

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 13, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg & Commissioners Abercrombie, Arbogast, Jimenez, & Souza
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager; Justin Geibig, Recreation Program Coordinator, Joseph Viorge-Koide, Economic Development Technician, Ed Wanket, Economic Development Management Analyst
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant and Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Abercrombie

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 **October 6, 2022**

ACTION: Commissioner Abercrombie motioned to approve the October 6, 2022, meeting minutes with the edits brought forth by Commissioner Jimenez. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote. Passed and so ordered.

- b. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **December 1, 2022**

ACTION: This item was tabled to the March 2, 2023, meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **ELECT NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON TO A TERM ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2023.**

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager presented the staff report.

There were no public comments via the audience for item 6.a.

Commission discussion followed.

Commissioner Jimenez nominated Chair Lieberg to continue as the Chairperson until June 30, 2023, as he has done an outstanding job, he is straight forward with great communication.

Commissioner Abercrombie seconded that nomination.

Commissioner Souza agreed with Commissioner Jimenez and nominated Commissioner Abercrombie as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Arbogast agreed with both nominations set forth by Commissioners Jimenez and Souza.

ACTION: Commissioner Souza motioned to approve Chair Lieberg to continue as our Chairperson until June 30, 2023, and to nominate Commissioner Abercrombie as Vice Chair. Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with a 5,0,0 vote.

b. **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE RANKING AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL**

Joseph Viorge-Koide, Economic Development Technician presented the staff report.

Tracy resident spoke on behalf of the Emerson House and thanked staff for all that they do. He wanted to remind us that what we are doing is making a difference. He thanked Joseph Viorge-Koide for all he did in helping with the acquisition for the Emerson House. He stated that what we have done has changed the lives of many people in the community.

Dotty Nygard, Tracy Resident thanked staff for the Tracy Earth Project and for the funding for the Tracy Bike Program. Dotty explained that this program has not only impacted the children they are serving, but us as instructors. It has been the most rewarding experience to watch the children have fun together doing something as simple as working on a bike together then watching them get on those bikes they fixed. This is an amazing feeling. She thanked staff again for funding the program for another year.

Mitchell Harnett, Bike Life Instructor echoed everything that Dotty Nygard stated and said that being an instructor is the greatest thing that has happened to him. He feels in tuned with the youth in our community and reminds them how lucky they are to have this program that teaches them skills that they can take with into life.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked Joseph Viorge-Koide for all of his assistance during the process.

Commissioner Jimenez stated while she knows that all nonprofits need assistance, this is a very difficult task to determine who will receive the funds. Commissioner Jimenez stated that when making her decisions, she looks at the applications and the reasoning for their request. She clarified her reasons as to why the McHenry House was not funded even though she was concerned about the issues of the chimney and it needed repairs, however, in the application it was stated they will seek bids. This stood out in her mind as they are asking for over \$100k and they do not know what this will actually cost. Commissioner Jimenez suggests that in the future, to have actual bids and costs and

she will support. Commissioner Jimenez encouraged McHenry House to continue to submit their applications.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked Chair Lieberg for being his partner on the committee.

Chair Lieberg encouraged the commissioners to participate in this subcommittee as this is one item that they have the power to make a difference.

Chair Lieberg thanked Joseph Viorge-Kiode for all his help and was happy to see we were able to fund every application in the 1st category.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Abercrombie to approve the Parks & Community Services Commission's subcommittee ranking and funding allocations for the CDBG funds and HOME for fiscal year 2022-2023. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with a 5,0,0 vote.

c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SUPPORT OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 RECREATION PROGRAM AND FACILITY USE FEE SCHEDULE**

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager presented the staff report.

Commissioner questions followed.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager and Justin Geibig, Recreation coordinator answered the questions of the commission.

There were no public comments via the audience.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Abercrombie to adopt the FY 2023-2024 Recreation Program and Facility Use Fee Schedule. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

7. **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

a. Aquatic Center Update

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation reported that we are currently working on the Multi-Generational Recreation Center. We will be providing you with an update at the next Parks Commission meeting in March. We are currently finalizing the design development in which we have come up with a budget that we are taking to the Council for approval on March 7. We will be recommending funding sources such as Transit funds, Gen Funds (Measure V), Developer Impact Fees, \$5 M Grant as well community benefits funds. This project will be bonded over 30 years.

The scope of this project has grown due to the location change and the size and condition of El Pescadero Park.

Staff is also working with the Police Chief and his team as there will be a substation at the facility.

Brian MacDonald encouraged the commission to attend the March 7th City Council meeting to support and express their opinions.

Brian MacDonald gave a report on the Aquatics Center in which he stated we are in a stand still due to the court system and working through the \$8m owed to city and the irrevocable offer of dedication for the 16 acres. This item will be going to council on April 18th.

Brian MacDonald reported that if we do not receive the land, we will then need to find a new location which can take 6 months to year process.

Brian MacDonald stated since the DA was overturned, the City is now in charge of the Project, however, we are unable to use the designs as they are not ours. We are still working with Griffin Structures, and we have a draft PSA we are awaiting the scope.

Brian MacDonald let the commission know that staff is also working on the City's very first BMX Pump Track as we were funded \$1M for the design and construction of the project. We have hired Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect who is taking the lead on this project. Michael is finalizing the location of the pump track and the City is proposing Clyde Bland Park. Michael has held a kickoff meeting with the Bike Life group as well as he is hosting 2 public meetings. One on February 18th at Clyde Bland Park and one on February 22nd at City Hall in room 203. Please spread the word.

Brian MacDonald reported on Legacy Fields and let them know we are almost complete with Phase IE and looking forward to a dry opening and fully program this facility.

Chair Lieberg asked for an update on the Nature Park as well as the Homeless Shelter.

Brian MacDonald reported that the Nature Park has not moved forward. We were funded \$1M for design. Michael Rosales will take on this project which we hope to work on in the Spring. He stated the Temp Homeless Shelter is full and they are working on another phase, but that is approximately 6 months out. The goal from our department is to clear out the unsheltered from El Pescadero Park by the time we begin construction in January of 2024.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Brian MacDonald answered the questions of the commission.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Jimenez reported as the liaison to the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Foundation that at the January 23rd meeting the board approved funding to the Golden Agers in the amount of \$ 2000 which will be for a senior outing. Commissioner Jimenez thanks Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jolene Jauregui, Recreation manager for their help in getting this item to the Parks Foundation. The Foundation also approved funding to the Tracy Fire Department in the amount of \$3000 which will be used to purchase AED equipment for the Boys and Girls Club. This foundation is doing outstanding work. The board stated they will continue to meet every other month.

Commissioner Jimenez reported as the liaison to the Tracy Senior Association that this non-profit continues their outreach efforts by visiting churches to inform the public of their free services. Their comfort at home project is active and they are receiving calls for support for seniors in their homes. They need a website designer as well as a volunteer to help schedule the comfort at home services.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Friends of the Library are seeking additional board members. This non-profit helps raise funds for the library and organize activities for the community. This board meets 4 times a year. If interested, contact Tiffany Heen at 209-612-3627.

Commissioner Jimenez welcomed Commissioner Abercrombie and Commissioner Arbogast.

Commissioner Souza welcomed Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioner Arbogast. This is a great board with a lot of us that work with children. Thanked Chair Lieberg and Commissioner Jimenez for being on CDBG subcommittee.

Commissioner Arbogast expressed concerns from the community regarding the safety out at El Pescadero Park. He also stated there is concerns at Ceciliani Park regarding the maintenance on the courts.

Commissioner Abercrombie stated he looks forward to serving on the commission. He currently doesn't have a report from TUSD. He mentioned he was disappointed that the MGRC wasn't at Ceciliani Park but looks forward to seeing it out at El Pescadero park. He mentioned that El Pescadero Park is looking better, however until the beds at the shelter open up, we will continue have the unsheltered at the Park as well as the 7 at Plasencia Park.

Chair Lieberg touched on Director MacDonald's report regarding the Aquatic Center as he is the commissioner that is passionate and interested in the updates on the Aquatic Center. He gave the new commissioners a background pertaining to that project.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if we will be updating the Commissions Goals and Objectives.

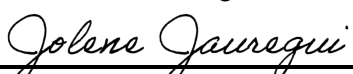
Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Manager stated staff will bring this item in March.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:04p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Souza and seconded by Commissioner Abercrombie to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:04pm. All in favor, passed and so ordered with 5,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on February 9, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison