

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2019**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**  
Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
  - a. Present: Chair Miller, Vice Chair Leiberg, and Commissioners Costa, Jimenez, Levoit, Magana, and Singh
  - b. Absent: None
  - c. Staff Present: Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor; Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator
  - d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Costa
4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**
  - a. Alice English congratulated the staff for an Outstanding Arbor Day. Ms. English states she would like to see a permanent plaque placed of the trees with the name/s of the families that planted the trees during Arbor Day. She noted that there are signs hanging now, however, overtime with the weather out at Legacy, they begin to fade. Therefore, she asks the commission to come up with a plan to have permanent plaques in the future.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM**
  - a. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from **October 3, 2019**

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Commissioner Levoit and seconded by Commissioner Singh to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from October 3, 2019. Roll call vote found Commissioners Costa, Jimenez, Magana, Vice Chair Leiberg and Chair Miller all in favor; passed and so ordered
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. Update on Parks and Community Services Commission Goals for 2019-2020  
  
Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor made note to the Commission that their Goal and Objectives were approved at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and if there are any updates to please report.  
  
No updates were reported from the Commission
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Discuss the Annual Commission Report to City Council for December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting  
  
Thien Nguyen asked the Commission to nominate one or two commissioners to attend the City Council Meeting and present the Parks and Community Services Annual Report.  
  
Commission comments followed.

## AMENDED

Commissioner Levoit nominated Vice Chair Leiberg. Vice Chair Leiberg nominated our current Chair Miller as well as our past Chair Levoit who served the great majority of the year.

Commissioner Jimenez nominated current Chair Miller.

Chair Miller nominated Commissioner Levoit as he was the outgoing Chair.

Commissioner Magana nominated both Chair Miller and past Chair Levoit.

Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant stated to the Commission that the written staff report will be brought forth for review and approval at the December 5, 2019 Parks & Community Services Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Commissioner Leiberg to nominate Chair Miller and our past Chair Levoit to represent the Commission at the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting and provide the Annual Parks & Community Services report to the Council. Roll call vote found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

### 8. ITEMS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:

#### a. Parks Department and City Council Project Updates

During the last Parks Commission meeting on October 3, 2019, Director Brian MacDonald requested the commission to do a formal request in writing via email if interested in new training opportunities and then the Commission would discuss and vote on the proposed training opportunity. At this time, Brian MacDonald has not received any formal requests, therefore, a vote will not be held tonight.

### 9. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

#### a. Receive the Athletic and Aquatics Program Report

Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator presented the Athletics and Aquatics report.

Commission comments and questions followed the presentation.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Coordinator and Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor answered the Commissions questions.

### 10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Leiberg presented that he attended the 10/18/19 Tracy High School Homecoming Parade and that it was a very well attended event.

Commissioner Leiberg discussed the Special Meeting held at the Lolly Hansen Center actively engaging with the Senior Community. He stated that though most of their concerns pertained to transportation and he hopes the staff will follow up and take the steps to help rectify their concerns.

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Commissioner Leiberg also spoke on the Special Meeting that was held by City Council and staff regarding the Aquatics Center. Commissioner Leiberg voiced how he was very disappointed on what was brought forth by Surland.

Commissioner questions followed which started a Commission discussion on Aquatic Center.

Commissioner Levoit made mention that he too was dishearten about the Special Meeting held regarding the Aquatics Center.

Commissioner Leiberg made a request for an agenda item be placed on the December 5 agenda: Receive Update and Discuss the Aquatics Center at the December 5, 2019 Parks & Community Services Commission meeting. Commissioner Levoit seconded that request. Executive Assistant, Andrea Pedigo made note and will place this on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Commissioner Levoit asked if we could invite the public to attend this meeting. Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor stated that the agenda is posted on the website and the community is welcome to attend.

Commissioner Singh voiced his concerns that Richard Hastie Park behind Costco area needs more lights that it is really dark.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked the staff for the updated report on Aquatics and Athletics regarding swim lesson and the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation & Community Services Foundation swim scholarships. Commissioner Jimenez attended the Foundations meeting and it was noted that participants are taking advantage of the swim lessons and returning the next year, as well as advancing in swim classes of instruction as they get older. The Foundation is excited to see the involvement and the Foundation is committed with their Joe Wilson fund to provide scholarships for the underserved families and those in need through the Parks department application process.

The Foundation will not be meeting in November and December as they will take a break during the holidays. The next meeting will be in January of 2020.

Commissioner Jimenez talked about how the Parks and Community Services Commission oversee the seniors and senior programming. With that, when they have concerns we listen and provide information to them. If there are concerns that the Commission does not represent, the staff will then take those concerns to the appropriate department to help facilitate and resolve the concern.

Commissioner Leiberg asked if the Transportation department hosts a special meeting for the seniors.

Comments from the other commissioners followed how we can help the seniors with their concerns on transportation.

Thien Nguyen explained that the staff will take the feedback from the seniors and take it to the appropriate staff to handle it.

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**AMENDED**

Chair Miller stated to his knowledge, there is no marketing element of City transportation @ the Lolly Hansen Center. For instance, when the Uber/Lyft pilot program idea came about, it was not marketed to the seniors that there was this door to door service available to them. Chair Miller would like to the commission to work on enhancing the communication on transportation for the seniors.

Chair Miller thought it would be a great idea if it was made formal that a Parks Commissioner will be at the facility to speak to anyone who has concerns. Chair Miller also suggested, a less formal meeting, such as a round table meeting where we invite other staff personnel such as street department, transit department, parks department and commission. This way seniors have an opportunity to speak to the departments where their concerns are.

Commissioner Jimenez provided comments.

Chair Miller gave an update regarding the incident at Gretchen Talley Park. Commissioner Miller reported that the family was seeking to rename the park, it was conveyed to the family that the City was not comfortable renaming the park as it was recently named after a community activist but the Parks and Recreation Department presented to the family to have a street named after him. The City is currently working with the family.

**11. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Time of Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Miller motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Levoit seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioners Costa, Jimenez, Magana, Singh, and Vice Chair Leiberg all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 31, 2019. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



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Brian MacDonald, Staff Liaison