



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes - Draft

### Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

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Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:00 PM

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

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**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, Commissioner Sandy Sommer, Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester, Vice Chair Joe Mitchner, and Chair Jonathan Davis

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes Approval

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

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

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Sylvester, and Chair 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, Commissioner Sommer, Commissioner Sylvester, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair 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, Commissioner Sommer, Commissioner Sylvester, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair 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.