



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA
Thursday, August 2, 2018
7:00 PM
MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tambe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, at 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners present: Helene Davis, Meenakshi Biyani, Neesha Tambe, Carol Stanek, Judy Wilson

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Jeff Milkes, Catarina Kidd, Gail Seeds, Kevin Khuu

Chair Tambe moved oral communications next on the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kitty Moore, Cupertino resident, requested revisions to the July 24th minutes to better reflect the Commissions discussion.

Lisa Warren, Cupertino resident, requested corrections to the July 24th minutes to correctly reflect her statements at the meeting.

Lola Kashyap, Cupertino resident, requested trail maintenance and to build a connecting dirt trail at the Simms property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting on June 7, 2018 – Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018. Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 abstain.
2. Special Meeting on July 24, 2018 – The Commission reviewed the changes mentioned during Oral Communications. Changes/additions are listed as follows:
 - The Brown Act discussion and what it entails for Committees. Confirmed that the Brown Act rules do still apply.
 - Include the proposed Haul Road Donation discussion.
 - Update public comment under the Study Session item.

Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the special meeting amended minutes of July 24, 2018, with the above mentioned changes. Commissioner Stanek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

3. Vallco Specific Plan Presentation

Catarina Kidd, Senior Planner with the City of Cupertino, presented an abbreviated version of the presentation given to the City Council study session on June 4, 2018. Will have a draft out for public viewing by the end of the month.

Kitty Moore, Cupertino resident, reviewed the land use numbers from the amended Environmental Impact Report for the Vallco Specific Plan.

Pamela Hershey, Cupertino resident, believes there was miscommunication about whether or not this item was on the agenda.

Danessa Techmanski, Cupertino resident, recounted her experience from surveying the local neighbors around Vallco and expressed concern against the Vallco plans.

Liana Crabtree, Cupertino resident, commented on the lack of additional park land in the revised plans and supports ground level instead of the roof top park land.

The Commission accepted the presentation and requested future updates for the proposed park land. Chair Tambe requested that staff consider park and community land first during the development of the Vallco Plans.

POSTPONEMENTS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

4. Inclusive Playground Feasibility Study – Concept Plans

Gail Seeds, Parks Improvement Manager, introduced Corbin Schneider, from Verde Design, to present the concepts for the inclusive play areas at Jollyman Park. Reviewed the history of the site selection and the resulting choices. Requested feedback from the Commissions and public in regards to the strengths and weaknesses in the concepts.

Kitty Moore, Cupertino resident, had concerns on the parking space capacity at Jollyman and requested to add the all-inclusive elements to the play areas as Vallco.

Lisa Warren, Cupertino resident, supports the study, had concerns over the parking space capacity, and suggested fundraising more overall.

Danessa Tachmanski, Cupertino resident, supports the study and suggested staff connect with the Morgan Autism Center on fundraising and other ideas.

The Commission supported elements from both concepts, highlighting the elevation changes, preservation of trees, greater natural shade, gathering space for families, and art wall. Had some concerns in regards to parking, but suggested partnering with the Fine Arts Commission on the Art Wall and involving community members in the development of the project. Chair Tambe suggested adding an overall theme of diversity, Commissioner Davis supported the bike racks, and Commissioner Wilson supported the laser harp idea. Chair Tambe asked to have more integration of the all-inclusive elements into other parks in Cupertino.

Chair Tambe called the meeting to recess at 8:36pm. Called the meeting back to order at 8:42pm.

5. Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan – Goals, Objectives and Actions

Gail Seeds presented to the Commission an update on the Citywide Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. Reviewed the 7 different goals, objectives that rose from the goals, and actions to achieve those objectives. Requested feedback from the Commission and the public if there is anything important that's missing or off based and should be revised.

Connie Cunningham, Cupertino resident, supports the neighborhood events. Prioritized conservation, equitable access, connection then general maintenance for the Master Plan.

Kitty Moore, Cupertino resident, commented on the inequity of park land between the east and west side of the City and revising the equity metric of residents to open space to more accurately reflect deficiency on the east side.

Lisa Warren, Cupertino resident, reviewed the history of Creekside Park and City's promise to purchase land around the park.

Commissioner Davis supported historical preservation, bike racks, suggested changing water fountains to water stations and adding an action to explore and expand off leash dog hours, similar to other cities.

Commissioner Wilson also asked to include and expand off leash dog hours around the City and emphasized partnerships.

Commissioner Stanek asked for a list of what actions involve other commissions or departments in the City and supports continuous evaluation/improvement through feedback and surveys.

Vice Chair Biyani suggested expanding the examples of trails mentioned under MP2 and acquiring and repurposing closed buildings into recreation activity centers.

Chair Tambe suggested various changes/additions to the action items:

- change all water used for irrigation to grey water.
- MP3c, keep the term universal, but use the term all abilities for play structures.
- MP4a, add greyspaces.
- MP4f, emphasize basketball courts.
- MP5h, change to requiring demographic data.
- MP5i, add to connect with new residents of the City and “existing” programs.
- MP6a, expand to watching over those of all ages and not just kids.
- MP6c, add a new action, for staff to identify new technologies and materials to use for projects.
- MP7d, add a contrast to the demographic breakdown of the City and use the term residents instead of citizens.

6. 2018-2019 Draft Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the work plan and no changes were made.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

7. Director’s Report

Jeff Milkes presented on the following:

- Next steps on the Parks Master Plan process
- July 20th - 3rd Toddler Movie Night, Moana, 70 attendees.
- ActiveNet implementation still in the works, Fall 2018 go live date.
- Aug 7th – National Night Out, 43 neighborhoods registered this year.
- Neighborhood Events

- Aug 22nd acoustic performance at Main Street.
- Fitness and art in the park events.
- Aug 25th Chess event, featuring the Queen of Katwe movie.
- Swimming Lessons have concluded – 1200 registrants this summer.
- Shakespeare in the Park ends tomorrow night.
- Currently recruiting for a PT Code Enforcement Officer.

Commissioner Wilson attended the Mayor's meeting and announced the new emphasis on Commissions sharing info with each other, attending each other's meetings, creating more opportunities to work together, etc. Fine Arts Commission will work with the Parks and Recreation Commission for Art in the Park or murals. Also attended the Shakespeare in the Park. Commissioner Stanek attended Shakespeare in the Park and most of the neighborhood events and the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail BBQ to celebrate their 20th year of service. Vice Chair Biyani also attended the neighborhood events, 4th of July fireworks, Shakespeare in the Park, Sister City dedication ceremony, and watched the City Council special meeting. Commissioner Davis attended the neighborhood events, took part in hosting visitors from the Toyokawa sister city, the bike tour of Cupertino hosted by the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition, and Shakespeare in the Park. Chair Tambe attended the 4th of July fireworks, Lion King Movie in the park, and reached out to the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Commission to schedule a private tour of their rooftop park.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Tambe adjourned the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Khuu, Administrative Assistant
 Recreation and Community Services Department
Minutes approved at the ____ regular meeting