

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Levoit called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Levoit, Vice Chair Jimenez, and Commissioners Costa, Magana, Miller, and Singh
- b. Absent: Commissioner Leiberg
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Parks & Recreation Director; Thomas Watson, City Attorney; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Supervisor; Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor; Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator and Christine Mabry, Management Analyst
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by the President of the Tracy Senior Association, Cindy Gustafson.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Cindy Gustafson from the Tracy Seniors Association gave a short presentation on the Tracy Senior Association and what they provide to the 55 year old and up within the community.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON April 4, 2019

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Costa to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from April 4, 2019. Roll call vote found Commissioners Jimenez, Miller, Magana, Costa, and Chair Levoit all in favor. Commissioner Singh abstained. Motion carried 5:1

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Jolene presented to the commission and update on the Tracy Senior Association and asked for the commission to appoint a commissioner as a representative.

Commission comments and questions followed.

ACTION: Commissioner Miller volunteered to be the representative and Commissioner Costa volunteered to be the alternate from the Commission to the Tracy Senior Association. The motion was made by Chair Levoit and seconded by Commissioner Magana to appoint Commissioner Miller as the representative and Commissioner Costa as the alternate to the Tracy Senior Association. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and Evaluate the Tracy Hills Specific Plan Amendment including Park Naming

Brian MacDonald, Parks & Recreation Director explained the background of the Tracy Hills Project

A representative from the Tracy Hill Project, John Palmer provided the presentation

Commission and audience questions and comments followed

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director commented on how the Parks and Recreation department are in support of the 3 names as stated

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Magana to recommend for approval to City Council the 3 Tracy Hills Park names as they were presented to the Commission and Commissioner Costa seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioner Singh, Jimenez, Costa, Magana and Chair Levoit all in favor. Commissioner Miller opposed. Motion carried 5:1

b. Review and Discuss the Policy for Events in City Parks

Commission and audience questions and comments followed.

Thomas Watson, City Attorney and staff answered questions of the commission and audience.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners stated this is a needed policy and that it is well written. Commissioner Miller supports the policy as written. Brian MacDonald, presented to the Commission and audience the background behind the Policy for Events in City Parks. The policy was taken to council in March and discussed, however, it was the direction of the City Council to bring the policy back to the Parks Commission to get feedback from the Commission and the public and bring the recommendation back to council for approval.

ACTION: It was the recommendation of the Commission to move the Policy as written and present to the City Council for approval. The motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Costa. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

c. Review and Provide input on the outlined scheduled for Public Meeting to Discuss the Parks and Recreation 2019 Statewide Grant Application.

Christine Mabry, Management Analyst for Parks and Recreation presented the staff report

Commission and audience questions and comments followed.

Audience member asked to take inconsideration to maintain the Rose Garden, add more trees and more benches to Lincoln Park

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator presented the 2018-2019 annual report on Aquatics/Athletics

Commission comments and questions followed.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

a. Commissioner Magana asked about visiting parks and if this is one of their goals. She thought it would be a good idea if commission should visit parks more often to get feedback from the public to help propose ideas for future parks.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director suggested to have this as a goal for the 19-20 term, but it is a great idea to get out there. He also suggested to hold a special meeting at a park.

Commissioner Jimenez agreed that if you visit parks and get community feedback, please bring it back to the commission.

Commissioner Magana asked about the Hoyt park water feature. Brian MacDonald explained that it is a mister and it should be on soon. Maintenance staff will turn it on then it will be accessible to the community. There is a button that turns it on.

Commission Magana questions should it be taken to council with the request to change of hours at parks with water feature to date range. Brian MacDonald explained that this is a staff decision and the staff is currently looking at updating and expanding the policy regarding parks with water features. Next month the staff will come with back to commission with updates.

b. Commissioner Miller attended the Public Works Community Outreach on Urban Forestry and stated how well attended this outreach was and made many comments on this meeting.

c. Commissioner Jimenez welcomed New Commissioner Singh. Commissioner Jimenez thanked City Attorney, Thomas Watson for being here at the meeting to clarify any questions regarding the Events Policy and thanked the staff for all their hard work

d. Chair Levoit made mention about commissioner goals so Commissioner Singh can familiarize himself with those tasks.

e. Commissioner Singh thanked Chair Levoit for informing him about the goals. Commissioner Singh thanked the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Singh let commission know he will be unable to attend the June 6th meeting.

f. Chair Levoit had an idea to encourage the community to visit the parks suggested maybe we can create a mailer card with a list of parks so the community can go out and visit different place and then we have a staff member out there to greet them and hand out some goodies.. Chair Levoit stated is was great day as it was National Day of Prayer. Chair Levoit mentioned the Latin Block Party is tomorrow night, May 3

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 9:33pm

ACTION: The motion was made by Chair Levoit seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn at the said time of 9:33p.m. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on April 25, 2019. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Brian MacDonald, Staff Liaison