

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT Chair Bolar, Commissioners Schoenfeld, Shapiro, Udemezue, Zuber and Secretary Bateson

ABSENT Commissioners Barreto, Hutchison, and Wagner
District 6 – Vacant

GUESTS Nick Thom, City Engineer, City of San Leandro

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

MSC (Schoenfeld/Zuber) to approve the agenda as submitted (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

MSC (Zuber/Schoenfeld) to approve the minutes as submitted. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

City Pool Capital Improvement Projects - Nick Thom, City of San Leandro Engineering and Transportation Department

- City Engineer, Nick Thom, presented the scope, budget, and timeline for the funded capital improvement projects at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club Pool, Family Aquatic Center, and Farrelly Pool.
- The Boys and Girls Club Pool will be resurfaced and piping and pumps will be replaced. A competition pool and additional parking will be constructed at the Family Aquatic Center. Farrelly Pool will be replaced and the restrooms and locker rooms will be upgraded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORTS

A. Commissioner Park Visit Reports

- Commissioner Schoenfeld saw an increase in dog park usage. He recommended installing lights for evening use and larger signage.
- Commissioner Udemezue commented that Warden Park and Grover Cleveland Park are well-kept, but he was alarmed to find these parks did not have restroom facilities.
- Commissioner Shapiro commented that the Pooch Pool Party at the Family Aquatic Center had good attendance.
- Commissioner Bolar mentioned Marina Park appeared to be well maintained.

B. Park and Open Space Operations and Maintenance Update

- Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta updated Commissioners on changes being made to Siempre Verde Park including installing fencing along the Park Street frontage.
- The restroom door at Washington Manor Park was replaced and improvements will be made to benches and irrigation.

CONSENT ITEMS

MSC (Udemezue/Shapiro) to approve the consent items as submitted. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

CORRESPONDENCE

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

A. Recreation and Human Services Calendar of Meetings and Events

- Secretary Bateson informed Commissioners that a creek clean-up will be held on October 14 at Root Park.
- The Youth Advisory Commission will host the Pumpkin Splash at the Boys and Girls Club Pool on October 27 as their fall fundraiser. The pool will be turned into a pumpkin patch.
- Community meetings will be held on October 18 and November 1 at the Marina Community Center to discuss the design and programming of the passive park area associated with the Shoreline Development. The November 1 meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission will be cancelled so all commissioners can attend.

B. Recap of September Special Events

- Secretary Bateson thanked the Commissioners who attended the various events throughout the month of September.
- The Pooch Pool Party held at the Family Aquatic Center had 53 dogs sign-in to the event. Feedback from attendees was positive and there were no incidents.
- The San Leandro Family Bike Ride had 14 participants. The low attendance likely stems from the fact that a number of similar events are hosted throughout the year, but overall, participants had a positive experience.
- Music by the Bay had 150 attendees. The band, Lost Dog Found, was well received and the weather was great. The event competed with Truth Thursdays. Things to consider in the future are the length of the event and the scheduled date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination and Election of the Chair/Vice Chair

- Commissioner Shapiro nominated Vice-Chair Zuber as Chair. The Vice-Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission often assumes the role of Chair following their term as Vice-Chair.
MSC (Schoenfeld/Shapiro) to elect Commissioner Zuber as Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)
- Commissioner Shapiro nominated Commissioner Udemezue as Vice-Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission
MSC (Shapiro/Schoenfeld) to elect Commissioner Udemezue as Vice-Chair (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

B. Discussion of Commissioner Involvement with the Cherry Festival Parade

- The San Leandro Cherry Festival and Parade will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018.
- Commissioners discussed how the Recreation and Parks Commission became involved with the Parade in 2013. Evelyn Gonzalez, former Recreation and Parks Commissioner, took the

lead on the event. She will not be involved with the planning and execution of the 2018 Parade.

- Commissioners discussed how the Commission can be involved in the 2018 Parade. Commissioners were concerned with the time commitment that would be required to plan the Parade, but thought that they could all commit to assisting with the parade on the day-of the event.
- Chair Bolar suggested reaching out to the other City Commissions to create a small committee.
- The Commission agreed that the Cherry Festival Parade needed to be discussed in more detail once a task list was available.

C. Discussion regarding City Social Media and Marketing Efforts

- Commissioner Zuber posed a few questions pertaining to the City's social media and marketing campaigns, including how residents are informed about public events scheduled in San Leandro Parks, even those that are not City sponsored.
- Commissioner Shapiro concluded that a centralized, master calendar on social media with all of the events happening in the City would be helpful to residents.
- Commissioners discussed locations where residents can find this information, such as in the San Leandro Times, NextDoor and San Leandro Patch.
- Commissioner Zuber commented that if the City wants to align with the goals that have been established, establishing an online calendar would be a great start.
- Commissioner Shapiro requested a presentation from the City's Communications Manager to better understand the City's philosophy behind communication within the community.

REPORT OF CHAIR

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Udemezue suggested constructing restrooms at Warden Park and Grover Cleveland Park.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Udemezue/Shapiro) to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Bateson, Secretary