



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Teleconference Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
6:00 PM
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kumarappan called the special meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. via remote teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Gopal Kumarappan, Carol Stanek, Neesha Tambe, Xiangchen Xu (joined at 6:40 p.m.), Sashikala Begur
Commissioners absent: None
Staff present: Joanne Magrini, Whitney Zeller, Alex Corbalis

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Meeting Minutes for the January 7, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting.

Recommended Action: Review and approve the minutes for the January 7, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission special meeting.

Commissioner Tambe amended item six to note that if it is decided that the ponds should be addressed, refinishing, or filling in the ponds should take place parallel to the design phase being executed.

Commissioner Tambe motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment to item six. Vice Chair Stanek seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 votes yes and Commissioner Xu absent.

POSTPONEMENTS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Community Member Lisa Warren commented on public noticing of the meeting. Staff clarified that the agenda had been noticed on Friday, January 15, and the notice they received prior to the meeting was an update to the teleconference information.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Park Amenity Improvement Project Evaluation and Prioritization Review.

Recommended Action: Provide feedback regarding prioritization for the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Park Amenity Improvement Project.

Recreation Coordinator, Alex Corbalis, reviewed how the prioritization process would be facilitated.

Community Member Sharon Blaine commented that the Cupertino Historical Society will be putting signs marking historical references throughout the Stevens Creek Corridor. They are working with the City to make sure the signs follow the branding guidelines.

The first site discussed was the Stevens Creek Corridor

Commissioner Tambe commented that a hydration station at McClellan Ranch is a good idea, but that the stockmeir property area is narrow and has high traffic. She added that if a hydration station is placed at the top of the corridor, we need to make sure it doesn't become a gathering space that could block the trail.

The Commissioners agreed that two hydration stations would be appropriate, one at McClellan Ranch and one at the top of the corridor accessible to those using the trail.

The Commissioners agreed no changes to waste receptacles were needed in the Stevens Creek Corridor.

The Commissioners agreed no additional benches or picnic tables were needed in the Stevens Creek Corridor.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation for a shade structure for the bocce courts as a Capital Improvement Project.

Commissioner Tambe commented that community feedback showed a high demand for outdoor table tennis and it would be a good addition near the bocce area in the corridor.

Vice Chair Stanek shared concern with outdoor table tennis and recommended finding a location where it could be sheltered from wind, as well as what kind of maintenance and upkeep would be needed.

Commissioners Tambe and Begur recommended looking at options for providing indoor table tennis, such as Monta Vista or Creekside Parks buildings.

The Commissioners agreed with placing a bike rack in the Corridor, as long as there is no environmental impact.

The second site discussed was Hoover Park.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace both water fountains at Hoover Park with hydration stations.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add four trios at the soccer field (one on each sideline), and recommended adding a trio at both playgrounds, replacing the existing garbage cans.

The Commissioners suggested adding benches near game areas as a low priority.

The Commissioners agreed with staff suggestion to add six trees near the park sign.

The third site discussed was Linda Vista Park.

The Commissioners recommended one hydration station at the lower walk-in picnic area and a second at the upper playground as a lower priority.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to move the existing waste receptacles.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add two benches near the upper playground and two at the northeast corner. They suggested instead of adding two along the eastern path to add two benches on the southern edge of the field in the shade.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add a shade structure at the picnic area as a Capital Improvement Project.

Commissioner Tambe highlighted that if there are any playground elements added to the parks, to make sure they have inclusive play elements.

Parks and Recreation Director, Joanne Magrini, added that staff will look at the potential of adding inclusive swings to the existing swing set at Linda Vista Park.

The fourth site discussed was Monta Vista Park and Recreation Center

Vice Chair Stanek recommended adding pickleball striping where possible in neighborhood parks so that residents do not need to travel to access the amenity.

Commissioner Tambe added that all tennis courts do not need to be restriped to include pickleball, we can choose to only stripe one of the two at Monta Vista. She shared that there is already high use of Memorial Park and adding another amenity there could be frustrating to neighbors by drawing more users. She recommended starting restriping at Monta Vista, and if successful, to add more at Memorial Park. The Commissioner added that there is a broader theme of singular use of facilities that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Xu agreed that more facilities and amenities should be placed in neighborhood parks, so residents do not need to travel to the larger parks. She added that Monta Vista can be crowded and did not recommend pickleball striping at the site.

Chair Kumarappan recommended that staff revisit the topic at the final prioritization as an action item.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the water fountain at the southwest softball field with a hydration station, as well as the water fountain at the tennis courts, and to add a hydration station at the northeast softball field on the third base line.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the garbage cans at the northeast softball field and the southwest softball field with trios, remove the existing garbage cans at the northern BBQ area and add a trio near the building. They also recommended adding a trio at the path north of the southern BBQ area and to leave the existing receptacles for composting.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add four benches near the preschool area. They noted it is not a high priority, but would be a good addition if funding is available.

Commissioner Tambe commented that it would be nice to have exercise equipment at the larger playground.

Vice Chair Stanek and Chair Kumarappan recommended adding inclusive swings to the playground, as it is near the preschool.

The Commissioners recommended adding nature play.

The fifth site discussed was Little Rancho Park.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the existing waste receptacle with a duo.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the existing benches with ones from Canyon Oak Park.

The sixth site discussed was Somerset Park.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to replace the existing water fountain with a hydration station.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add a trio waste receptacle at the BBQ area and remove two existing waste receptacles. They added the recommendation to include a duo at the basketball court.

The Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation to add two benches, one at the northeast and one at the southwest corner of the park.

Vice Chair Stanek recommended the benches in the back corner of the park face the grass area, as it could be a potential dog off leash area site.

Commissioner Tambe agreed with staff's suggestion that Somerset Park could be a good location for outdoor table tennis.

Vice Chair Stanek commented that because it is close to highway 280, the airflow should be measured before moving with it as a site for outdoor table tennis. She added that if the area can be sheltered from a breeze or wind it would be a good location.

The Commissioners recommended considering the total cost and evaluation of wind interception for implementing outdoor table tennis at this site.

Commissioner Tambe recommended adding inclusive swings, interactive elements such as sculptures and pieces with tactile and auditory stimulation, as well as nature play.

Vice Chair Stanek requested that at the next prioritization meeting, the Commissioner's averages be added as a column for each site.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Tambe shared that Kennedy Middle School is putting together a competition for their students to utilize the skills they have gained in their electives to create ideas to help address social isolation. Commissioner Tambe passed the information to Parks and Recreation Director, Joanne Magrini, and Recreation

Coordinator, Daniel Mestizo, and suggested they could provide a good repository of potential projects and would be a good opportunity to engage with the program and provide any external support.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kumarappan adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. to the February 4, 2020 meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Whitney Zeller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Whitney Zeller, Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at the February 4, 2021 regular meeting