

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

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Borton

GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MAY 4, 2016, MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016, MEETING

MSC (Bolar/Azevedo) to approve Minutes as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

A. Oral Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Bolar reported that a piece of play equipment at McCartney Park had a broken seat.
- Commission Udemezue commented on the weeds at Memorial Park.
- Commissioner Zuber shared concerns regarding people driving erratically in the Thrasher Park parking lot during baseball practice.
- Commissioner Fox reported no progress has been made with the fencing of McCartney Park. Fox questioned the fencing of other joint venues. Commissioners shared their knowledge of the school district fencing project.
- Commissioner Hutchison said he has heard positive feedback from field users about the new bleachers at Stenzel Park. Hutchison noticed the new mulch at Washington Manor Park.
- Commissioner Wagner would like to see the piles of mulch at Washington Manor spread throughout the park. Wagner requested an update on the split tree at Bonaire Park. Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta said the tree is being monitored due to a nesting white hawk. The tree is not posing a hazard, so removal has not been explored.

B. Oral Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update

- Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta shared several projects that were completed by Public Works in the winter season.
- Bleachers were installed at Stenzel Park, backstop and dugout updates were made at San Leandro Ball Park, benches were installed at Washington Manor Park, roofs were replaced on the restroom buildings of Cherry Grove Park and Thrasher Park, and a new deck was constructed on the park building at Halcyon Park.
- Projects were made possible by leveraging funds from a variety of sources such as park development fees and WW bond funds.

CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Bolar/Hutchison) to approve the consent items as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

A. Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events

- Secretary Donnelly shared that the annual Cinco de Mayo event will be held at City Hall on Thursday, May 5.
- Donnelly also informed Commissioners of the Parent Café program.
- The Senior Resource Fair will take place at the Senior Community Center on May 20th. The event was originally held in September, but was moved to May to align with Older Americans Month. More than 60 vendors and 500 attendees attend the event each year.
- The San Leandro Family Aquatic Center opens for weekends on Saturday, May 28.

B. Oral Update on Current Projects

- Secretary Donnelly reported that the fencing installation at Thrasher Park had been delayed approximately one week, but the work on the playground and picnic area had started.
- Donnelly provided an update on the San Leandro Cherry Festival and shared the headlining entertainer and new event footprint.
- Donnelly informed Commissioners that Farrelly Pool is in need of necessary maintenance. No timeline has been established.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Gardens

- Commissioner Fox reported other cities are expanding their community garden programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Cherry Festival Parade and Commissioner Responsibilities

- Commissioner reviewed day-of assignments and parade logistics. Final details will be confirmed at the June meeting.
- Commissioner Shapiro provided an update on parade judges.
- Secretary Donnelly shared notable new parade entries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Selection of New Quarterly Park Assignments
- Commissioners selected new park assignments for the next three months.
- B. Discussion on San Leandro Family Bike Party and Commissioner Responsibilities
- The San Leandro Family Bike Party will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Commissioners suggested new route ideas for the bike ride portion of the event and discussed how to involve businesses within the community.

REPORT OF CHAIR

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Bolar informed the Commission that the Citywide track meet would take place at Burrell Field on Saturday, May 7.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Udemezue/Bolar) to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Donnelly, Secretary