

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 6, 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 & Commissioners Jimenez & Singh
- b. Absent: Commissioner Souza
- c. Staff Present: Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor, Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator
- d. Recorded By: Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator & Brandi Reybol, Transit Coordinator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Krogh

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Gabriela R Machuca, Tracy resident who opened Jonny's Diner back in 2011. During the Pandemic, she moved to operate a mobile kitchen which became her main business. She had to cross many hurdles with the city's restrictions. Ms. Machuca is coming to the Commission to see if they can assist in having ordinance 10.08.3193 looked at and amended. Back in 2017, The Parks Commission took an item to council with many great suggestions, however, most of it fell by the wayside when council did not embrace much of the report. Ms. Machuca does not have an issue regarding events with food trucks, it has to do with wanting to place your food truck on private or commercial property. This is the part that needs amending.

Vice Chair Lieberg motioned that staff bring back a staff report stating what jurisdiction the Parks Commission has on this item. Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion as well as requesting that the Commission receive copies of the letters in which Ms. Machuca has sent to staff and council.

Dotty Nygard, Tracy Resident mentioned she met with City staff and is excited to be partnering with them for the Arbor Project where 60+ trees will be planted throughout the city. She is proud of the city working together with the community to beautify the city.

They will be meeting at Lincoln Park and volunteers will be given their assignment. Volunteers will need to bring gloves and shovels.

This event happens twice a year, once in October for Arbor Day and once in April for Earth Day.

Karen Moore, Tracy Resident disappointed that the Aquatic Center is not built. She understands that the developer will continue to fight over the 16 acres. The money is there, and the city needs to go find new land. No need to go into a lawsuit. Need to comprise and come up with a solution.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **September 1, 2022**

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Jimenez and seconded by Commissioner Singh to approve the minutes from September 1, 2022, as amended by Commissioner Jimenez to correct the spelling of “bringing” on page 4. Roll call found Vice Chair Krogh and Commissioners Jimenez and Singh all in favor. Chair Lieberg Abstained. Passed and so ordered with a 3,0,1 vote

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **REVIEW APPLICATION FROM THE PUBLIC NAMING PROCESS, PRIORITIZE, THE TOP NAMES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON RENAMING THE TRACY SPORTS COMPLEX**

Thien Nguyen, presented the staff report and presentation to the Commission.

Chair Lieberg opened the item to public comment.

Karen Moore, Tracy Resident stated that Steve Abercrombie meant to recommend Brent Ives, not Brnet as written on the application, This was a typo.

Chair Lieberg closed public comment.

Commissioner Jimenez stated she reviewed the two applications that were submitted and feels both applicants have done a lot for the community, however, in her 14 years on the commission, this is the lowest number of applications received for consideration. Commissioner Jimenez feels strongly that staff did not do the process in announcing the solicitation properly. She feels we need to reopen the process and announce this in print, on social media, place in businesses on bulletin boards, as well as reach out to sports teams individually.

Commissioner Jimenez also stated that the two applicants that submitted already should be placed back in that pool.

Commissioner Jimenez is in support of renaming the Sports Complex, but feels we need advertise/market this better to the community, so they have a chance to submit a nomination. Commissioner Jimenez stated we typically get a ½ dozen names submitted and we only received two, so we really need to give the community a chance to make a nomination and recommendation.

Commissioner Singh asked the question, “what advertisement was conducted.”

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor stated we did a 30-day solicitation of names, online via social media, emailed our state holders which includes the sports organizations, as well as we reached out to past applicants.

Commissioner Singh asked if there were any incomplete applications received.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor stated “No.”

Commissioner Singh asked the last time when a park was named and the application did not fit that park, did we reach out to those applications.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor stated “yes.”

Commissioner Singh agrees that two applications in not enough to make a fair decision and would like to have this solicitation reopened.

Vice Chair Krogh does not agree with renaming the Sports Complex. He stated that it was his understanding that the policy was created to name new parks and not existing parks.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor stated that is correct, we have not named an existing park under this new policy, but Ritter Family Ballpark was renamed but not under this policy.

Vice Chair Krogh also feels that a \$40,000 fiscal impact from the general fund is excessive and financially irresponsible for the replace of monuments and that we can earmark these funds for other things. He doesn't want to discredit these two individuals but feels there are other opportunities coming with more parks and the Multi Gen Center.

Vice Chair Krogh stated that this is not the time to spend \$40,000 to rename a park with no good reason.

Vice Chair Krogh would like to make the recommendation to council not to rename the Sports Complex.

Chair Lieberg stated he is not opposed to renaming the park and feels that it is a tribute to honor individuals within the community but agrees with Commissioner Jimenez that two names are not enough. Chair Lieberg also stated he feels the solicitation was not done at the appropriate time as students were preparing to return to school and were off season with sports.

Chair Lieberg supports reopening the solicitation and if a name is submitted that fits, he would recommend it to council.

Commissioner Jimenez stated the Vice Chair Krogh brought up an excellent point about not renaming the park.

Commissioner Jimenez asked who started the process? Was it the council or the Parks Department?

Thien Nguyen answered the question of the commission.

Commissioner Jimenez also stated she believes that there are fields already named after an individual there.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor stated that the soccer fields were named after the 1965 Pioneer Soccer Club and a plaque is there recognizing this.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krogh motioned to not rename the Tracy Sports Complex. There was not second for this motion. Motion not passed.

Commissioner Jimenez made a motion to reopen the nomination, however, Commissioner Singh had a clarifying question regarding the two current applications and whether or not they need to reapply.

Thien Nguyen stated this would be an extension of the current solicitation and not a new solicitation.

Commissioner Jimenez revised her motion. See below.

ACTION: Commissioner Jimenez made a motion to extend the nomination process for renaming the Tracy Sports Complex and that the names of Brent Ives and Dr. Helene Novesteras-Nool be included in the extension process. Commissioner Singh seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Commissioner Jimenez and Singh all in favor and Vice Chair Krogh opposed. Vote 3,1,0. Passed and so ordered.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. RECEIVE THE AQUATICS ANNUAL REPORT

Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator presented the annual staff report to commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 7.a for public comment.

Karen Moors, Tracy resident stated that she and her grandkids are avid users of the pool complex and is excited to see the great programs we offer. Thanked staff and was appreciative.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if the lifeguard will be showcased in a future activity as this is a big deal.

Justin Geibig thanked her for her suggestion and stated that the City Manager sent out a memo to all staff letting them know of their accomplishment.

Commissioner Jimenez wanted clarification regarding the number of scholarships that were awarded so she could report back to Tracy Friends Foundation.

Justin Geibig answered her question.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Jimenez reported that at the Tracy Senior Association meeting, it was stated that they tried to attend the county Larch Community Center meeting but were told no. Commissioner Jimenez contacted the Director and was able to get them in contact with him who has now invited the Tracy Senior Association to make a brief presentation at their Friday bingo activity.

Commissioner Jimenez gave an update on the Multi-Gen Rec Center at the Tracy Parks Foundation meeting.

Pete Mitracos, member of the Tree Foundation was there and stated there will be an open meeting on Oct 6th at the Tracy Library where they will be discussion planting and caring for trees in Tracy. Commissioner Jimenez said she suggested to invite city staff from Public Works to attend.

Commissioner Jimenez said she received an email from the America Walk of 2022 regarding a grant opportunity. This grant has a \$1500 reward. Dan Schack, President of the Tracy Friends emailed her to let her know that they will be submitting a grant proposal that will highlight Lincoln Park, Hoyt Park, Tracy Hills Park, and Dr. Powers Park. The idea of this grant to get the community to explore the parks. Residents will receive a questionnaire regarding the parks in the community. This will get them out in public parks walking and encouraging healthy activities. If awarded, we will see these walks in the parks. Commissioner Jimenez will keep us updated.

Chair Lieberg mentioned that in the Tracy Press 4 year ago was the groundbreaking for the Aquatics Center as it was to open in 2021. He mentioned for the record that there is no aquatic center and no water at the site.

Chair Lieberg mentioned that months ago he requested a staff report update on the aquatics center but realized that the commission did not 2nd this request. Chair Lieberg formally requested that a director's report on the Aquatics center be brought back to the November Parks Commission meeting. Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion.

Chair Lieberg also requested that an item regarding why a park is named after an individual: who they were and what they did for the community be brought back in the beginning of next year. Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Supervisor asked a clarifying question regarding the ask.

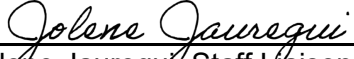
Chair Leiberg reopened Item from the Audience as he saw late comers to the meeting.
(see minutes under item 4 from Dotty Nygard and Karen Moore)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 7:51pm

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Krogh and seconded by Commissioner Singh to adjourn the meeting at said time of 7:51pm. All in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on September 30, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison