

Housing Commission Meeting

April 25, 2024

Supplemental Report

Item 4

Chair's Update on Mayor's Commissioner
Meeting

Mayor's Commissioner Meeting Agenda

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Mayor's Commissioner March 20, 2024

Agenda Items

Please use this space to include up to three summary bullets that highlights activities from each commission

AUDIT COMMISSION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

- Vision Zero Plan - A first version of the Vision Zero Plan has been presented to the community and a final version will be submitted to the Bike Ped Commission at our next meeting on 3/28.
- Rodrigues Avenue Safety Observations - A presentation by the Chair was made during the latest commission meeting around the observed challenges that pedestrians and cyclists face when riding or crossing the street on Rodrigues Ave.
- Artistic Bike Racks - A sub-committee was put together (with the BPC, representatives of Rotary and the City) to identify a list of potential locations to install artistic bike racks to embellish the city and make the life of cyclists easier.

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

1. Celebrated winners of the 2023 Artist Awards on January 22 with an award ceremony and art exhibition hosted at Cupertino Community Hall. The Commission was excited to recognize a wide variety of art forms this year, including visual, performance, literary, and sculptural. Thank you to Staff (especially Jessica Javier) for a successful event and program.
2. Approved two public art installations for Westport Development, *The Oaks* and *Kaleidoscope Dreams* – a structure of a human figure encircled by colorful butterflies, located adjacent to a butterfly garden fronting Mary Avenue.
3. Chair and Vice Chair election is scheduled for Monday, March 25.

HOUSING COMMISSION

1. The newly elected Chair is Connie Cunningham, and the newly elected Vice Chair is Ryan Golze.
2. Recommendations were made for the FY 2024-25 CDBG and BMR AHF grant funding allocations. These recommendations will be brought to the City Council for approval at the meeting on April 16th.

3. The Housing Commission has changed its meeting time to the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. This change was made so Commissioners and the public can more easily attend. The full year's schedule is below.

Quarter	Date	Type
Jan-March	3/14/2024 (<i>completed</i>)	Regular
April-June	4/25/2024 at 5:30pm	Regular
July-Sept	9/26/2024 at 5:30pm	Regular
Oct-Dec	10/24/2024 at 5:30pm	Regular

LIBRARY COMMISSION

- Working with poet laureate to organize events in the library – especially Multi-lingual poetry session on April 14th. Reaching out to community to spread love and harmony amongst communities.
- CPL playbook updated. Funds for continuing this program.
- Discussion on issues from community and possible mode of resolution.
- Selection of New Chair (Archana Panda) and Vice Chair (Sheela Srikanth)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

- Our newly elected Chair is Jennifer Shearin and our new Vice Chair is Hemant Buch. We have one new commission member, Claudio Bono, and one who was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Carol Stanek.
- We have received the Community Grant Funding applications for the year and have begun reviewing them. Eleven applications were received this year, and all applicants attended our March commission meeting to give a brief report on their organizations and projects and for the commission to ask questions about the applications. In April we will make our recommendations on funding to the City Council.
- We reviewed the Memorial Park Specific Plan design and the Parks & Recreation System Master Plan (PRSMP) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and agreed to recommend that the City Council approve them.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- The newly elected Chair is David Fung and Vice Chair is Seema Lindskog. There were no new commissioners appointed this year, with Commissioners Scharf, Madhhipatla and Mistry continuing their service.
- The Planning Commission recently reviewed extensions of previously approved development agreements for two hotel developments. These projects, one located on Wolfe Road adjacent to Apple Park, and the other on North De Anza boulevard, were originally approved with General Plan Amendments in 2019 and are approaching expiration in the next year. As presented, there were no major changes to the approved projects, except for incentives to encourage construction of the hotels on a faster timeline. The hotel operations would generate millions in Transient Occupancy Tax annually for the City. The Commission recommended that the City Council approve these extensions with a change to require the hotels to consider amending the agreement to allow the City to implement bird safe and dark sky requirements.
- We anticipate reviewing the revised Housing Element soon. The Housing Element is a required Chapter of the City's General Plan, which is required to be updated on an eight-year cycle by state law. This document is the principal document which sets housing policy for the City and identifies housing needs, resources, and sites for housing development to accommodate the City's fair share of housing needs. The state has informed the City that it needs to accommodate (zone for) 4,588 units that are anticipated to be constructed by 2031.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

- Newly elected Chair is Bobby Toda and Vice Chair is Sidharth Rajaram. We currently have one vacancy as Commissioner Pandit resigned. We have three brand new commission members, including Vice Chair Rajaram.. New members include Commissioner Nirmalendu Das and Commissioner Neal Evans.
- There is a Hazardous Awareness dashboard at gis.cupertino.org/webmap/eoc_dashboard_public/ The dashboard provides a complete overview of Power Outages, Air Quality, Wildfire Status, Weather Hazards, and Evacuation Zones. The GIS map can be zoomed into specific neighborhoods or expanded to a wide area.
- Report received on Cupertino OEM Volunteer Activity

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

- We have three new commissioners, Conny Yang, Alex Fung (business representative), and Susan Hansen (Educational Representative). Chair and Vice Chair elections will happen at our next meeting in April.
- Earth and Arbor Day Festival is on April 20, from 11 to 3 at Cupertino Library Park. The event will have performers, food trucks, and nearly 100 vendors tabling to talk about environmental solutions in our community.
- The City's Sustainability Dept is partnering with the County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability to host a live induction cooktop event on April 23 from 6 to 8 pm at Quinlan Community Center. Professional Chef Martin Yan will be demoing cooking on an induction cooktop and providing tastings to all the attendees. The event will be translated into mandarin and child care will be available.
- Cupertino Public Works purchased 2 new electric trucks for municipal fleet. The two trucks are 2023 base model Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks. These purchases were made in alignment with recent State of California mandates that require 50% of all fleet purchases be zero-emission vehicles starting 2024. The State further requires that 100% of vehicle purchases be zero-emissions vehicles starting in 2027.
- The City will be getting two new portable solar panel EV chargers, called Beam EV Arc. These chargers were grant funded by SVCE and should be arriving in the next month. They are off 100% off-grid helping boost our community's resilience. They will be used for municipal charging and available to the public during off-hours of the day. <https://beamforall.com/product/ev-arc-2020/>

TEEN COMMISSION

- Gave Feedback on Teen Resource Fair – This was an event hosted by City of Cupertino in partnership with the FUHSD student council on wellness. The event combined mental health and wellness resources with volunteer and part-time job opportunities with the City of Cupertino at Main Street. The Teen Commissioner attended and promoted the Teen Commission.
- Gave Feedback on the concept of an expanded teen volunteer program beyond the summer only Leaders in Training program. The Teen Coordinator is looking at how he can formalize a year-round teen volunteer program in which teens would work with the city to provide community events.
- Working with the Teen Coordinator to have Teen Commissioners MC or judge upcoming city events such as Big Bunny 5K, HACK Cupertino, and Earth and Arbor Day.

TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

- The newly elected Chair is Prabir Mohanty, and Vice Chair is Emma Shearin. We have two brand new commission members, Balaram Donthi, and Sudeep Kumar.
- The process to update the TICC municipal code is underway, and the Commission will review staff recommendations in May. This is an effort to modernize the code, remove outdated language, and add more relevant duties and responsibilities, such as cybersecurity awareness, and the use of technology such as AI to improve quality of life for residents.
- The TIC commission has submitted its recommendations for the 2024 City Work Program.