

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Commissioner Jimenez and Commissioner Souza
- b. Absent: Vice Chair Krogh and Commissioner Singh
- c. Staff Present: Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Program Manager; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager
- d. Recorded By: JoAnn Ronngren, Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Souza

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mitchell Harnett introduced himself and handed out packets that Tracy Bike Life put together for the commission and staff. He has been in the City of Tracy for 8 months and is excited to be a part of the cycling community here. He sees so much opportunity and potential for the riders if the City would follow through with safe riding opportunities for them. He will comment again when it is time for commenting on item 6b.

Garret Murphy commented that in addition to seeking a pump track, Tracy Bike Life is partnering with the Tracy Earth Program and Tracy Police Department for the Tracy Youth Bike Program. This program allows kids learn how to work on their bikes and fix them. Tracy Police Department is donating the unclaimed bikes for the group to work on and repair.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Review and Approve the Special Meeting Minutes from **November 3, 2021**

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve meeting minutes from November 3, 2021 with discussed amendments. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

- b. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from **December 2, 2021**

ACTION: No action was taken as we did not have a quorum to approve the regular meeting minutes. This item will be brought back to the next Parks Commission Meeting for approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and approve the Tracy Hills Phase 1B Neighborhood Park Conceptual Master Plan.

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager presented the staff report.

John Palmer provided the presentation.

Commission comments and questions followed.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve the Tracy Hills Phase 1B Neighborhood Park Conceptual Master Plan. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

- b. Review an overview of the propose Parks & Recreation Departments Capital Improvement Program for FY 2022-2023 and provide input

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager presented the staff report.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Chair Leiberg opened public comment.

Mitchell Harnett with Tracy Bike Life stated that this is his first time doing anything like this and he wants to make sure his passion comes through.

Mr. Mitchell made the following statements:

1. This is something he is very committed to and is amazed by the commitment and drive some of the kids have by coming the commission meeting for the chance to get a bike facility.
2. He is an avid cyclist and competes in the Summer. He has used pump tracks all throughout the Bay Area to help condition and ride in a safe environment. Additionally, he serves as a board member for the Kids Bike Lane, a charity out of the Tri-Valley, helping underserved families get access to bikes and empowering the youth the get out there and enjoy spending time on two wheels. He stated he also sells bikes online.
3. He tries to participate in all aspects of the cycling world. Now he is doing his civil duty by speaking up for the cycling community. He wants to make a point to the staff and commission that they will be blown away with how much a pump track will be used and loved by kids and families of all ages. It has made an impact on his life. He understands how important it is to diversify parks and he couldn't agree more. Some things he has noticed biking around Tracy is that there is a lot of empty grass and it feels like there is opportunity to utilize the grass space. He stated we are still in a drought and could create a paved pump track or bike course.
4. He is in contact with a contractor who builds bikes in the Bay Area and he also helped build the course for the Rio Olympics BMX course. He's a very nice, very intelligent guy.
5. He has competed on his courses and he can stand by his work. He stated the contractors ball parked for a half-acre, paved pump track is no more than \$100,000 and they are just asking to have some place to ride safely.
6. Stated that the bike life group are improving their heath and spending time as a second community, not creating any traffic issues.
7. It really stresses him out to see the kids in the street and wants to prevent that as much as possible because that is when accidents happen. Something else he wanted to ask was where are the results of the November Community Input Survey that he participated in. He asked where that can be seen.

8. He will continue to show up at Commission meetings to ask questions and show his support.

Jolene, Recreation Manager, answered his question.

Commissioners commented and thanked him for his information packet, support, and passion.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to accept the proposed Parks & Recreation Departments Capital Improvement Program for FY 2022-2033 and recommend to council the top 5 projects; Tracy Sports Complex, Alden Glen Park, Glover Park, Thoming Park, and Veterans Park. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

- c. Review and approve the Parks Commission Annual Report to Council

Commissioner Jimenez asked that more meat be put into the report to show what the commission accomplished.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve the Parks Commission Annual Report to Council with noted amendments.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Jimenez stated the Tracy Friends for Parks Foundation will meet this month and she will have a report in February.

Commissioner Jimenez stated the Tracy Seniors Organization will start meeting again soon and she hopes to have a report in February.

Commissioner Jimenez reported she reviewed various parks regarding bike racks. Alden Park, El Pescadero Park (14.62 acres) and Dorlane Thrasher Park (1.18 acres) have a bike lane going in the street and they have zero bike racks. Commissioner Jimenez suggested staff take a look, when convenient, as to where the need is for bike racks.

Commissioner Jimenez continued and stated the Joseph Ceciliani Park (12.37 acres) 1 bike rack which is located next to Villalovoz Elementary, she suspects a lot of children running to park with no place to put their bike, Hoyt Park (6.44 acre) 1 bike rack, Zanussi Park (4.99 acres) 1 bike rack. Commissioner Jimenez stated she went to frequently visited parks or parks that she knows or can identify that are always busy. Civic Center Downtown Plaza has zero bike racks, Dr. Powers Park (11.03 acres) where we put in disc golf that also has tennis courts has zero bike racks, Lincoln Park (13.74 acres) 1 bike rack near restroom and 1 bike near the baseball backstop. That is two which needs addressing as this is one of the most used parks. MacDonald Park zero bike racks. This is another park that is heavily used by the community. When we start to look at the Park Master Plan for our bike trails, she respectfully requests that we also include addressing what amenities are needed for bicyclists and these bike racks are certainly important if you want to get around town to enjoy a park and park your bike.

Commissioner Jimenez would like to request that the commission approve the request that staff come back at a later date with an analysis and input regarding a BMX pump track. Commissioner Souza seconded the request.

Commissioner Souza reported that at the TUSD meeting in December she was reappointed to the Parks Commission for 2022.

Chair Lieberg reported that he attended the City Schools Liaison meeting and Tracy Unified discussed the install of more solar panels at school, the Multi-Gen Rec Center was discussed, JSD talked about two schools that will be built. Chair Lieberg mentioned he was reappointed by council for another 4-year term.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 9:44 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner Souza motioned to adjourn the meeting at said time of 9:44 p.m. and Commissioner Jimenez seconded. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on December 20, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison