

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair DeQuincy, Vice Chair Lamb, Commissioners Mui, Kline, Wagner, Davis, Maes, and Bustos

ABSENT

Commissioner Moore

RESIGNED

Commissioner Wagner

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Vicente Zuniga, Director of Recreation & Parks, Jennifer Auletta, Parks and Landscape Manager, Ely Hwang, Recreation Services Manager, Jackqueline Felix, Recreation & Parks Administration III,

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR May 1, 2024

Chair DeQuincy requested edits from the April 3, 2024, agenda on line item 6a for the Youth Advisory Commissioner, spelling the name from Vitoria Bammer to Victoria Bammer; Commissioner Maes moved the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Kline.
(7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 3, 2024

Commissioner Kline moved to approve the minutes from April 3, 2024, seconded by Commissioners Bustos and Maes.
(7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions)

4. INTRODCUTION OF THE REC AND PARKS DIRECTOR

Vicente Zuniga gave a welcome speech, providing insight into the purpose of parks, and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Recreation and Parks Commission.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

Youth Advisory Commission: Liz Hodgins, Recreation Supervisor II, introduced Youth Advisory Commissioner Chair Victoria Bammer and Commissioner Cristian Amezcua, who gave a presentation on the Youth Advisory Commission's activities this term and plans for spring and summer.

Human Services Director: Jessica Lobedan gave a presentation on the City of San Leandro Homeless Services.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Drowning Darryl's representative spoke about the swimming program and how the city's increased fees make it difficult for their children to participate in swimming activities. ·Drowning Darryl's

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needs support to keep its program going. It is asking the city to adjust fees to allow the program to continue.

- A Halcyon Historical Park representative came to give a history of the property and discussed the bird sanctuary that will be destroyed due to the beautify San Leandro project.
- A pickleball representative came and discussed the sport's importance and how it would benefit the town's growth.
- Comments from the public regarding the fees for the City of San Leandro's Recreation and Parks programs. They requested a discussion on the policy surrounding fees.
- Another comment from the public discussed the reservation process and how to reserve the Marina and other parks.

8. REPORTS

a) Commissioners Park Visit Report.

Commissioners provided updates on their recent visits to various parks. Each commissioner shared their findings, focusing primarily on dogs off-leash, trees down, unhoused individuals, light stands near entry gates, open gates, trash containers overflow, skate park, damaged courts, and mulch needed around trees. Floresta Baseball League requests that the Floresta and Bonaire parks restrooms remain open during their games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Commissioner Mui asked if clearing space at Washington Manor Park for a dog park is possible due to the constant dogs being off their leashes. They also discussed the restrooms being locked early.

b) Urban Forest/Tree Master Plan

Parks and Landscape Manager Jennifer Auletta reported there is nothing to report on the City's Tree Master Plan.

c) Recreation and Parks Master Plan

Recreation Services Manager Ely Hwang provided updates on the Recreation and Parks Master Plan. WRT will present at the May commission meeting and report on the project's progress. WRT will attend the City's open house on April 13, 2024, to network with the community and answer questions.

9. PROGRAM AND CALENDER UPDATES

Recreation Services Manager Ely Hwang gave updates on summer programs and the Summer Activities Guide coming out for residents on April 4, 2024; program registration is open on April 25, 2024, and non-residents on May 2, 2024. Ely discussed the current job postings that have been opened. Recreation will be at the city's open house to provide information. The Cherry Festival will be discussed in May's commission meeting. Beautify San Leandro project will have a position open.

10. ORAL REPORTS OF CHAIR

Commissioner DeQuincy received many emails regarding fees, especially the fees for the swimming pools, especially from the Drowning Darryl's. He expressed significant concerns about how the residents are economically charged in fees and what the city can do to support this matter. DeQuincy read one of many emails he received from residents regarding fees and handed them over to Ely.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made a few comments regarding program fees, projects throughout the city, ethics training, and emails from Drowning Darryl's.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kline moved for adjournment, which all Commissioners seconded. (Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstentions 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.