



# City of Mountain View

Senior Center  
266 Escuela Avenue

## Minutes - Final

### Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

*Commissioner Devine, Commissioner Herbach, Vice Chair Naegele, Chair Hepfer, Chair Herbach*

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Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7:00 PM

Senior Center - 266 Escuela Avenue

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 3 - Commissioner Jonathan Herbach, Vice Chair Katherine Naegele, and Chairperson Paul Hepfer

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Russell Devine

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Election of Officers

**Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegele to nominate Commissioner Hepfer as the Chairperson.**

**The nomination carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

Commissioner Naegele expressed her willingness to be the Vice Chair and Chair Hepfer accepted Commissioner Naegele as the Vice Chair.

**The nomination carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

**6.2**

**Park Land Dedication Alternatives to Fee Title-Recommendation to City Council**

Associate Planner Eric Anderson presented this item to the Commission. Anderson and two members from Prometheus, the developer of 1696-1758 Villa Street, answered Commission questions.

Two unidentified persons from the public expressed their concerns with increasing parking issues with the presented concept.

**M/S - Herbach/Naegle - To deny the following staff recommendations:**

- 1. Should Chapter 41 of the City Code be amended to allow park land dedication alternatives to fee title dedication, such as dedication of an easement?**
- 2. Should the City Council consider these alternatives for a proposed public park over a private structured parking garage at 660 Mariposa Avenue to satisfy a portion of the 1696-1758 Villa Street development's park land dedication requirement?**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

Commission put forth the following two recommendations and forwarded to the Council:

**Motion - M/S Naegle/Herbach - To recommend staff continue to explore alternatives to fee title dedication or in-lieu fees to support the City goal of increasing Park Land.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

**Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegle - To recommended that the City Council, per the policy, request land dedication on the 660 Mariposa Avenue project rather than excepting in-lieu fees.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Herbach, and Vice Chair Naegle

**No:** 1 - Chairperson Hepfer

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

### 6.3 Magical Bridge Playground

Senior Management Analyst Brady Ruebusch introduced the Founder of Magical Bridge Foundation Olenka Villarreal and Ms. Villarreal presented the all-inclusive Magical Bridge Playground concept to the Commission.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING A MAGICAL BRIDGE PLAYGROUND IN MOUNTAIN VIEW:

MICHAEL KASPERZAK  
ANNE COHEN

After a discussion, Commission made following motions:

**Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegele - To recommend to Council to prioritize building an all inclusive playground in Mountain View.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

**Motion M/S Hepfer/Naegele - To request staff to work on applying for the matching grant program on-time to meet County deadlines.**

**The motion carried by following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

**Motion - M/S Hepfer/Herbach - To add an all inclusive playground project to Fiscal Year 2017-18 PRC Work Plan.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

### 6.4 Advisory Board Input on Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2017-18

**Motion - M/S Herbach/Naegele - To forward following projects to fulfill Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2017-18:**

**GOAL I: Promote strategies to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community.**

**A. Existing advisory body work plan items underway that fulfill Goal I**

**1. Review and Provide Input on the Recreation Division's Financial Assistance Program**

**2. Implement plans to maintain operations and programming while supporting the construction of the Community Center renovation and expansion in conjunction with the Public Works Department.**

**B. Proposed projects/activities/initiatives that Council could consider to fulfill Goal I, as approved by the advisory body as a whole (consensus or majority). Please list in order of priority.**

**1. Partner with the Magical Bridge Foundation to develop a Magical Bridge Playground in Mountain View (Very high priority of all items across all four goals)**

**GOAL II: Improve the quantity, diversity, and affordability of housing with an added focus on middle income and ownership opportunities.**

**A. Existing advisory body work plan items underway that fulfill Goal II**

**None**

**B. Proposed projects/activities/initiatives that Council could consider to fulfill Goal II, as approved by the advisory body as a whole (consensus or majority). Please list in order of priority.**

**1. Continue to seek alternative opportunities for maximizing park land while still increasing the quantity and diversity of housing stock.**

**GOAL III: Develop and implement comprehensive and coordinated transportation strategies to achieve mobility, connectivity, and safety for people of all ages.**

**A. Existing advisory body work plan items underway that fulfill Goal III**

**1. Review trail usage following 1-year implementation of allowing electric skateboards.**

**2. Coordinate with Mountain View Whisman School District on the construction of Permanente Creek Trail from Rock Street to Middlefield Road.**

**3. Improve landscaping at Bonnie/Beatrice Streets along the Hetch Hetchy corridor.**

**B. Proposed projects/activities/initiatives that Council could consider to fulfill Goal III, as approved by the advisory body as a whole (consensus or majority). Please list in order of priority.**

**1. Continue to collaborate with Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Los Altos to build upon the 4 Cities Feasibility Study to share costs, leverage support for grants,**

- and continue to support the extension of the Stevens Creek Trail.
- 2. Support design and construction of the Stevens Creek Trail from Dale/Heatherstone to West Remington and Mountain View High School.
- 3. Explore the feasibility of connecting Charleston Retention Basin to Stevens Creek Trail.

**GOAL IV: Promote environmental sustainability with measurable outcomes.**

**A. Existing advisory body work plan items underway that fulfill Goal IV**

- 1. Continue to implement the Community Tree Master Plan guidelines for tree preservation and planting, with particular emphasis on street trees and canopy goals.
- 2. Review and provide input on construction of Community Gardens at Shoreline and Latham.

**B. Proposed projects/activities/initiatives that Council could consider to fulfill Goal IV, as approved by the advisory body as a whole (consensus or majority). Please list in order of priority.**

- 1. Review existing park land acquisition policies and explore new and alternative strategies for acquiring park land. (Very high priority of all items across all four goals)

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Devine

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

Parks Manager Bruce Hurlburt updated the Commission about the success of the Arbor Day event.

Community Services Director J.P. de la Montaigne updated the Commission about the Recreation Department's 5th Annual Summer Camp Fair that took place on March 4.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned to the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.