



**DRAFT MINUTES
CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

ROLL CALL

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Darcy Paul called the Special Joint City Council / Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order in the City Hall EOC, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Present: Mayor Darcy Paul, Vice Mayor Rod Sinks, and Councilmembers Barry Chang (6:33 p.m.), and Steven Scharf. Absent: Councilmember Savita Vaidhyanathan.

Present: Chair Neesha Tambe, Vice Chair Meenakshi Biyani, and Commissioners Helene Davis, Carol Stanek, and Judy Wilson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ignatius Y. Ding (Cupertino resident) talked about designating a memorial site in Cupertino Memorial Park recognizing volunteerism and civilians in peacetime (distributed written comments).

STUDY SESSION

1. Subject: Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Update
Recommended Action: Accept update on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan ("Master Plan") and provide direction

Written communications for this item included hard copies of maps and a presentation.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Jeff Milkes briefly explained the reason for the joint study session was to receive direction regarding the Master Plan, and introduced Park Improvement Manager Gail Seeds and the consultant, Senior Project Manager Cindy Mendoza from MIG, Inc.

The consultant reviewed the presentation on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan.

The consultant and staff answered questions from Councilmembers and Commissioners.

The meeting recessed from 7:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Paul opened public comment and the following individuals spoke:

Chris Benchen talked about cricket field options and support for mixed-use facilities for neighborhood parks.

Jennifer Griffin talked about repairing the ponds in Memorial Park, owning park land, and needing parks in Eastern Cupertino.

Don Phillips (Cupertino resident) speaking on behalf of the Cupertino Little League talked about cricket field options.

Gerhard Eschelbeck (Cupertino resident) talked about a Performing Arts Center being a high priority in Cupertino.

Mayor Paul closed public comment.

The consultant and staff answered questions brought up by the public during public comment.

Commissioners and Councilmembers made comments regarding the following discussion points:

- Neighborhood park land policies (1/2 mile distance to a park)?
- What, if anything, is off the table?
- Locations for major facilities?
- Priorities for park sites discussed during study session?

Wilson: 1/2 mile distance to park unrealistic but good goal; supports community shuttle service; include on analysis map all park space opportunities around the City including trails and park space bordering other cities; international size cricket field off the table; supports multi-use facilities; add on rather than take anything away or change locations; supports partnerships (schools, YMCA, local businesses); include Memorial Park as part of

downtown corridor; supports Performing Arts Center at Memorial Park; supports two aquatic sites one on either side of the City.

Stanek: Include a County parks map overlay; no need to create something already in existence; broaden the 3 recreation uses criteria for a park; supports multi-use facilities; supports partnerships especially for aquatics (schools, Rancho Rinconada); look at under-utilized areas like in Memorial Park; keep Stevens Creek Corridor natural; partner with developers to sponsor and build park space.

Tambe: Supports variety and diversity and give attention to deficient areas across town; supports multi-use facilities and ability for people to interact across generations; supports partnerships both public and private; preserve public spaces and plan for the future; connectivity around the City important; supports connected trails; create more grey space areas, to think about future innovations since needs of the community will change; consider utilization of space at De Anza College like Kirsch Center; international size cricket field off the table but explore building a proper cricket pitch play area; put demands on developers before give authority to build.

The meeting recessed from 9:18 p.m. to 9:23 p.m.

Biyani: Include and consider all existing County facilities; international size cricket field off the table; supports partnerships with other cities and schools especially for community shuttle service; add trails near bus routes and train lines to help with connectivity; supports partnership with DACA at De Anza College for swimming; supports acquiring and using empty commercial space for parks or recreational facilities like for Teen Center; supports partnership with schools for teen facility (pilot project of Teen Center moving from school to school).

Davis: Move away from traditional park that is just green space and be creative with using park space; look at Sedgewick property; need for larger swimming pools and supports partnership with De Anza College; supports multi-use facilities; look at Vallco as possible park site; theater important; consider Lawrence Mitty as a nature corridor; international size cricket field off the table and partner with other cities; make Memorial Park a main community and regional draw.

Chang: Supports community shuttle bus that also connects to Caltrans; does not support 1/2 mile distance to park policy; supports high-tech Performing and Cultural Arts Center along with a movie theater; supports multi-use facilities like for Teen Center; supports location of Memorial Park or partner with developer of Vallco; international size cricket field off the table.

Paul: Supports Lawrence Mitty park as potential connector to other parts of the valley; consider property next to Sedgwick; supports partnership with Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) for swimming, also Fremont High School and De Anza College for swimming and latter for theater space; supports multi-use facilities for efficiency of space and needs; consider Vallco as potential site; international size cricket field off the table and supports partnership with Sunnyvale (Ortega Park) for cricket field; supports clean energy like solar for facilities; supports goal of 1/2 mile distance to park as general policy; supports community shuttle service; supports idea of building tennis courts on roof.

Scharf: 1/2 mile distance to park good goal but not practical; international size cricket field off the table; supports multi-use & cross generational facilities (combines teen, senior, sports, aquatic, fine arts etc.) at Memorial Park; supports community shuttle service; supports access to Montebello Open Space Preserve; incubator space good idea in theory but would need to be subsidized by City; supports partnership with schools but not with private developers.

Sinks: Supports multi-use activity centers that aren't age specific; supports a Performing Arts Center like one in Mountain View; supports activating a space by surrounding with restaurants, etc.; supports partnership with schools when makes sense; community shuttle service would need to be sustainable regarding cost and would rather have a park close by that could walk to; supports incentivizing property owners who are selling in future to allow City to buy property; include metric for rating park space at schools; look at urban park models for mixed-use; supports partnership with De Anza College if possible.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m. Mayor Paul adjourned the meeting.

Grace Schmidt, City Clerk

Kevin Khuu, Administrative Assistant
Recreation and Community Services Department