varied duties.

- Open Space Planner - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.
- 20+ years general partner and manager, 400 acre forest in Mendocino County.
- Former Chair, Cupertino Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Founding member, Cupertino Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission.
- Board member, Canopy (a tree planting organization based in Palo Alto).
- Former board member, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail.
- Volunteer work with Native Americans.

# Tiffany Wang

As a 20 year Cupertino resident and a victim of an armed home invasion, burglary, and an identity theft incident, I want to play a vital part in shaping the City's initiatives on educating and engaging its residents on public safety issues.

## Initiatives

### **Wildlife Preparedness Program**

With the heavy rise of California wildfires in the last three years, and a power shutoff in Cupertino last year, I believe it is wise for the city to be equipped with a preparedness plan in the likely event of future power outages.

### **Health Practices and Disease Control Event**

With the coronavirus scare, I want to hold a health awareness event educating the public on general public disease control practices and handing out respirator masks to everyone in attendance.

### **Stolen Possession Avoidance Event**

With car thefts and home invasions being unpredictable, I want to hold informational events once a year that would educate residents on best practices to avoid getting caught in these situations.



**GEOFF PAULSEN - PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION 2020**

**EDUCATION:**

- Masters of Public Administration
- State and Federal emergency response courses.

**PROFESSIONAL PAID EXPERIENCE:**

**Preparedness:**

- Wrote local emergency plans that served as models for others.
- Co-author, Palo Alto Foothills Fire Management Plan.
- Founder, Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services.
- Developed the first CERT program in 1984.
- Acting Director, County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services.
- Did a hazmat drill that actually evacuated over 150 homes in Palo Alto.
- County of Santa Clara's internal expert on workplace violence prevention.

**Response:**

- Professional peace officer (park ranger).
- Used a firearm in the line of duty (to euthanize a wounded deer).
- Fought wildfires.
- Conducted prescribed fires in Palo Alto's urban/wildlands interface.
- One of two who managed Santa Clara County's response to the 1989 quake.

Tessa Parish-Parks & Rec interview

Proposed projects: In line with the 2020 General Plan of providing more services to the Seniors.

In most ancient cultures seniors hold a key position of bringing wisdom to the community. If given the opportunity I would like to propose and work on a multi-functional/multi-faceted program that would involve the growing senior community, youth & adults.

Seniors are invited to improve our city:

1. Propose a surveyed program that involves the seniors the opportunity to teach their wisdom to our youth or general community.
2. Offer classes or help from the surveyed senior community to the youth or general community: For example, if there is a master gardener and the 4Hers need planter boxes and a garden at McClelland park, they Parks & Rec commission can help bring them together.
3. This would bring in our young adults, youth and seniors and strengthen our community through collaboration and cooperation.

The Pulse of the City:

This project is something I've been considering for a while. How to REALLY survey the city. While working with the Tech commission, implement several pilot programs to MORE efficiently survey the city by using the demographic stats to reach them. I have many ideas on this. I would love to have more time to work on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tessa Parish