



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Maple Room and Video Conference, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Ronit Bryant, Vice Chair Sandy Sommer, Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester, Chair Joe Mitchner, and Commissioner Jonathan Davis

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Bryant/Sommer - To approve the December 10, 2025 minutes.

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Bryant, Vice Chair Sommer, and Chair Mitchner

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Sylvester, and Commissioner Davis

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan - Updated Draft Review and Recommendation

Assistant Community Services Director Sylvia and SFEI Representative Lauren Stoneburner provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Andrea Wald

-Rashmi

M/S Bryant/Sommer - To send to Council a statement that the PRC enthusiastically supports the draft Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan.

To address concerns about implementation, the PRC recommends Council adopt the draft Plan with a commitment to allocating resources to both carry out the current phase while also developing detailed project plans and deliverables for the future phase.

The PRC recommends assigning/hiring of a dedicated staff coordinator or consultant to facilitate implementation.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bryant, Vice Chair Sommer, Commissioner Sylvester, Chair Mitchner, and Commissioner Davis

New Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester introduced herself.

5.2 Election of Officers

M/S Davis/Bryant- To nominate and elect Joe Mitchner as Chairperson and Sandy Sommer as Vice Chairperson.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bryant, Vice Chair Sommer, Commissioner Sylvester, Chair Mitchner, and Commissioner Davis

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

Commissioner Mitchner thanked Commissioner Davis for his service as Chair

Community Services Director Marchant updated the Commission on:

- The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan next steps
- Nexus Study for Parkland Fees

Commissioner Davis requested an update on the future updates to the Heritage Tree Ordinance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mitchner adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.