



Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Commissioners Conley, Devine, Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, Chair Hepfer

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:00 PM

Senior Center - 266 Escuela Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hepfer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Devon Conley, Commissioner Russell Devine, Commissioner Jonathan Herbach, Vice Chair Katherine Naegele, and Chairperson Paul Hepfer

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion - M/S Naegele/Herbach - To approve March 8, 2017 minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Remarks by newly appointed Commissioner Devon Conley

Newly appointed Commissioners Devon Conley and Russell Devine introduced themselves.

6.2 Pickleball Facilities at Rengstorff Park

Recreation Manager John Marchant presented the Pickleball Facilities at Rengstorff Park with two recommendations.

Over fifty community members attended the meeting. Twenty-four people presented their viewpoints on both sports. Out of twenty-four, eight from MV spoke about tennis, five from Mountain View and eleven from neighboring cities of Sunnyvale, Redwood City, San Jose, Milpitas, Palo Alto, and Los Altos spoke about pickleball.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR EXPRESSING CONCERNS AND/OR IN FAVOR OF
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

LOUISE LOL
NATALIE DANG
BRAD SEIFERS
BARNEY MORGAN
SUSAN MCCONNELL
JOHN WILLIAMS
ANN LEMMENES
MONICA WILLIAMS
JEROLD PEARSON
SUSIE Q
KATHY LEVINSON
ALEX LAM
NORMA GNLVIM
JOHN TOGASAKI
TERRIE RAYL
CAROL TOLEN
ED GONG
SHASHANK GOPAL
NOAH BANKS
JANICE PIERCE
MARTHA ELDERON
TOM FOLADARE

Commission made two motions.

First Motion:

Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegele - To approve staff recommendation of adding three stand-alone pickleball courts to Rengstorff Park currently listed in the City's capital improvemnet projct list.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

Second Motion:

Motion - M/S Herbach/Conley - To request staff to explore the appropriate locations and policies in regards to pickleball courts related to using tennis courts as multi-use and bring back to PRC.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

6.3 Castro Street Median Renovation and City Hall Plaza Enhancement

Parks Manager Bruce Hurlburt introduced Callander Associates Landscape Architecture Representative David Rubin and Rubin presented the recommended concept plans for the Castro median renovation and Plaza space enhancement.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH COMMENTS

JERRIE RAYL

For Castro Street Median Renovation:

Motion - M/S Naegele/Herbach - To recommend the Modern Concept with following modifications: Rather than palm trees, utilize a tree species that would reach 50 feet in height and 50 feet in canopy width. Blending the shrub palette from the Modern concept and Contemporary concept. In addition, maintain the clean look, the ability to see through the plants to both sides of the street, and the tree growth/trimming concerns of branches overhanging the streets as large trucks drive by.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

No: 2 - Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Devine

For City Hall Plaza Enhancement:

Motion - M/S Herbach/Conley - To recommend the Plan 2 with an emphasis on providing a variety of seating options such as modular benches with ottoman and children activity areas. In addition, special consideration for child safety when choosing materials and plants for the modifications to the Plaza's fountain and include more portable power stations.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele and Chairperson Hepfer

6.4 Fiscal Year 2017-18 Park Land Dedication Fund Recommendations

Senior Management Analyst Brady Ruebusch presented Fiscal Year 2017-18 Park Land Dedication Fund Recommendations.

Commission made two motions.

First Motion:

Motion - M/S Naegele/Devine - To approve the following staff recommendation:

Provide a recommendation to the City Council to increase the commitment of Park Land Dedication In-Lieu fees in the amount of \$1,963,200 (Fiscal Year 2015-16 Interest Earnings, Park Land Dedication In-Lieu fees received from October 2015 to December 2016, and a transfer from Rengstorff Land Acquisition funds) to the four existing capital improvement projects.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

For the following discussion and motion, Commissioner Devine recused himself as he resides within 500 miles radius of some of the projects that are listed on the staff recommendation.

Second Motion:

Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegele - To approve following staff recommendation:

Provide a recommendation to the City Council to commit \$4,704,500 from the Park Land Dedication Fund (Park Land Dedication In-Lieu fees from June 2015) to three new projects (Attachment 1) and include these projects in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 CIP.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, and Chairperson Hepfer

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Devine

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

Community Services Director reminded the Commission of the upcoming Downtown Family Parade and asked about Commission's participation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hepfer adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. Meeting date, time, and venue are subject to change.