

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair Hutchison, Commissioners Azevedo, Bolar, Fox, Wagner, Zuber and Secretary Donnelly

**ABSENT**

Commissioners Borton, Shapiro, and Udemezue

**GUESTS**

Dwight Pitcaithley, Jennifer Auletta

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF OCTOBER 7, 2015, MEETING**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dwight Pitcaithley informed the Commission he submitted a Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition to the City Manager's Office regarding the development of the San Leandro Shoreline. If approved and the petition received enough signatures, the San Leandro Shoreline Development would be put on the November 2016 ballot. Dwight is interested in preserving the infrastructure currently at the Marina. Commissioners wished to discuss the Shoreline Development.

MCS (Hutchinson/Azevedo) to agendaize the Shoreline Development for further discussion (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

None

**REPORTS**

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Bolar noticed Public Works had placed some bricks around the trees at McCartney Park. He mentioned a large branch had split from a tree at Thrasher Park, and he had a text message directly to the Public Works park staff to inform them. Commissioner Azevedo reported that Halcyon Park looks better this month and seems to have recovered well. He also mentioned Toyon Park looks good. Commissioner Zuber said Halcyon Park looks great. Fox has been to Marina Park numerous times and has not identified any problems. He also reported he visited Memorial Park and he looked at Warden Park to see about the feasibility of creating a dog park. Commissioner Wagner said that Bonaire Park and Burrell Field both in good shape. Chair Hutchison commented that Bonaire looks really nice. He noted that the bleachers still have not been installed. Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta shared that the bleachers needed to be ADA compliant and they are working on next steps for installation. Chair Hutchison also commented that he noticed some progress at the San Leandro Ball Park.

**B. Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update**

- Deputy Public Works Director, Jennifer Auletta reported that some lighting issues are being worked out at the San Leandro Ball Park. The windows for the restroom building came in damaged, so they have been reordered. The timeline for completion of renovation of the San Leandro Ball Park is March 2016. She also shared that there have been issues with weeds in the dog park at Marina Park. They have been cutting the weeds, but are discussing spraying the weeds which would close the dog park for a short time. They are also looking at adding features to the dog park such as ramps and obstacles. Ms. Auletta also shared that the bearings failed on two pieces of fitness equipment at Marina Park, but the parts have been ordered and covered by warranty. The Public Works Department has developed a fairly extensive winter maintenance schedule, weather permitting.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trivia Bee information was mailed to Commissioners with their agenda and minutes.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY**

**Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events:**

- Secretary Donnelly shared that the Engineering and Transportation Department was planning a Siempre Verde Park Rehabilitation Ground Breaking on Monday October 26th 4:00 p.m. All Commissioners will receive an invitation.
- Secretary Donnelly reported on upcoming events including the Arts Commission Launch Party on October 11, Halloween Carnival on October 31 and the end of picnic and field reservation season which concludes October 31. Secretary Donnelly pointed out that the location of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Bee will be at the Main Library rather than the Marina Community Center.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Community Gardens  
No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. San Leandro Bike Party Recap**

Commissioners shared the event was well attended and offers San Leandrans a great family event. The swim at the end of the event was a big hit and Commissioners were impressed how many bikes were serviced by the Bike Mobile. Commissioners shared feedback they had received from attendees, including the event was too long and adults would like to see a longer bike ride.

**B. Need for Tai Chi Space**

Chair Hutchison met with community member Arlene Lum who had collected signatures on a petition regarding the need for a Tai Chi space at Washington Manor Park and provided some photos. He shared that the summer months have been hard for those who do Tai Chi at the park due to the number of people also using the hard surfaces. Grass does not work for Tai Chi. City Staff will be meeting to discuss options for expanded Tai Chi space at Washington Manor Park

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chair/Vice Chair Elections

Commissioners discussed the duties of the positions and the history of the election process. MSC (Azevedo/Fox) to elect Commission Wagner as Commission Chair and Commissioner Bolar as Vice Chair. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

**REPORT OF CHAIR**

None

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Bolar/Wagner) to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary