



CITY OF CUPERTINO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Teleconference Special Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanek called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. via remote teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Carol Stanek, Xiangchen Xu, Gopal Kumarappan, Neesha Tambe, Sashikala Begur (joined at 6:07 p.m.)

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Joanne Magrini, Whitney Zeller, Alex Corbalis

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Meeting Minutes for the February 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Recommended Action: Review and approve the minutes for the February 4, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Tambe motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kumarappan seconded the motion. Motion carried with 4 votes yes and Commissioner Begur absent.

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Third Session of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Park Amenity Improvement Prioritization Process.

Recommended Action: Conduct the third session of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan park amenity improvement prioritization process

Recreation Coordinator, Alex Corbalis, conducted the prioritization process for Three Oaks Park, Sterling Barnhart Park, Wilson Park, Varian Park, Portal Park, and Jollyman Park.

Three Oaks Park

Pickleball Striping

No Recommendation

Hydration stations

Staff recommended replacing the one existing water fountain with a hydration station
Commissioners agree with staff recommendation

Garbage and Recycling

Staff recommend replacing the existing receptacles in the picnic areas with two trios
Commissioners agree with staff recommendation

Benches and Picnic Tables

Staff recommend adding three benches spaced along the central pathway
Commissioner Begur commented that there are sufficient benches there already, and would like to spend the money elsewhere
Commissioner Kumarappan agreed the money could be used elsewhere
Commissioners do not recommend any additional benches or picnic tables at this site

Inclusive Swings and Elements

Staff noted that the Commission recommend we revisit inclusive elements systemwide at the end of the prioritization process
Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for inclusive elements.
Commissioner Tambe commented that this could be a good site for a meditation garden, walking path or tai chi space, as recommended by the community
Commissioner Begur commented that Verizon is trying to put a tower somewhere in this park, as something to keep in mind.

Sterling Barnhart

Pickleball

No recommendation

Hydration stations

No additional needed
Staff commented that the hydration station had recently been replaced or will be replaced
Commissioner Begur commented that she believes this park had the hydration station with the dog bowl

Garbage and Recycling

No additional needed

Benches and Picnic Tables

No additional needed

Shade

Staff recommended adding two trees near the existing benches and tables on the eastern side

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Inclusive Swings and Elements

Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for inclusive elements.

Staff will check to see if there are existing inclusive swings

Commissioner Xu commented that this park has no restroom

Commissioner Tambe asked in proximity to Lawrence Mitty property, if there is any kind of connection that can be made to this park, as it could be a good idea to add a hydration station along the trail if we connect it to the Lawrence Mitty property

Director of Parks and Recreation, Joanne Magrini, commented that it will be considered during the planning phase for developing the Lawrence Mitty property.

Commissioner Kumarappan commented that we don't have a restroom at this park, but people who are using the trail will stop at the park to get water, and that it could be a good place for a restroom in the future.

Wilson Park

Pickleball Striping

No recommendation by staff

Commissioner Begur commented that this is a big park but that pickleball is out of the scope of what we are looking at now since there are no tennis courts

Hydration Stations

Staff recommend replacing the two existing wall mount water fountains at the restrooms, one at the playground, and replace one wall mount at the north restrooms.

Chair Stanek recognized that because of the athletic use at this park it is a high priority

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Garbage and Recycling

Staff recommended replacing the existing at the three ball fields with three trios and replacing the existing at the picnic area with one trio

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Benches and Picnic Tables

Staff recommended adding two benches in the existing shade on the west side of the south playground, and one on the path south of the south playground

Director Magrini noted that there are no benches currently, and the added benches would add a line of site for parents to the playground area

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Shade

Not recommended by staff

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Outdoor Table Tennis

Not recommended at this location

Commissioner Tambe commented that she did not agree that outdoor table tennis should be removed entirely from consideration and that it could be done in Cupertino. She added that there may be a small gazebo next to the building that could be a good place for outdoor table tennis. If not there, there are other locations that could be potential options.

Commission had some interest in outdoor table tennis at Wilson

Exercise Equipment

Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for exercise equipment

Commissioner Tambe recommended to consider nature play and exercise equipment as the same thing, and that Wilson could be a good location to implement it

Mile Markers

Recommended as a maintenance project

Commissioner Tambe noted that the City had been working on a trail may be connect at the back of the park.

Varian Park

Pickleball Striping

Staff recommend restriping one court pending the restriping at Memorial Park

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Hydration Stations

Staff recommended replacing one existing at the tennis court and to add one near the south playground

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Garbage and Recycling

Staff recommended to remove the existing at the BBQ area and add two trions on the path, one north of the north playground and one between the playgrounds

Commissioner Kumarappan noted there is no waste receptacle near the tennis court

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation, with the addition of moving one existing garbage can to the tennis court

Benches and Picnic Tables

Staff recommend adding one bench south of the western park entrance and two benches, one north and one south of the east entrance

Commissioner Stanek commented that there are a number of picnic tables that provide areas for people to sit

Commissioner Kumarappan commented that because the community said it is needed, near the tennis courts it would be a good area for people coming from the main road. He agreed with the Chair that in other areas there is enough seating

Director Magrini added that this is a location that the 2-5 tot lot playground is being upgraded and benches will be considered at the playground area and incorporated there

Commissioner Tambe asked about the community feedback and where it came from

Staff commented that it was a senior that sent an email during the prioritization process

Commissioner Tambe agreed with Commissioner Kumarappan about adding one bench at the top, but the remaining are adequate

The Commission recommended one bench at the entrance coming from the street

Shade

Not recommended

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Outdoor Table Tennis

Not recommended

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Mile Markers

Recommended as a maintenance project

Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for inclusive elements, nature play, and exercise equipment

Portal Park

Pickleball Striping

Not recommended

Hydration Stations

Staff recommended replacing the existing water fountain and adding a hydration station to the restrooms for a total of two hydration stations

Commissioner Kumarappan recommended adding something near the playground because the existing water fountain was heavily used

Commissioners agreed with staff's recommendation and suggested a low priority of adding one at the playground

Garbage and Recycling

Staff recommended replacing the existing at the north picnic area with two trios and the two existing at the playgrounds with two duos

Commissioner Kumarappan recommended moving an existing garbage can near the building

Chair Stanek commented that the area behind the building is underutilized and could have something added to increase use

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation, as well as reusing an existing garbage can to place at the building as a lower priority

Benches and Picnic Tables

Staff recommended adding two benches spaced on the path towards the building and two near the northern edge of the north playground.

Commissioner Kumarappan recommended spacing the two benches evenly along the path.

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Shade

Staff recommended adding two trees with the recommended benches at the northern playground

Commissioner Kumarappan supported adding trees

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation but at a low priority

Outdoor Table Tennis

No recommendation provided

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Exercise Equipment and Inclusive Swings

Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for inclusive elements.

Jollyman Park

Pickleball Striping

Not Recommended

Hydration Stations

Staff recommend replacing the existing at the baseball field and add one between the north playground and soccer field and one at the restroom

Chair Stanek commented that we will want something near the playground and will want to consider the inclusive playground

Commissioner Begur commented that she does not think we should add one if we will be addressing the playground area in the future

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Director Magrini clarified that the Inclusive playground will be at the south playground, where the existing hydration station is

Benches and Picnic Tables

Staff recommended adding two benches near the central pathway that runs through the middle of the park

Director Magrini noted that we are recording community requests for the DOLA area but should not make decisions based off the trial until it is approved

Commissioner Begur commented that we don't need any right now and can hold off

Commissioners recommended holding off and revisiting at a future time (next year)

Garbage Cans and Recycling

Staff recommended replacing the existing at the north playground with one trio near the BBQ pits

Commissioner Xu recommended adding more on the trail close to the DOLA area

Commissioner Kumarappan recommended putting a trashcan near the DOLA and a duo at the playground

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Shade

No recommendation

Outdoor Table Tennis

Staff recommend adding one east of the restrooms

Commissioner Tambe commented that this is a great place for outdoor table tennis and that the community around Jollyman Park is a concentration of diverse ethnicities, which is a great spot for this amenity. She added it would be a great place for a pilot if we wanted to gauge community use

Commissioner Xu added that in China it is very popular to have outdoor table tennis made with concrete

Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation

Exercise Equipment and Inclusive Swings

Commissioners recommended that we highlight this park during the final prioritization for inclusive elements.

Nature Play

Commissioner Tambe commented that she would like to see if there is a natural element that could delineate the DOLA area and could also act as a seating and play area. More broadly, she would like to see this concept explored in our parks

Director Magrini commented that we have talked with Public Works about fallen trees and the potential to reuse them as nature play or natural elements

Commissioners and staff discussed the final prioritization process

Commissioner Kumarappan asked if the data can be separated as a stack ranking where we can draw a line of what we want to fund

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Director Magrini provided a brief presentation

Commissioner Tambe clarified that the LAFCO board has not changed, but the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District Board has new members. She added that she attended the Mayor's meeting and updated that under housing there will be a \$10 million ask for below market rate housing, Audit Committee is doing a review of the treasury report, Fine Arts Commission is looking to connect with the Parks and Recreation Commission as we work on park improvements, Sustainability Commission is reviewing a carbon fee that is in a house bill and are working on the City's Sustainable Plan, Gary reached out with the hope that we will incorporate sustainability in our park improvements, the teen essay contest is wrapping up this weekend, Teen Commission is working on safe routes to school, TIC commission is working on 5G, Library groundbreaking is starting, Public Safety is looking at wildlife and personal safety around the City.

Community Member Jennifer Griffin commented on the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District as reported by Director Magrini

Chair Stanek commented that if Commissioners know they will not be able to attend or will be late to a meeting, to message the Liaison, Admin, and Chair to ensure that we will have a quorum.

Commissioner Tambe added that her and Commissioner Begur attended an informal community meeting with Councilmember Chao, shared what the Commission is working on, and received feedback from the community. She noted that there was discussion following the meeting and there was concern about maintaining the Brown Act rules. Commissioner Begur commented that they were meeting under the context of office hours and added that Councilmember Chao would like to continue to hold these meetings on a regular basis. Commissioner Tambe noted that the office hours are important and should continue.

Commissioner Kumarappan commented that he would like to know more about the topics reviewed and asked if the Commissioners could share the presentation with staff to distribute.

Vice Chair Xu thanked Commissioners Tambe and Begur for attending and representing the Commission. Commissioner Xu commented that this Friday Councilmember Chao will have another community meeting with the Safety Commissioners and would like to see more opportunities to collect community input.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

8. Subject: Ongoing Items and Future Agenda Items.

Recommended Action: Review and provide feedback on ongoing items and future agenda items.

The Commissioners discussed upcoming meetings, including a Special meeting on March 24th, agenda topics for April 1st, and the potential for a special meeting in April.

Jennifer Griffin provided public comment and asked about how special meetings are scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanek adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the March 4, 2021 meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Whitney Zeller, Administrative Assistant
Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at the March 4, 2021 regular meeting