

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES
SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair Wagner, Commissioners Azevedo, Fox, Shapiro, Udemezue, Zuber and Secretary Donnelly

ABSENT

Commissioners Bolar, Borton, and Hutchison

GUESTS

Eric Engelbart, Deputy City Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JULY 6, 2016, MEETING

MSC (Shapiro/Fox) to approve the agenda as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 1, 2016, MEETING

MSC (Shapiro/Azevedo) to approve Minutes as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- Deputy City Manager Engelbart gave an overview of the 3 Revenue Enhancement Measures that will be on the November Ballot: Cannabis Business Tax, Hotel Tax, and Business License Equalization Fee Tax. Deputy City Manager Engelbart reported that these proposed revenue measures would generate ongoing revenue of \$1.5-\$2 million dollars. Commissioner Shapiro expressed concern regarding the funds generated by the Cannabis Business Tax not being guaranteed to support local nonprofit organizations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

- A. Oral Commissioner Park Visit Reports
 - Commissioner Udemezue commented on the construction progress at Siempre Verde Park as well as the cleanliness of Root Park.
 - Commissioner Shapiro observed an increase in use at Memorial Park over the weekend, resulting in overflowing trashcans. Commissioner Zuber also commented that Memorial Park is very well attended and is perhaps used by groups renting the Veteran's Hall.
 - Commissioner Fox noticed an increase in attendance at the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center. Commissioner Wagner said the parking lot is consistently full.
 - Commissioner Wagner noticed a decrease in the amount of trash at Washington Manor Middle School Field and Wagner informed the Commission that a pipe had been broken at Washington Manor Park by a fire truck driving on the lawn area.
- B. Oral Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update
 - Park Maintenance Supervisor Winston McKee reported on behalf of Jennifer Auletta. McKee informed Commissioners that wood chips are being spread at Washington Manor Park to limit pesticide usage.

- The old slide at Halcyon Park was removed because it did not meet current playground standards. The bench near the volleyball court at Halcyon Park will be relocated to the outer pathway, but no timeline has been established.

CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Udemezue/Shapiro) to approve the consent items as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

- A. Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events
- Secretary Donnelly informed the Commission that July is Parks and Recreation Month. Activities planned include themed Family Fun Recreational Swim Fridays on July 15, 22 and 29 and Family Movie Nights .
 - A Town Hall Meeting for Districts 3,4,and 6 will be held at the Marina Community Center on July 11t at 6:30pm.
 - The Fall Activity Guide will be released on August 25 for San Leandro residents.
- B. Oral Update on Current Projects
- Secretary Donnelly reported that Thrasher Park improvements have been completed as well as the Tai Chi space at WASHINGTON Manor Park.
 - Secretary Donnelly provided a recap on the 2016 Cherry Festival. Approximately 20,000 people attended the event,the expanded footprint received positive feedback, and vendor participation increased almost 15%. Commissioner Shapiro shared his festival experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Gardens
- Commissioner Fox shared information from the draft General Plan Update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on Cherry Festival Parade and Commissioner Responsibilities
- Commissioners provided feedback on the Cherry Festival Parade and had a discussion regarding expanding and improving the Parade for 2017.
 - Commissioner felt that the Parade was well attended and the assistance from Recreation and Human Services staff was helpful.
 - Increasing involvement from local schools to expand the community experience was discussed.
- B. Discussion on San Leandro Family Bike Party and Commissioner Responsibilities
- Secretary Donnelly confirmed the Family Bike Party will take place on September 11 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Bike Mobile has been confirmed, but Safe Routes to Schools does not have funding to provide a Bike Rodeo.
 - The route will include a library, but has not been finalized.
 - Commissioner Azevedo suggested trying to include a BMX bike demonstration.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Siempre Verde Park Rededication Event

- Secretary Donnelly shared that a re-dedication event is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 from 10:00am-1:00pm. The event will be themed "Forever Green" and will offer attendees the opportunity to experience the newly renovated park. Donnelly shared the event concept and general elements.
- Commissioners discussed giveaways ideas and how to draw the community to the event. Commissioner Fox suggested finding a well-known San Leandro to emcee the event.

B. Commission decision to align with City Council meeting schedule and not meet in August

- MSC (Udemazue/Zuber) to align with City Council meeting schedule and a regular RAPC meeting will not be held in August (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

REPORT OF CHAIR

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Azevedo would like to discuss the possibility of installing Wi-Fi in San Leandro Parks through high-density lighting systems and would like the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center to offer an adult/senior swim hour.
- Commissioner Fox recommended offering a senior discount on swim tickets.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Fox/Azevedo) to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary