

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT Commissioners Barreto, Hutchison, Schoenfeld, Shapiro, Udemezue, Wagner and Secretary Bateson

ABSENT Chair Bolar and Commissioner Zuber
District 6 – Vacant

GUESTS None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF APRIL 5, 2017

MSC (Shapiro/Schoenfeld) to approve the agenda as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017

MSC (Schoenfeld/Hutchison) to approve the minutes as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Schoenfeld reported that Siempre Verde, Memorial, Washington Manor, and Grover Cleveland were in excellent condition. Commissioner Schoenfeld was involved in a community service project with the sheet metal workers' union cleaning up the City streets from the Plaza to Root Park.
- Commissioner Udemezue commented that Halcyon, Root, and Toyon Park were well kept.
- Commissioner Shapiro reported Memorial Park continues to get significant use, as well as Siempre Verde. The usage at Siempre Verde Park has drastically increased following the renovation.
- Commissioner Wagner reported vehicles have been driving on the lawn at Halcyon Park. He suggested installing bollards or boulders to block vehicle access. He also reported the playground at Washington Manor Middle School is still not draining properly. Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta discussed the future maintenance plan pertaining to the playground. Commissioner Wagner noticed a hole in the fence covered by a sheet of plywood near the front playground at Washington Manor Park.
- Commissioner Hutchinson reported that Washington Manor Park is in good condition. He shared some feedback about the Marina Park dog park he received from a resident.

B. Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update

- Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta informed Commissioners that a weeding schedule has been established at the Marina Park dog park.
- Renovations of the Stenzel Park restroom are complete.

CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Udemezue/Schoenfeld) to approve the consent items as submitted. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant)

CORRESPONDENCE

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

A. Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events

- The picnic reservation season began on April 1. Park Specialists are stationed at Marina Park, Washington Manor Park, and Halcyon or Cherry Grove Park on Saturdays and Sundays, weather dependent.
- Staff is preparing for Youth in Government Day scheduled for April 12. Students from the Social Justice Academy of San Leandro High School will participate in the event.
- The Annual Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 15. Secretary Donnelly provided an event update and thanked Commissioners for the feedback they provided at the March meeting.
- The Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held on May 5 at City Hall.

B. Update on Current Projects

- Camp Hooty Hoo will remain at Roosevelt Elementary School for summer 2017.
- The City has secured a copy of the deed for Washington Manor Park. The Kaboom! selection process can move forward.
- Joint-use agreements between the City and San Leandro Unified School District are being reviewed to create one master agreement.
- Capital improvement funding recommendations will be reviewed and approved at the June 5 meeting of the City Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Cherry Festival Parade and Commissioner Responsibilities

- Commissioner Shapiro provided an update on the parade judges.
- Commissioner Hutchison suggested the Commission should follow up with Evelyn Gonzalez.

B. Discussion of Monthly Consent Items and Review of Report Formats

- Commissioners reached consensus that the updated format of the monthly consent items is agreeable to them.

C. Commissioner Selection of Quarterly Park Assignments

- Commissioners selected new park assignments for May through July 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Department Events and Commissioner Involvement

- Commissioners brainstormed ideas surrounding a pet-related event and a bike-related event. The importance of making memories and the art and cultural elements of events was discussed.

REPORT OF CHAIR

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Udemzue and Hutchison commented that their names were misspelled in the March minutes.
- Commissioner Shapiro welcomed Commissioner Barreto to the group.

- Commissioner Wagner mentioned he was nominated as the California delegate to the American Association for Respiratory Care.
- Commissioner Hutchison reviewed the Recreation Activity Guide and suggested adding a paint night for adults and anime classes for youth. He thanked Bryan Azevedo for the time he served on the Commission, as well as Commissioners Shapiro and Schoenfeld for their involvement in the community. Commissioner Hutchison is also interviewing for the vacancy on the San Lorenzo Unified School District's Board.
- Commissioner Schoenfeld commented that he is interviewing for the vacancy on the San Lorenzo Unified School District's Board as well.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Shapiro/Udumezue) to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. (6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Bateson, Secretary