

**PARK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 2, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Arbogast, Jimenez, and Shrout
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director, Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor; Lauren Repetto, Recreation Services Supervisor; Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator; Kade Lovell, Recreation Coordinator; Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant and Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Abercrombie

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **HEAR APPEAL OF FACILITY PERMIT SUSPENSION FOR TRACY SPORTS LEAGUE AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO UPHOLD THE SUSPENSION.**

Katie Akre, Recreation Services Coordinator presented the staff report to the commission.

Chair Lieberg open the item to the public.

Kimberlyn Valencia, City of Stockton Resident, spoke on behalf of Hector Castaneda. Hector is a coach for her brother and a longstanding family friend. Hector was the one who took out the permit for the Tracy Sports League and he wanted to appeal the suspension based on the fact that it was a misunderstanding. This was his first time taking out a permit as he is trying to start a league. He received a call from a friend that had asked if he could allow other people to use it just for children to practice on. Unfortunately, that day, he just happened to have a doctor's appointment, so he was running late and not out at the field. When Hector showed up the fields were being used by whom was recommended as well as registering people. She explained that he had invested a lot of money on his own templates, regulations, and fee. She stated that he really wants to start his own league and never meant to have someone use his name for fields. She also mentioned that he will provide any documentation in order to proceed.

Commission discussion followed with questions.

Ms. Valencia explained that Hector was unaware of the leagues suspension and that he was not trying to sublease the fields. He simply received a call from a friend asking to use his fields for children to practice since his league wasn't starting for a week or two.

More commission discussion and comments occurred.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve the staff's recommendation to uphold the 8-month suspension for Tracy Sports League. Commissioner Shroul seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote. Passes and so ordered.

b. REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC NAMING PROCESS FOR TRACY HILLS PHASE 2 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS 1 AND 4 AND PRIORITIZE THE TOP THREE (3) NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director pulled this item from the agenda and asked the commission to place it on the June 6, 2024, meeting.

Chair Lieberg pulled the item and asked that it placed on the June agenda.

A member of the public asked as to why this item was being pulled and Jolene Jauregui along with the Commission explained that a question was raised in which we could not answer and needed legal advice on, in which we were unable to obtain, therefore, we were asked to pull the item until we could confer with legal.

ACTION: No action was taken.

6. STAFF ITEMS:

a. RECEIVE THE AQUATICS ANNUAL REPORT

Caitlin Perkey, Recreation Coordinator presented the report to the commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Caitlin Perkey answered the questions of the commission.

b. RECEIVE THE ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT

Kade Lovell, Recreation Coordinator presented the report to the commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Kade Lovell answered the questions of the commission.

7. PARKS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

Richard Joaquin presented the report to the commission on his current project.

1. **BMX Pump Track:** this is a very unique amenity. It's something that does not exist in very many communities, not only in California but across the country. It's growing in demand, but because of the uniqueness of this amenity, we are working through with various departments and staff here in the city with some potential contracting solutions to help deliver this project. The vendor in particular we've been talking to about building this track, they have a certain method or technique for building BMX pump tracks that are made out of asphalt that is unique or what we would sometimes call proprietary. So, we're trying to figure out a way to get this specific vendor to be able to deliver this track for us. However, the public contract code is a challenge that we're working through with our legal staff. We are working on this project and we're trying as hard

as we can to get it moving. We just want to make sure we're doing it the right way and we don't run into hangups when we're going through the bidding process or have a contractor potentially protest a bid or something like that. So, trying to get our ducks in a row amongst all the other competing priority projects and get this thing delivered. What we do know is we're building the track at Clyde Bland Park. We've already got direction on that. We know we have a million dollars in the CIP budget to build the project. And now it's just a matter of setting up some framework that can help us deliver the project.

2. **Multi – Generational Recreation Center:** Really good news on this project. As you may or may not know, this was an \$88 million project. We put this project out to bid a couple months ago and received four bids on the project. We have an engineer's estimate for construction of about \$65.9 million, and we received a low bid of \$60.06 million, so close to \$6 million under the engineer's estimate, which is really great for us. It's a huge savings from what we were planning on spending for construction. I'm going to be taking an item to the City Council on May 21st, asking them to award a construction contract, and I'll also be recommending that they approve and add an alternate, which is to install lighting on the basketball court that we're going to be building in the park, since the bid did come in low, we have a budget there, and we can fund lighting the basketball court. So that's really exciting amongst just getting the low bids in general. If everything goes right, we should have a contractor on site with shovels in the ground sometime in June, early July. We are just really exciting for that neighborhood, and for the whole community. The construction timeline is about two years. So, after we break ground in July, say July 1 of 2024, July 1 of 2026 is when we would be anticipating the facility to be complete and open for use.

3. **Aquatic Center:** On April 30th and item was taken to City Council in which we got direction to hire an architect to start the design process, and that's really big for the project. So, our next order of business, we have a project manager that we hired to kind of guide this project along, sort of work as an extension of me and my division. They have been tasked with coming up with an RFP, request for proposals, and we're going to look to hire an architecture engineering group to lead the design process. This is going to work in the same fashion that we did for the recreation center. We will host community workshops to ask for input. We're going to collect that data which will help better inform what a conceptual plan will look like and what phasing options and the amenities look like when we present them to the city council in the future. It was state that the city council wants to see seven priority amenities that were approved in 2020 put into a conceptual plan, and so that's our plan. We'll be taking those seven items and looking to get those into a conceptual plan and provide some phasing options to the council. We currently have \$55 million essentially in the bank for the project, and so we'd be looking at developing some type of phase one for the project that aligns with the \$55 million that we have available and then potential future expansion of the facility over time as more money may become available. The Parks Commission will be heavily involved in this process as we will bring updates to this group just like we did on the rec center. Our consultant is also in the process of designing a website for the Aquatic Center and as soon as that comes available, we will provide it.

4. **Gretchen Talley Park:** The plans for Gretchen Talley Park expansion are essentially complete. We're at 90 percent complete design right now, so the plans are circulating through various city departments, including the Building and Safety Department for permitting, which is very exciting. One of the things that I was going to ask this commission, don't know if any of you live in that neighborhood or know anyone that lives over there, but we get inundated with emails from the neighborhood around Gretchen Talley Park asking what's going on. It's been a big dirt lot for a number of years, I think probably 20 years. The city only acquired it in 2018, so this isn't entirely on the city with how long it's taken, however, we are at a point now where we think we can start to drum up some excitement with the neighborhood. So, if you know folks that live over in that neighborhood, I encourage you to share this information with them. I've been doing my best to respond to all the emails we're getting and letting people know that we're getting close. As of right now, I think the goal would be for this project to be complete by summer of 2025, a little

over a year from now. The plan will be adding four pickleball courts, which is a highly increased demand amenity for the community, two tennis courts, and another basketball court to that park. They're all going to be lighted, which is going to be huge. This park is going to transform into one of the better, nicer, more popular community parks in the city, when this project's done.

5. Veteran's Park (Disc Golf Course): Staff has been working with OTB, which is a local company that provides disc golf equipment to disc golf players, as well as a local stakeholder. His name's Tim Silva. Some of you probably know him well as he advocated for disc golf in the community for a number of years, and we were able to make one happen over at Dr. Powers Park just a few years ago. Staff has started conversations and looking at designs for implementing a disc golf course over at Veterans Park. Staff believes Tim's going to be working with the Tracy Friends for Parks Foundation to try to get some funding to support building that course. Currently, there is no city funding for this project at this time, but if Tim can work his magic with the foundation, I think it's something the foundation would really get behind, and then we would try to support the best we can with our staff and our team using the Parks Commission to get another disc golf course at Veterans Park. It is really a park that is set up well for disc golf. It's kind of a long, stretched-out park, and that's what disc golfers need to throw good distances, and we think we can probably build more of a course that's for intermediate players. You may recall over at Dr. Powers Park, it was a beginner and intermediate, but some of the feedback we've gotten is it's more of a beginner's course. It doesn't challenge people as much as maybe they would like, so I've been working with the team to come up with a course design that's maybe a little bit more challenging so that we can try to hit a wider demographic of disc golf players. From what we understand, people travel long distances to come to these courses. When we get to this presentation at some point down the road for the Veterans Disc Golf Course, we'll try to share some of this data because there's an app that people use when they go out to Dr. Powers Park. They essentially check in to the disc golf course, and they can log their scores and do all this stuff on an app, and we can see that data, so we can see the number of visitors that are going to the course, and it's a big number. It's much bigger than you might think, and so this is an amenity that we know is popular and the community has really been receptive to, so we're looking to grow this amenity, and Veterans Park is likely where one can come up sooner rather than later. We're also looking at Tracy Hills with some of the new parks out there that may develop another course in that area.

Commission comments and questions followed.

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

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Vice Chair Abercrombie asked if we could get the discussion of the triathlon back on the agenda.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services stated that staff is ready to meet with him regarding this item, unless he wants it to come to the Commission.

Vice Chair Abercrombie stated no, and that he will get with Jolene next week to discuss.

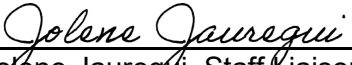
Commissioner Shrout asked if they keep the paperwork for item 5.b that was pulled until the next meeting. Staff answered, yes. Commissioner Shrout asked if any new items would be added to it and staff answered, no.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:07pm

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Abercrombie and seconded by Commissioner Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:07pm. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote. Commissioner Jimenez did not vote as she left the meeting early.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on April 26, 2024. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison

Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director