



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA
Thursday, September 5, 2019
7:00 PM
MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kumarappan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Community Hall, at 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners present: Xiangchen Xu, Gopal Kumarappan, Neesha Tambe (arrived at 7:08pm), Helene Davis

Commissioners absent: Carol Stanek

Staff present: Jeff Milkes, Kevin Khuu, Jenny Koverman

Guest speakers: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of August 1, 2019

Commissioner Davis motioned to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Xu seconded. Motion passed with 3 yes and 2 absent.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Received written communication that will be uploaded into public record.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Jollyman Park Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) Trial Survey Results

Jeff Milkes, Director of Parks and Recreation reviewed the history of the item and introduced Jenny Koverman, Recreation Supervisor, to review the results of the survey and requested a recommendation from the Commission on whether to

continue with the trial or not. Will bring the item back to the Commission in March and July of 2020 with trial updates.

The following members of the public spoke on item:

Carol Miller, Cupertino Resident

Cecil Coe, Cupertino Resident, submitted several documents (written communications)

Catherine Coe, Cupertino Resident

Sameer Raheja, from the Jollyman Off Leash Dog Group

Charlie Hanson, Cupertino Resident

Deepa Mahendrakar, from the Jollyman Off Leash Dog Group

Ardith West, Cupertino Resident

Debashis Rao, from the Jollyman Off Leash Dog Group

Leigh Anne Gillis, Cupertino Resident

Raj Avasarala, Cupertino Resident

Commissioner Xu mentioned concerns from residents on the timing of and short time frame of the survey, enforcement of program, separation of large and small dogs into different areas or weekdays and weekends, and the cleanliness issue at Jollyman Park that may affect the evaluation of the trial. Suggested granting only responsible dog owners access to the dog off leash area or create a registration system for the program.

Vice Chair Kumarappan supports the trial, but voiced concerns on enforcement, ensuring that dogs are licensed, and suggested having mitigation plans in place to respond to all concerns and risks from residents. Suggested having an official monitoring system for the trial and a way to collect feedback from dog owners or non-dog owners. Also, to provide specific training to the part time staff assigned to the trial.

Commissioner Davis commented on the benefits of the trial, citing the historical information on the dog off leash item, and supports the trial moving forward.

Chair Tambe suggested adding on the sign, a form or open link, to gather public comment for those who are against the trial. Supports moving forward with the trial but suggested staff investigate other forms of a barrier. Also, to have very strict and formalized rules to protect residents and dogs in case something does happen. Suggested having a reference mechanism for licensed dog owners, penalizing unlicensed dog owners more than licensed dog owners, and looking into the utilization of the Mary Ave Dog Park.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

3. Receive Monthly Update Reports from:

- Director
 - Reviewed summer participation data of City programs and facilities
 - BBF Pool is only open on weekends and will have the Pooch Plunge event after that.
 - Hired a new Administrative Assistant, Whitney Zeller
 - The Commission will receive a study from LAFCO on Rancho Rinconada in the end of November and there will be a joint meeting with the City Council to review the consultant's finding.
- Commissioners
 - Commissioner Davis attended the Summer Events, Dog Off Leash Outreach session, and the Mayor's Meeting. Reported on the following:
 - The Library Commission has formed a task force to work on the Library Expansion
 - The Teen Commission will host a Bobateeno Event on the September 21 at City Hall.
 - Sustainability Committee will host a speaker series on September 23.
 - Fine Arts Commission is hosting a Young Artist Award and Art in Unexpected Places, including a wall at the Stevens Creek Corridor (potential collaboration)
 - Bicycle Pedestrian Commission item, the Regnart Creek Trail, is going to City Council on September 17.
 - Vice Chair Kumarappan spoke about potential future topics of the Regnart Creek Trail and Rancho Rinconada swimming pool.
 - Commissioner Xu shared an upcoming community event at Memorial Park called Ride for Diabetes on Sunday, September 8.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Tambe adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. to the October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Khuu, Management Analyst
Parks & Recreation Department
Minutes approved at the ____ regular meeting