

**PARK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 6, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**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; Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager
- 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:**

Catalina Pina, teacher at West High School as well as the Vice President of a new non-profit organization here in Tracy that is targeting the youth, especially on the South Side. We provide art, cultural, and artisan workshops for the local community. We have also provided community meals. The board has pocketed this non-profit, and we are looking to expand. A few weeks ago, we found out that California has an initiative to have art in the parks and we are really excited about this because we want to be able to grow and provide more for the youth in Tracy as well as expand the cultural diversity opportunities for the community. Currently, we are working on a grant that will foster vibrant community engagement, support local artists, and celebrate cultural diversity through the creation of art and cultural programming in local parks.

We would like to ask the city to collaborate with us in order to use the park, especially McDonald Park to host events and workshops.

Commissioner Jimenez asked a clarifying question to Ms. Pina.

Ms. Pina stated for plan development, they will be asking for \$40,000.00 which could potentially in the next two cycles after this one, could bring in as much as \$100k- \$150k depending on how much they grow during the planning and development phase.

Commission discussion followed.

Staff will follow up with Ms. Pina as well as get her partnered with the Tracy Arts Commission.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **April 4, 2024**

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written for April 4, 2024. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

b. Reviewed and Approved the Special Meeting Minutes from **April 22, 2024**

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written for April 22, 2024. Commissioner ShROUT seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

c. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from **May 2, 2024**

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written for May 2, 2024. Commissioner ShROUT seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Abercrombie recused himself for this item.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Coordinator presented the staff report to the Commission.

Commissioner Jimenez asked staff what the decision was after consulting with the City Attorney as we postponed this item from last month.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director read the statement from the Attorney and stated that the city attorney corresponded with the Council member and reviewed the policy in coordination with the FPPC.

Commissioner Jimenez challenged that ruling from the Attorney and addressed the commission as to why. Commission discussion occurred.

Chair Lieberg open the item up to public comment.

Chair Lieberg read an email into the record on behalf of Greg Cose for item 6.a. Greg Cose stated:

I'd like to nominate Dan Shack and family to have a park named in their honor for many years of community service. Their commitment to Tracy and especially to downtown has made a difference for the benefit of the community. Dan was an original founder of TCCA, the Downtown Improvement District, better known as the Tracy City Center Association. He's been a leader in the organization for more than 14 years now and has been instrumental in the development and implementation making of the great events held in downtown. Dan and his family have made considerable contributions of time and money to improve the quality of life around this community for over 50 years. Very few can match the longevity of effort the family has made. Dan inspires me to do more and leaves a legacy of giving for others to emulate.

Please strongly consider Dan and the Shack family for recognition for many years of service with a park named in their honor. Thank you.

Noah Watkins, ASB President at West High addressed the commission as to why one of the parks should be named after Steve Abercrombie. He stated: Steve Abercrombie is a name that should not be taken lightly. It is a name of humility, selflessness, hard work, and a warm heart. He's exceptionally devoted many years of his life to the betterment of our Tracy community. This devotion can be exemplified by his contribution to the Tracy education system

as a DARE officer, TUSD board president, and his work with the Good Samaritan and Brighter Christmas Foundations.

These are only a few of the contributions out of the many that he has made in our community. He has not only impacted our community, but the very school my peers and I attend, West High. He has made great contributions to helping our leadership program fundraise for our events, even taking time out of his day to visit us.

Our appreciation towards Officer Abercrombie is everlasting, just as his presence in the city deserves to be. With that said, this is exactly why I believe it would be most honorable to name the park in Tracy Hills after Officer Abercrombie. Thank you.

Paul Ritter, Tracy Resident spoke on behalf of the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. He stated: Dan has been on the board as President since its inception. As stated by Greg Cose, Dan has a roll call of things that he's done for the city and around the city, much less, in addition, his architectural work and construction has added to the aesthetics of the town quite substantially. We think Dan is very worthy and it's quite a group of names he's competing with. But we think he's right at the top of the list. Thank you.

Tracy resident, mention that most of what Greg Cose mentioned was what he was going to say but added that he was impressed by many of the names that were shown tonight. He mentioned he knows some of those people, and they're all very worthy, but he feels that no one is more worthy than Mr. Dan Shack.

Dan has done so much in the community, as Greg said, for 50-plus years, which speaks volumes for anyone that's dedicated themselves to our city. Tracy runs through his veins, and he's deserving of the honor.

Kaylin Dell'Aringa, daughter of Dan Schack addressed the commission. Kaylin and her sister submitted the application for their father. She stated they were born and raised in Tracy and their kids were born and are being raised in Tracy.

Kaylin mentioned that this is her third time submitting an application. The first time her dad was nominated he was in second place; the second time he was nominated he again was in second place. Fast forward to now, her and her sister are here again to nominate their father.

Kaylin stated: it is very apparent by the people that were nominating him, my sister and I, and the people that have spoken at the podium, he's very well deserving. He has all the accolades. I'm not going to go into the laundry list of things that people have said because we've done that already. We're here for the same thing. I'm asking you guys for a commitment to continue what we've already discussed for the last two years and at least put him as the next in line, as it should have been before, or as it should be now. I understand this is a process, and here we are next in line.

Let's consider him strongly. It's difficult to say why one person would be more deserving of another. I don't think it's a possible decision. All the people that have been nominated before and now have done uniquely incredible things for Tracy. But the unique point of this is that it leaves a legacy forever, right? My father's legacy for my sister and I and our family is love and honor and respect, and that's us, right? But it's important for us to acknowledge him in a more permanent way for a lasting legacy that generations of families and children can see. I'm very emotional, as you can hear in my voice.

But I hope you consider him strongly for your first choice tonight, and all the rest of the candidates should be equally considered for future parks.

Chair Lieberg closed public comment and returned it for questions and comments of the commission.

Commission discussion occurred.

Per discussion, the following was the outcome per commissioner:

Commissioner Jimenez voted 1. Dan Schack, 2. Steve Abercrombie, and 3. Brent Ives

Commissioner Arbogast voted 1. Sam Mathews, 2. Dan Schack, and 3. Steve Abercrombie

Commissioner Shroul voted 1. Dan Schack, 2. Steve Abercrombie, and 3. Sam Mathews

Chair Lieberg voted 1. Dan Schack, 2. Sam Mathews, and 3. Steve Abercrombie

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services stated that based on the number system it looks like Dan Schack first priority, Sam Mathews second, and Steve Abercrombie third.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services asked if they want to name a person to a certain park as we are naming 2 parks.

Chair Lieberg opened the item up to the audience for their input.

Mary Mitracos, Tracy resident on Eaton Avenue mentioned how much Dan Schack loved dogs, so if there is a dog park in one of the two parks, the one with the dog park should be named after Dan Schack.

Veronica Vargas, Tracy resident stated she is pleased to see how this discussion developed and is pleased to hear that Dan Schack is getting the first spot in having a park named after him. Ms. Vargas agrees with Ms. Mitracos that it would be nice to name a park after Dan Schack that has a dog park.

Kaylin Dell'Aringa also stated she would love to have the park with the dog park named after her dad, Dan Schack.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Shroul motioned to approve and make a recommendation to city council that the Tracy Hills Neighborhood parks 1 & 4 be named after Dan Schack #1, Sam Mathews #2, and Steve Abercrombie#3. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion.

**b. STAFF RECOMMENDS THE COMMISSION PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE TRACY HILLS PHASE 1C CITY PARK.**

Richard Joaquin, Parks, Planning and Development Manager presented the staff report to the commission.

Mike Souza, Project Manager for Tracy Hills Community presented his report to the commission.

Commission questions followed. Mr. Souza answered the questions along with Richard Joaquin, Parks, Planning, and Development Manager.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve this moving forward to Council. Commissioners Jimenez and Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie, Commissioners Jimenez and Shrout all in favor, and Commissioner Arbogast opposed. Passed and so ordered with a 4,1,0 vote.

**c. REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REVISED CITY OF TRACY SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK**

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinate presented the staff report to the commission.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

**ACTION:** No action taken as it was to just provide input

**d. REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE 2024 CITY OF TRACY FACILITY RESERVATIONS HANDBOOK**

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinate presented the staff report to the commission.

No comments or questions from the commission.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motion to approve the 2024 City of Tracy Facility Reservations Handbook. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Jimenez, Shrout and Arbogast all in favor. Passed and so ordered with a 5,0,0 vote.

**e. THE COMMISSION, BY MOTION, APPOINT ONE COMMISSIONER AS CHAIRPERSON AND ONE COMMISSIOER AS VICE CHAIR TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025.**

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services department stated there is no staff report and they can elect a chair and vice chair.

Commission discussion occurred.

Vice Chair Abercrombie voted to keep the chairs the same.

Commissioner Jimenez nominated Chair Lieberg to remain the chair and opened the Vice Chair up to volunteers.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Jimenez motioned to keep Chair Lieberg as Chair and Vice Chair Abercrombie as Vice Chair for the one-year term from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Jimenez, Shrout and Arbogast all in favor. Passed and so ordered with a 5,0,0 vote.

**f. REVIEW, UPDATE, AND APPROVE, BY MOTION, THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PARKS COMMUNITY AND SERVICES COMMISSION FOR FY 2024-2025 WHICH RUNS FROM JULY 1,2024 THROUGH JUNE 30,2025.**

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services department presented the staff report.

Chair Lieberg opened the floor for discussion as stated he is fine with keeping the goals the same and rolling them into FY 2024-2025.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to roll over the FY 2023-2024 goals and objective to FY 2024-2025. Commissioner Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found all favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

**7. STAFF ITEMS:**

**a. RECEIVE THE SPORTS FIELD QUARTERLY REPORT**

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

Chair Lieberg asked questions to the staff.

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator answered the questions.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Senior Association is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on June 22, 2024, from 8am until 10am. Tickets are \$15.00 each and they will have raffles pries. This is a fun event.

Commissioner Arbogast asked about the timeline for Gretchen Talley. Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager answered the question.

Commissioner Shrout stated that the food vendor we chose for the Sports Complex is out of site and was a great choice.

Vice Chair Abercrombie stated they did a cleanup of the western railroad that runs from Corral Hollow to Lammers, and he wanted to thank everyone who came out to help as they filled an entire dumpster.

Vice Chair Abercrombie asked staff about the pump track and if we are smarter than other cities. He stated he was not slamming this staff. Richard Joaquin answered the question and stated we received direction from the City Attorney's Office; however, it is a department capacity issue with many large Capital project moving forward.

Commissioner Arbogast asked with the trend of Pickleball rising, are we looking at having for parks with pickleball that can host tournaments. Richard Joaquin, Parks, Planning and Development Manager stated that as far as a facility for tournaments, there is protentional in Tracy Hills with 2–15-acre parks being built.

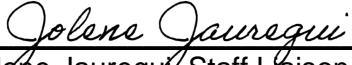
Chair Lieberg asked that we bring back an item to possible rename the Ellis Dog Park with a second from Commissioner Shrout.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Time of Adjournment: 8:57pm

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner ShROUT and seconded by Vice Chari Abercrombie to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:57pm. 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 May 30, 2024. 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

Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director