

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 2, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Krogh & Commissioner Souza
- b. Tardy: Commissioner Jimenez (7:02pm)
- c. Absent: Commissioner Singh
- d. Staff Present: Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager; Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor; & Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator
- e. Recorded By: JoAnn Ronngren, Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Souza

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no public comments via the audience.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2022

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza to approve the May 5th meeting minutes as amended and Vice Chair Krogh seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Krogh and Commissioners Jimenez and Souza all in favor. Passed and so ordered with a 4,0,0 vote

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **NONE**

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE SPORTS FIELD HANDBOOK UPDATE**

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator presented the staff report.

Commission question and comments followed.

Katie Akre answered the questions of the commission.

ACTION: No Action Needed

- b. **REVIEW, PRIORITIZE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FINAL NAME OF THE TRACY HILLS PHASE 1B PARK**

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the staff report.

Lori Sparger, Tracy community member, thanked the commission for allowing her to speak on who she would like to receive this nomination. Lori spoke on all the great things that Gene Birk has contributed too, however, Brighter Xmas was one that was dear to her heart

as this provides food and toys for the families of Tracy. This was one of the many opportunities he brought forth to help the families of Tracy.

Adrienne McIntyre, Tracy Resident, nominated Walter and Mercedes Gouveia. Adrienne spoke about how they have dedicated their lives to building and growing future generations. Mr. Gouveia worked for TUSD for over 29 years serving as a guidance counselor for Tracy High School, Vice Principal for Tracy Adults School, and Director of Tracy School Board. He has a kind and warm spirit. Mrs. Gouveia was an elementary school teacher and school administrator. She actively participated in many committees and societies that dedicated to educating the future. These include the Jose M. Hernandez Reaching for the Stars Foundation as President, San Joaquin Delta College Citizens Oversight Committee, California Teachers Association San Joaquin County, Commission on the Status of Women, Stockton Business and Professional Women, League of Women Voters, Tracy Arts Commission, Tracy Hispanic Business Group, United Way, Democratic Central Committee, Mayor's Community Youth Support Network, and the Institute of American Culture Coordinator for California. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gouveia have left an impression on many lives.

Kaylin Delaringa, Tracy Resident and Dan Schack's daughter spoke how she was there to show her son the process to honor his "papa" by having a park named after him. Kaylin stated it would be an honor to have a park named after him to celebrate his successes and all the things he has done for the City of Tracy. Kaylin stated that everyone on this list is deserving and whether he is chosen tonight she has faith in the community that he will be names now or in the future.

Dave McClanahan, Retired Tracy Police Officer spoke in honor on Gene Birk. He stated he was the member of the Tracy Lions Club and has received many rewards. He is very passionate in everything he does. He spear headed the wreaths out at the Tracy Cemetery. He is someone you can rely on and steps in wherever he can to help.

Commissioner Souza feels that educators be named after educational buildings. She feels that it is important to recognize that Gene Birk and Dan Schack their community work dating back 40 yrs. Commissioner Souza stated she would put Gene Birk and Dan Schack first and second.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services manager asked Commissioner Souza to re list her priorities in order and pick her number 3.

Commissioner Souza stated her 1st choice is Gene Birk, 2nd choice is Dan Schack, and third choice is Walter Gouveia.

Commissioner Jimenez stated this is a very difficult task of evaluating all these wonderful community members who have done so much for the community. This is difficult as they have all done great things for Tracy and the members of Tracy. Commissioner Jimenez concurs with Commissioner Souza as she separated the educators and feels that education is so important in that they inspired and instilled in our youth to continue to move on. Commissioner Jimenez feels these individuals should have a school named after them. Commissioner Jimenez looked at all the other names that were nominated and she looked at what they have done for the community. Commissioner Jimenez stated her 1st choice is Gene Birk, 2nd choice is Dan Schack, and 3rd choice is Larry Fragoso. Mr. Palmer previously indicated there is roughly 15 parks coming to Tracy Hills which mean there is 13 parks remaining. She is happy to see that applications returned and hopes they continue to return and reapply.

Commissioner Souza explained the process on how to name a school or school building after someone. She explained they must create committee which is voted on at a school board meeting. This committee is created by each school board member nominating 2 people in which 2 will be chosen and then there will be 3 additional people from the community who apply, for a total of 5 people. That committee will then make a recommendation to the TUSD Board.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if it would be helpful if she went to the school board and requested this and made a picture of this, as there are educators in the community who should be up for consideration.

Commissioner Souza stated this would be hard because the board has to 1st vote on a committee, however, there are some board members who doesn't want to open that door and start renaming buildings. Commissioner Souza stated that Commissioner Jimenez was more than welcome to approach the TUSD Board by attending a board meeting and during public comment, ask for it to be agendaized.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if Tracy Hills was part of Tracy Unified School District.

Chair Lieberg stated that Tracy Hills is part of the Jefferson School District.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if Jefferson works the same.

Commissioner Souza stated she did not know their policy.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she would contact Jefferson and ask their policy on naming schools and buildings.

Chair Lieberg mentioned that the newly proposed schools in Jefferson have already been named.

Commissioner Jimenez asked staff to send her John Palmer's phone contact info, so she could ask him how many schools are proposed for Tracy Hills.

Vice Chair Krogh thanked everyone who spoke on behalf of the nominee as he loves to hear about how they have contributed to our community as he was not born and raised in Tracy.

Vice Chair stated his choice is as follows: Gene Birk as #1, Dan Schack as #2, and Gouveia for #3.

Chair Lieberg thanked everyone for speaking as this is a challenging decision for the Commission. Chair Lieberg encouraged everyone to continue to submit nominees as there are many more parks to be named.

Chair Lieberg reiterated to staff that he would like to not only see a monument, but a plaque that gives a mini bio on whom the park is named after.

Chair Lieberg asked a clarifying question that pertained to Michael Scriven. He asked if he was working for this city at the time of his passing.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager answered his question.

Chair Lieberg stated he has a soft spot for those who lose their life in the line of duty. He stated every applicant/nominee is worthy, therefore, if not selected, please reapply when we have a new park.

Chair Lieberg stated his choices are as follows: Daniel R Shack as #1, Gene Birk as #2 and Michael Scriven as #3.

Vice Chair Krogh asked if City Council must choose 1 of 3 names recommended by the Parks Commission.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager answered the question.

Commissioner Jimenez stated for the record that when the Commission was asked to recommend a name for Legacy Fields, the City Council did not choose the recommended name, however, named it was they wanted.

Commissioner conversation continued.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Souza to nominate Gene Birk as number 1, Daniel R Schack as number 2, and Gouveia as number 3 to City Council in this order. Vice Chair Krogh seconded the motion. Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered with a 4,0,0 vote.

c. REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE THE COMMISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2022/2023

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager recommended they review the current goals, assign/remove commissioners, add/remove goals, or make minor changes to them for the upcoming FY 2022-2023

Chair Lieberg open the floor to the commission.

Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives with questions answered by staff regarding some goals.

1. Goal – Community Outreach

1.A. - Ensure Representation with the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Foundation.

Assigned to: Jimenez

Commissioner Jimenez made the correction that these meetings are now Bi-monthly.

1.B. - Ensure representation with the Tracy Senior Association.

Assigned to: Jimenez

Commissioner Jimenez stated we should add Golden Agers

1.C. - Public Outreach at community events twice a year (currently on hold due to COVID). Assigned to:

1.C.1 – Attend Farmers Market - Assigned to: Lieberg, Souza, & Krogh

No changes were made

1.C.2 – Attend Block Parties – Assigned to: Singh Added: Souza

Commissioner Souza requested she be added to the assignment

1.C.3 – Attend Blues, Brews, & BBQ – Assigned to: Souza & Singh

No changes were made

1.C.4 – Attend Sponsored Youth Events – Assigned to: Lieberg

No changes were made

1.C.5 – Attend Movies on the Plaza – Assigned to: Souza

1.D. – Public Outreach to Senior Community

1.D.1 – Conduct a special meeting of the Parks Commission at the Lolly Hansen Senior Center – Assigned: All Commissioners

No changes were made

1.D.2 – Reach out and meet with other senior organizations

Commissioner Jimenez requested this be removed since we don't meet with any other senior organization other than what is in goal 1.B.1

1.E. – Increase communication with local school districts

1.E.1 – Attend bi-monthly meetings & report back to Commission
Assigned to: Souza

No changes were made

1.E.2 – Attend City/School Liaison meetings and report back to Commission. Assigned to: Souza; Removed Lieberg

Chair Lieberg requested he be removed as he no longer works in the City of Tracy and is hard to attend meetings

Commissioner Souza stated she would be happy to attend

2. Goal - Program Enhancement

2.A. – Sponsor and Support the Rollin' Rec Program

2.A.1 – Attend a Rollin' Rec Event. Assigned to: All Commissioners

No changes were made

2.A.2 – Attend Rollin' Rec Planning Subcommittee Staff Meetings and report back to Commission. Assigned to: Lieberg & Krogh; Removed: Singh

Vice Chair Krogh stated he would like to attend

Chair Lieberg asked if any opposed, no response noted, therefore, Singh will be removed, and Krogh added

2.A.3 – Continue with survey to get feedback on the program. Assigned to no one as this item will be tabled and reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting.

No changes were made

3. Park Facility & Sports Field Safety

3.A. – Safety Need. ADDED 3.A.1 & 3.A.2

Vice Chair Krogh asked if we need a representative or subcommittee to attend meetings that pertain to issues in the parks/facilities.

Jolene Jauregui asked clarifying questions and asked if he wanted to attend the homeless Advisory meetings that held quarterly as well as attend any meeting as needed related to parks/facility issues.

Vice Chair Krogh stated he would like to attend those meetings, therefore, we added 3.A.1 & 3.A.2 (see below)

3.A.1 – Attend Meetings as needed related to Parks and Facility Concerns. Assigned to: Vice Chair Krogh

3.A.2 – Attend Homeless Advisory Quarterly Meetings. Assigned to: Vice Chair Krogh

ACTION: Vice Chair Krogh motioned to adopt the Parks Commission Goals for FY 22/23 as discussed. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor; passed and ordered with a 4,0,0 vote.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. RECEIVE THE SENIOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON NEEDS & CONCERNS

This item was tabled to the August meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Foundation monthly meeting was cancelled due to the golf tournament fundraiser event.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Senior Center Associations grant writer submitted a request to Tracy Foundation Hospital in the amount of \$ 17,000.00 and will advise the commission of the results when she receives them.

Commissioner Jimenez stated it is wonderful to see companies in the community invest in our seniors. Keller Williams and Prologis scheduled a volunteer employee workday to assist seniors. Volunteers that were added to the comfort care program was a handyman and a personal shopper.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that Representative Josh Harder voted to cap insulin prices through the Affordable Insulin Act.

Commissioner Souza state that last block party was a huge success with approximately 1000 attendees, and it was an overall great event.

Commissioner Souza report that the school board met, not a lot going on, but mentioned how 1 board member wanted to rename a building but it was voted against by the other members on the board.

Commissioner Souza reported that TUSD held 8th grade and High School Graduations and they all were a success.

Vice Chair Krogh stated he attended the City Council meeting when there was an item regarding the homeless shelter and mentioned that several residents in the area around El Pescadero spoke on the concerns and the issues they are having /seeing at the park.

Vice Chair Krogh stated the next time he was out there, he took a walk along the perimeter of the park and said that once the unsheltered are relocated, the park is going to need a lot of TLC and to put this on our radar. He hopes with the MGRC possibly going there, it will help clean the park. Much funding will be needed to reclaim this park.

Chair Lieberg stated he sympathizes with the residents/ homeowners around El Pescadero.

Chair Lieberg reported that our next block is Country and encourages all to attend.

Chair Lieberg requested an update on the lawsuit filed by Mary Mitracos pertaining to the Aquatic Center as he heard she won.

Jolene Jauregui asked if he wanted a staff report or directors report.

Chair Lieberg stated either is fine. (For the record, there was not a second on the request)

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager reminded the commission of the following events:

1. Groundbreaking for the Temporary Homeless Shelter
2. Block Party on June 8

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:29 pm

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Krogh to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:29pm. All in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on May 26, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison