



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes - Final

### Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

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Wednesday, September 8, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

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This meeting was conducted in accordance with State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020 and State of California Executive Order N-08-21, dated June 11, 2021. All members of the Parks and Recreation Commission participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitchner brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Steve Filios, Commissioner Jonathan Herbach, Commissioner Sandy Sommer, Vice Chair Ronit Bryant, and Chair Joe Mitchner

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Bryant/Filios - To approve the August 18, 2021 minutes.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speaking from the floor regarding the Cuesta Gateway Pollinator Habitat:

- Howard Higley
- Silja Paymer
- Bruce England
- Mary Dateo

Speaking from the floor in support of protecting trees:

- Irina Zaks

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

## 5.1 Heritage Tree Appeal - 1134 Nilda Avenue

Commissioner Filios recused himself from this item due to the close proximity of his residence to the Heritage Tree.

Forestry & Roadway Manager Trconic provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor expressing concerns and/or support:

- Stephanie
- Harish Balan
- Bruce England
- Hala
- Mary Dateo
- Chris Campbell
- David Shreni

M/S Sommer/Bryant - To adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Allow the Removal of One Heritage Tree at 1134 Nilda Avenue, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum) with a provision that two replacement trees be planted.

Commissioner Sommer amended her motion to adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Allow the Removal of One Heritage Tree at 1134 Nilda Avenue, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum) with a single 15 gallon replacement tree. Commissioner Bryant approved the amendment. The Commission voted on the amended motion.

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Filios

Commissioner Filios returned to the meeting.

## 5.2 Heritage Tree Appeal - 2443 Tamalpais Street

Forestry & Roadway Manager Trconic provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor expressing concerns and/or support:

- Pierre Decker
- Kyle Piper
- Albert Jeans
- Bruce England

M/S - Bryant/Herbach - To adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Deny the Removal of One Heritage Palm Tree and One Heritage Eucalyptus Tree at 2443 Tamalpais Street, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to this memorandum).

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

**5.3 Shoreline Boulevard Interim Bus Lane and Utility Improvements, Project 18-43-Heritage Tree Removal and Mitigation**

Senior Civil Engineer Andy Chang provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor expressing concerns and/or support:

- Bruce England
- Albert Jeans
- Silja Paymer
- Sonali Bhalla

M/S Bryant/Filios - That the PRC does not recommend taking out an additional 11 heritage trees at the intersection of Middlefield and Shoreline.

The PRC finds that removing an additional 11 heritage trees at the intersection will significantly decrease canopy coverage, biodiversity, and walkability in the surrounding area. Heritage tree mitigation measures will not change the resultant heat-island effect and car-first, freeway look of this important intersection in the heart of an increasingly residential area, in close proximity to schools and the downtown.

The PRC notes that the EIR found that even with the addition of the left-turn lanes, the Shoreline/Middlefield intersection will experience a significant unavoidable impact. The PRC does not believe there is justification for taking out heritage trees to enable the building of additional left-turns.

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Herbach

**5.4 Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center Replacement, Design, Project 18-38-Commitment of Park Land Dedication Funds**

Senior Project Manager David Printy provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor expressing support:

- Bruce England

M/S Filios/Bryant - To forward a recommendation to City Council approving the final design for Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center Replacement, Project 18-38.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

M/S Filios/Bryant - To recommend the City Council appropriate \$23,600,000 from the Park Land Dedication Fund (Park Land Dedication In-Lieu Fees from November 2017, October 2018, October 2019, and February 2020) as shown in Attachment 3.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

## 5.5 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

Community Services Director Marchant provided an oral report.

M/S Bryant/Filios - To approve the proposed 2021 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting schedule.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Herbach, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Bryant, and Chair Mitchner

## 6. COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Director Marchant updated the Commission on the following:

- Cuesta Gateway Pollinator Habitat
- Friends of R-House event
- Virtual meetings
- Community Tree Master Plan
- MVWSD/Monta Loma update
- Parks projects

Recreation Manager Crosby updated the Commission on the following:

- COVID-19 vaccination clinic
- Recreation events
- Sports

Commissioner Bryant provided comments regarding Fayette Greenway.

Commissioner Mitchner reminded the Commissioner about the Celebration of Service event.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mitchner adjourned the meeting at 12:23 a.m.