



## Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

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### Zoom Webinar – Pleasanton, CA May 15, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Deckert.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

#### Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Sadie Brown, Joanie Fields, Mary Hekl, Ramesh Immadi, Michael Vickers, and Chairperson Chuck Deckert.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Steve Berberich

Staff Present: Heidi Murphy, Library & Recreation Director; Kathleen Yurchak, Director of Operations and Water Utilities; Michele Grose, Assistant Library & Recreation Director; Matt Gruber, Landscape Architect; Giacomo Damonte, Parks Superintendent; Terry Snyder, Office Manager; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

#### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None.

#### **MINUTES**

##### **1. Approve regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2021.**

Correction page 1, Minutes: Motion made by ~~Chairperson~~ Commissioner Fields...

A motion was made by Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2021, as corrected. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations**

Chairperson Deckert welcomed and introduced new commissioners Ramesh Immadi and Michael Vickers and asked them to provide a little background on themselves and why they wanted to join the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.**

John Hazell – spoke on the proposed restoration of the Century House indicating he lived near to this facility and would like to be involved in helping develop parking alternatives. He indicated he would like to have the possibility of meeting members of the commission in the park near the Century House to share ideas and information with them before the proposed planned workshop with City Council. Mr. Hazell stated he was encouraged to learn of City Council's positive comments and wanted people to know that changes to this area will have a big impact on the neighborhood.

Christy Murphy – spoke on the playground renovations for Ken Mercer Park East and the need for shade structures to be included. She advised that she is a resident of Parkside with children who use the Ken Mercer playground and had received feedback from other users on the All-Abilities Playground and the proposed lack of shade structure. Ms. Murphy feels that shade is essential for the playground and the information in the proposal for this playground that pertains to trees in the area does not address the current problem. She asked the commission to consider adding shade structures that will provide shade for the play structures.

Joan Johnson – unable to participate. Ms. Murphy advised commissioners that she would forward emails received from Ms. Johnson to members of the commission for their review.

## **MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

### **4. Review of Proposed Fee Changes for Callippe Preserve Golf Course**

Ms. Yurchak provided commissioners with some history on the opening of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course that opened for play in November 2005 and the contract the City of Pleasanton has had with Pleasanton Golf, LLC (CourseCo) since the inception of the golf course.

Commissioners were informed that at least once a year the city reviews the existing fees for the golf course to determine if it is necessary to make any changes. When doing this several factors are considered that include course utilization, comparison of rates with other nearby facilities, economic conditions, and market trends. Ms. Yurchak noted that staff prefers annual nominal fee increases for the golf course instead of larger increases less frequently.

Ms. Yurchak advised commissioners that planned improvements for the Callippe Preserve Golf Course include repainting driving range poles, repairing cart path bridges, and replacing restaurant kitchen equipment.

Additional information provided by Ms. Yurchak covered the closure of the golf course from March 17, 2020, through May 5, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted with the reopening of the golf course in May 2020 steady play was experienced that allowed golfers the opportunity to enjoy playing in a safe outdoor environment through the end of 2021 with such play expected to remain high through the beginning of FY22, easing later as other recreational activities become available.

Commissioners were provided a financial overview by Ms. Yurchak who advised that the golf course had a great year in 2021 even though catering revenue was down, and wedding/banquet and tournament events could not be held because golf course membership and number of golf rounds played had been steady.

Ms. Yurchak reviewed with commissioners the current golf course fees for cart, range ball, and green fees and the proposed increase of \$1.00 that staff is recommending for both resident and non-resident tee times which is anticipated to result in approximately \$72,266 per year in additional revenue.

Chairperson Deckert questioned whether water used at the golf course was recycled water and asked about surcharges being charged by water agencies. Ms. Yurchak advised that water used at the golf course was not recycled and that water rate increases are anticipated from Zone 7, but the City of Pleasanton is not anticipating increasing water fees. She further commented on discussions with the golf course management on the golf course condition because of possible water reduction.

Commissioner Fields asked about the number of memberships and how long the fees were good for. She also asked about golf course fees for non-residents. Mr. Eric Thompson, CourseCo General Manager, provided membership fee details and rack rates and advised there are approximately 1,085 memberships.

Commissioner Immadi asked about the accounting year for the golf course and was informed by Ms. Yurchak that it is July 1 through June 30.

Chairperson Deckert noted that his friends who play golf at Callippe have commented that they feel the rates are good and comparable to other similar courses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Vickers, to approve the proposed fee structure for the Callippe Preserve Golf Course for July 1, 2021, as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Commissioners Brown, Fields, Hekl, Immadi, Vickers, and Chairperson Deckert.  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Barberich  
ABSTAIN: None

## **5. Landscape Architecture Projects Status Report for January 2021 – April 2021**

Mr. Gruber reviewed with commissioners the Landscape Architecture Projects Status Report for January 2021 through April 2021. He advised that the report summarizes the architecture projects for the quarter and is provided to inform the commission the status of ongoing architecture projects for the period.

### Lions Wayside and DeLucchi Parks

The City and consultants have tried setting up a meeting with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) to review the updated concept plan and determine if the plan will be acceptable to the RWQCB. City Council prioritized this project as a top priority during the 2021-2022 two-year CIP Workplan process.

### Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery

South Hill Improvements were advertised for bid in June 2020 and City Council awarded the contract to Suarez & Munoz Construction on August 4, 2020, for the low bid amount of \$598,000. Construction Began August 31, 2020 and the project was substantially completed on January 5, 2021, and accepted by City Council on February 16, 2021.

### Valley Trails Park

Construction documents for the park landscape and irrigation improvements were completed in March 2021 and installation of the improvements began in mid-March and construction was completed in mid-April. Improvements included a major landscape renovation at the western portion of the park and elsewhere throughout the park along with irrigation modifications to accommodate the landscape modifications.

### Basketball Court Replacements

Construction of the basketball courts began on September 21, 2020 and was completed and accepted by City Council on February 16, 2021.

### Transportation Corridor Parking Lot

Plans were advertised for construction bid in mid-February with bid opening occurring March 18, 2021. Seven bids were received by the City with Gradetech as the lowest bidder at \$2,582,987. City Council awarded the contract to Gradetech on April 20, 2021, and a pre-construction meeting was held April 28, 2021.

### All Abilities Playground

City Council approved the \$105,335 contract with RRM Design Group for the All-Abilities Playground Master Plan services on February 2, 2021. Staff held a kick-off meeting with RRM on March 2, 2021. Public outreach strategy for the playground was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 8. Staff and RRM held stakeholder meetings with Sunflower Hill, Friends of the Senior Center, Rotary North, and the PUSD during the week of April 12. Approximately 18 community members attended the first Community Workshop held on April 22.

### Skatepark

Ten qualification packages for the skatepark were received January 13, 2021, by the City and the 4 top-ranked firms: Grindline, New Line, RRM, and Verde, were interviewed. City Council approved the RRM Design Group contract in the amount of \$115,154 for the conceptual design and public outreach for the park on March 16. A kick-off meeting was held April 12 between the City and RRM and the first Public Outreach date has been set for May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

### Augustin Bernal Mountain Bike Trail

Contractor Dudek provided a draft trail alignment to the City in early February 2021 and met with staff in late February in field to walk the preliminary alignment. Staff also met with the Golden Eagle HOA Board in February and the Board tentatively agreed to provide a trail easement for the portion of their property that the trail would cross. Dudek provided the 85% construction documents for City review on April 1 and completed their biological and archaeological assessments for the proposed trail on April 12.

### Garm's Staging Area

The City is working to set up a liaison meeting with EBRPD to discuss this project.

### Nevada Street Improvements

The City contracted with Callander Associates on February 19 for the conceptual design of the Nevada Street Improvements. A kick-off meeting was held with Callander on March 5 and City Staff met with the Valley Humane Society and Zone 7 in March and April to discuss the proposed street and trail improvements. On April 29 Callander provided a preliminary concept plan for the City to review.

### Bernal Community Farm

The City is currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Master Gardeners, once complete Phase 1 will begin.

### Miscellaneous Park Projects

Construction documents for the Ken Mercer and Tawny playground renovations went out on May 3 with construction scheduled to begin May 10. Construction signs were posted at the playgrounds. Construction for Ken Mercer East and Tawny is expected to be completed by mid-June with Ken Mercer Central and Vintage Hills to start mid-June and finish mid-July.

The City is renovating the parkway strip on the north side of Vineyard Avenue between El Capitan Drive and the Park Access Road. Staff met with Suarez & Munoz Construction on April 19 to discuss construction and review the work and construction began on April 28.

The City is planning to renovate the Centennial Towers Plaza at Civic Park to address problems with lighting, draining, and grading. Plans were incorporated into the Transportation Corridor plans.

During the presentation Commissioner Fields asked Mr. Gruber to elaborate on some of the projects and comment on how long the commission has been working on them so new members of the commission were more aware on how long staff and the commission have been working on some projects.

Chairperson Deckert commented on the All-Abilities Playground workshop and questioned whether another community meeting was planned. Ms. Crose advised that much of the feedback received at the community meeting had been considered and work is taking place on two design concepts that will be shown at the Farmer's Market along with other outreach so comments can be received. It is anticipated that this project will be brought back to the commission two more times for their consideration.

Chairperson Deckert indicated that he hoped future meetings would be conducted on the site for the All-Abilities Playground and Ms. Grose advised that staff is planning for future meetings to be held at the park.

Chairperson Deckert asked about the proposed meeting by the City with EBRPD and the MOU with the Master Gardeners. Mr. Gruber commented on the lack of information from EBRPD and advised that staff is working on the Master Gardeners MOU so this project can move forward.

Commissioner Fields discussed with Mr. Gruber the concerns of parents regarding the lack of shade structures at the All-Abilities Playground. Mr. Gruber advised that staff has reached out to the equipment manufacturer about the cost and a contingency and will discuss this with the City Manager who will make the final decision.

Commissioner Fields was advised by Mr. Gruber that the new skate park area will be about 1-acre in size and many people would like the existing skate park to also be retained but existing amenities will not be affected.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Chairperson Deckert provided new commissioners information about committees and the expectation that each commissioner takes a position on at least one committee. He asked Ms. Murphy to provide new commissioners with information about the committees and their meeting times so decisions on representation can be made at the next commission meeting.

Chairperson Deckert provided Commissioner Immadi with information about committee meeting rotation.

## 6. Committee Meetings

- A. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee – none.
  - B. Community of Character – none.
  - C. City/East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee – none.
  - D. Heritage Tree Review Board – none.
  - E. Public Art Selection Sub-Committee – Commissioner Fields commented on the two temporary art signs for the downtown area approved by PASS but had no information on when they would be installed.
  - F. Sports Council – none. Ms. Murphy advised that the Sports Council is looking for a new donor for the Sports Park because Patelco has decided not to renew.
7. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

Chairperson Deckert encouraged new commissioners to reach out to him and staff if they have questioned on anything. He also discussed Ethics training with them.

## **MATTERS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Fields asked about field mowing near the Marilyn Murphy Kane trail. Mr. Damonte advised it should be completed the following week and signs will be put up to let people know that mowing will be taking place so people living in the areas will be aware of possible dirt blowing around.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

To be decided.