

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

ABSENT Commissioners Hutchison

GUESTS None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 4, 2017

MSC (Wagner/Shapiro) to approve the agenda as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2016

MSC (Wagner/Fox) to approve the Minutes as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Schoenfeld noticed that benches were moved and exercise equipment was installed at Grover Cleveland Park following the Kaboom! build. Schoenfeld also commented that after the heavy December rain, the parking lot at Grover Cleveland had approximately a foot and a half of standing water.
- Commissioner Azevedo commented that he has seen an increase in use at Siempre Verde Park.
- Commissioner Shapiro noted that the play areas at Siempre Verde are not conducive to children younger than four years old. Shapiro also observed that Memorial Park was very heavily used, especially the gated play apparatus. It was also his opinion that Memorial Park could use new play equipment. The dog park appears to be deteriorating; there is significant debris and weeds along the fence line and there are a number of potholes inside the gated area.
- Deputy Public Works Director, Jennifer Auletta commented that when the dog park was constructed, the plan was to keep it as natural as possible, resulting in limited maintenance.
- Commissioner Fox commented that Grover Cleveland Park turned out well. Fox thanked those who were able to assist during the build day. He noted that the basketball courts at Siempre Verde are heavily used during the day. The dog park at Marina Park was scarcely populated on a Saturday.
- Commissioner Wagner noticed the stumps near the Washington Manor Park tennis courts had been ground out and piles of chippings needed to be spread around the park. It appeared that trucks were driving on the turf at Washington Manor Middle School field.
- Commissioner Bolar commented on the trash in the north parking lot of Stenzel Park. He agreed with Commissioner Shapiro's statement that Memorial Park could use a new play apparatus. Bolar suggested submitting Memorial Park as a future Kaboom! project.

- Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta informed Commissioners that Kaboom! typically awarded projects in low income areas, but agreed that Memorial Park could use updating.

B. Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update

- Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta shared with Commissioners that additional work has been done at Grover Cleveland Park since Kaboom!. Pavers were placed around the play apparatus and new exercise equipment was installed at the park.
- Auletta also informed the Commission that security and vandalism continue to be issues at the Thrasher Park restrooms. Commissioners asked questions regarding the location and type of vandalism. Commissioner Zuber recommended offering a graffiti art class at the community center as an outlet. Auletta commented that graffiti is not the only vandalism; damage is also being done to the facility.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Shapiro noted a decline in overall program participation numbers from 2015 to 2016. MSC (Shapiro/Wagner) to approve the consent items as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Donnelly distributed the California Parks and Recreation Society magazine to each commissioner.

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

A. Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events

- Secretary Donnelly reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical and Poetry Slam would take place at the Senior Community Center on January 16, 2017 at 10:30am. Applications from third through twelfth grade students to perform an original or well-known essay, speech, or poem honoring Dr. King would be accepted through January 13.
- The Junior Warriors basketball program will begin on January 14, 2017. Due to long waiting lists, in addition to the usual three sessions at Washington Manor Middle School and San Leandro High School 9th Grade Campus, a fourth session was added at Washington Manor Middle School for 7-9 year olds.
- The Spring Activity Guide will be released to San Leandro residents with the San Leandro Times on January 26. Nonresident registration will begin on February 2.

B. Update on Current Projects

- The Marina Community Center (and Main Library) audio/visual project is in the design phase. The estimated installation timeframe will be August through November 2017.
- Park picnic areas will be available for reservation in person and online the first Monday in February.
- The Recreation and Human Services app and dashboard is still under development by LotaData.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cherry Festival Parade

- Secretary Donnelly introduced the 2017 Cherry Festival Parade. The idea of a community planning committee was discussed by the Commission.
- Commissioner Shapiro questioned if the parade route would be changed due to the opening of Marea Alta. Shapiro shared that the parade route was traditionally Dutton Avenue to Casa Peralta prior to 2013.

REPORT OF CHAIR

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Wagner/Udemezue) to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary