

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 4, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg & Vice Chair Abercrombie, and Commissioners Arbogast & Jimenez
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation, Lauren Repetto, Recreation Program Coordinator; Deanna Pombo, Recreation Program Coordinator, and Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Jimenez

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Alice English, Tracy Resident mentioned she just left the presentation from the Tracy Police Department and Crime Stoppers regarding the incident at McDonald Park.

Ms. English wanted to extend her gratitude to the Tracy Police Department and the Parks Department as they worked collaboratively to repaint the walls where graffiti was happening after the incident in McDonald Park.

Ms. English also reported that Ester & Susie, Tracy Residents went to McDonald Park to post a board with markers so the community could express themselves there versus on the walls.

She extended her gratitude on behalf of the Southside and neighbors for also quickly installing cameras at the park.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Review and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **March 2, 2023**

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 2, 2023, and Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Arbogast and Jimenez all in favor. Vote 4,0,0

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **RECEIVE, DISCUSS, AND ACCEPT THE 2022 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Deanna Pombo introduced the Youth Advisory Commissioner who will be presenting the report.

Commissioner McAdams and Commissioner Bhattacharya presented the annual report to the Commission.

Commission comments and questions followed.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to accept the Youth Advisory Commission Annual Report. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered. Vote 4,0,0

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

a. RECEIVE THE AQUATICS & ATHLETICS REPORT

Brian MacDonald introduced Justin Geibig as our newly promoted Recreation Coordinator to Recreation Supervisor.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor presented the aquatics & athletics report to the Commission.

Commission comments followed.

b. RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT

Lauren Repetto, Recreation Program Coordinator presented the report to the Commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Lauren Repetto, Recreation Program Coordinator answered the questions of the commission.

c. RECEIVE THE SPECIAL INTEREST REPORT

Lauren Repetto, Recreation Program Coordinator presented the report to the Commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Lauren Repetto answered the questions of the commission.

8. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTORS REPORT

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation reported the following updates:

- Aquatics Center – No update other than the city was given direction to bring back to Council on 6/20 to discuss whether the city was going to accept the 16 acres or not as there is a possibility for a lawsuit. Council also directed staff to look at other possible properties.
- MGRC – This project is moving forward quickly. Staff is in process of finalizing CEQA documentation, as this needs to be in draft form within a couple of weeks in order to go through review and then through public review. Staff is anticipating on getting approval in August in which we can then have the project out to bid in September.

Staff took an update to Council on April 18th, and they are very excited about the project.

- Legacy Fields Phase 1E – This project is wrapping up with the contractor finalizing the paving of the parking lots. Next steps will be to complete a punch list and to enter into a 90-day maintenance period, which is the warranty period to ensure that what was planted stays alive for the 90 days. Once this concludes, the city can accept the project. We are looking at August re-opening date of those fields.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Jimenez reported as the liaison to the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Foundation did not meet in April as they meet every other month.

Commissioner Jimenez reported as the liaison to the Tracy Seniors Association that at their meeting, they announced the Tracy PD launched a new website. It is tracypd.com. They also announced that the city has hired an organization to conduct a survey regarding housing. You can find the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/tracy/HEsurvey. During their recent meeting, they had the Tracy Volunteers Caregivers as a guest speaker. They offer transportation and minor home repairs for seniors. They will have a booth at the Juneteenth event.

Commissioner Jimenez complimented the staff for the outstanding job they did at the Senior Open House & Resource Fair held at the Lolly Hansen Sr. Center. The attendance was amazing, and the vendors were well represented.

Commissioner Jimenez would like staff to contact Timothy Moreno at (209) 608-1668 as his business, Modern Woodman Financial, has donated many times to different organization within Tracy as well as with the City of Tracy. He donated \$2500 to the city to plant trees in Elissagaray, however, those trees were not well maintained and have since died. Commissioner Jimenez stated he welcomes a phone call to see if he can help the City in anyway.

Commissioner Arbogast commended staff as they have done a great job with programming for our community.

Commissioner Arbogast asked staff if we will be getting more pickleball courts as he has been asked this on several occasions from his fellow constituents.

Director MacDonald answered the question.

Vice Chair Abercrombie mentioned that several years ago, they hosted a triathlon for the youth, and he would like to partner with the recreation staff to bring this back.

Director MacDonald responded and stated that the Youth & Teen Coordinator and Supervisor could work with Vice Chair Abercrombie and possibly the school district as well.

Chair Lieberg mentioned he attended the Rollin' Rec program over Spring break with Commissioner Arbogast in which they were also part of the planning. He thanked Lauren, Deanna, and all other staff that was out there for a job well done.

Chair Lieberg mentioned he requested a few months back an update on how the parks were named, who they were named after, and if there is any plaque that commemorated who they

were and what they did for our community. He thanked staff for the thorough report that was sent to him. He would like for Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager to get him a rough cost for a plaque so that we could possibly have one in each park letting the community know who/why the park was named after. This of course would need to be done gradually on a phased approach.

Director MacDonald mentioned that it has been tough to get ahold of next of kin for the history.

More discussion followed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 7:55 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Abercrombie and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to adjourn the meeting at said time of 7:55pm. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on April 28, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager

Staff Liaison