

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 1, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Krogh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Vice Chair Krogh & Commissioners Jimenez, Singh, & Souza
- b. Absent: Chair Lieberg
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager; Amanda Jensen, Recreation Program Coordinator; Todd Rocha, Public Works Superintendent; Oscar Mendoza, Sr. Maintenance Worker
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Singh

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There was no public comment via the audience.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2022

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve the minutes from August 4, 2022, as amended by Vice Chair Krogh. Roll call found Vice Chair Krogh and Commissioners Jimenez, Singh, and Souza all in favor. Passed and so ordered with a 4,0,0 vote.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRESS FOR THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL RECREATION CENTER INCLUDING PARK CONCEPTS FOR EL PESCADERO PARK AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager presented the staff report to the commission and introduced our consultant LPA to the commission who presented the PowerPoint presentation.

Matthew Porreca and Rocio Gertler, Consultants with LPA presented the PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Chair Krogh opened item 6.a. for public comment.

Dotty Nygard, CEO of the Tracy Bike Life Youth Program mentioned how this was an awesome presentation that will rejuvenate a lot of life to that north section of town. Dotty is a strong advocate for bike infrastructure and bike activity. She is very excited that this side of town will be getting the much-needed amenities and it is awesome to see the diversity of amenities in the park as it is long overdue.

One concern about the amenity of the skate park being combined with the pump track. Ms. Nygard mentioned they have come before the commission in the past and shared much enthusiasm to get a pump track in which they have now been awarded grant money for a CIP. She strongly recommends they consider putting the pump track at another site.

In January, Bike Life put together a proposal and presented it to the commission and staff with all the refurbished parks listed. She expressed that they would like a reconsideration of one of those parks, particularly Clyde Bland Park as this has a linear stretch up against the freeway.

Ms. Nygard is pleased to see the city addressing the neighborhoods in the north end and bringing more attention for youth to participate in activities.

On behalf of James Boyd, Bike Life Instructor, Dotty Nygard read the following statement from him:

Mr. Boyd expressed his opinion regarding the use of the existing park. Currently the plan has this as a mixed-use space, which includes many different forms of participation such as skateboarding, scooters, and inline skating. Creating a pump track is more specific to bicycles and all wheel types will work on a pump track. Pump tracks teaches many skills. A pump track is a loop sequence of rollers, berms, and bank turns for bike riders of all ages and skill levels. It is designed to maximize your momentum so you can ride with little peddling.

We are grateful for the opportunities the City has already given to their residents to have fun, socialize, and be active, but I want to voice that combining a pump track with a skate park is like combining Carnegie to I-205. They are definitely 2 different paths.

Please consider the pump track to be placed in a slated park such as Clyde Bland Park.

Ms. Nygard thanks the commission and staff for listening to the comments and to please consider for the safety of everyone to place the pump track in another park.

Mitchell Barnett (SP), Bike Life Program participant and advocate addressed the Commission and thanked LPA for their presentation and stated it looks great and makes him smile that we are getting such great amenities at this park. He also stated that he is a huge advocate for the Bike Life Program to provide safety and he agrees with the statement from Ms. Nygard that combining the two amenities (pump track & skate park) the this is asking for issues and potential incidents that can be avoided if kept separate.

Mitchell recommended that commission consider Clyde Bland Park or others that were listed to be refurbished.

Linda Ramirez, Tracy Resident for 30+ years stated she is excited for this concept.

Ms. Ramirez, Bike Life Program participant agrees that the two amenities (pump track & skate park) need to be separate amenities.

Ms. Ramirez suggested Clyde Bland Park as an option.

Ms. Ramirez also stated that the current skate park needs not to be moved as suggested in one of the concepts presented.

Ms. Ramirez stated she disagrees with the statement that the reason the skate park is not be utilized is due to concrete issues but feels that it is not being used because of the situation at the park with the unsheltered.

Amy Scudder, Tracy Resident and Assistant Director to the Interfaith Ministries. Ms. Scudder is excited to see the park come to fruition, however, the one concern that Interfaith ministries has is with parks. She expressed that whatever plan is decided on, that staff considers as much parking as possible. She stated that a building this large will bring in a lot of people and parking is already stretched. She understands that interfaith is only open 4 days a week from 10am to 2pm, but that does bring in 80 to 100 people during that time.

Vice Chair Krogh closed public comment at said time of 7:59pm.

Comments and questions of commission followed.

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager and LPA, Inc answered the questions of the commission.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**a. RECEIVE THE SENIOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON NEEDS AND CONCERNS**

Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator presented the quarterly staff report.

Commission had no comments and accepted the report.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT OF PARK MAINTENANCE QUARTERLY REPORT**

Todd Rocha, PW Superintendent present the quarterly report.

Commission had no comments and accepted the report.

**9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**a. FY22/23 COMMISSION GOALS & OBJECTIVES UPDATE**

Vice Chair Krogh mentioned that one goal of the commission is to do more community outreach at events.

Vice Chair Krogh stated that Jolene has sent out an email asking for volunteers to attend the Tracy Connect event. Vice Chair Krogh was the only one to volunteers, so he encouraged the other commissioners to attend should time allow.

Commissioner Jimenez stated that the Tracy Senior Association continues to outreach to seniors with phone calls and checking in on their needs through their Safe Program.

They are currently still waiting to hear about their grant through Sutter Hospital.

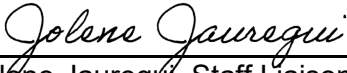
The Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Foundation had a successful August 5 Block Party with bringing in over \$5000 in revenue. Next block party is Sept 9 with Pop Hits. If you would like to help and volunteer, Tracy Friends is always looking for volunteers to help at their booth.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Time of Adjournment: 8:37pm.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:37pm. All in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on August 25, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

  
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Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison