

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2020**

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, Krogh, Magana, and Singh
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Parks & Recreation Director; Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager,
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Krogh

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Conrad Levoit former Parks Commissioner stated what a privilege it was to have served the last 4 years. He stated how much of a passion he has for parks and he wants to request further discussions on skate parks and frisbee golf. He would like the Parks Commission to consider placing these items on the agenda.

No further audience members wished to speak.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM

- a. Review and Approve the Special Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2019

ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Leiberg to pass the December 5, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Singh. Roll call found Chair Miller, Vice Chair Leiberg, and Commissioners Costa, Jimenez, Singh, and Magana all in favor. Commissioner Krogh abstained; Passed and so ordered.

- b. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2019

ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Leiberg to approve the December 12, 2019 with the amendment that Chair Miller and Commissioner Magana did not adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Singh. Roll call found Vice Chair Leiberg and Commissioners Jimenez and Singh all in favor. Chair Miller and Commissioners Costa, Krogh, Magana abstained. Passed and so ordered as amended.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and make a Council Recommendation Regarding the Sister City plaque for Yasui Park

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the staff report.

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Judy Mizuno, Vice President of Sister City Association thanked the commission and staff for this plaque and the planting of the tree.

Commission comments and questions followed.

Commissioner Leiberger supports the plaque, however, he brought up the question to the staff as to why this was for Yasui Park instead of being placed in Sister City Park.

Thien Nguyen explained that the applicant Carol Minner, President of Sister City Association choose this park for the plaque based on the direct correlation to Ken Yasui and since the tree for the 30 year commemoration was already placed at Yasui Park.

Commissioner Jimenez asked the Vice President, Judy Mizuno asked if they would replace this plaque for another on in honor of the 50th anniversary. Ms. Mizuno stated no. It was then asked by Commissioner Jimenez what they planned on doing for the 50th anniversary as that is a big deal. Ms. Mizuno stated that they have not made a determination as they have not thought that far ahead. They stated this came to fruition since Ken Yasui had just passed away.

Commissioner Magana asked if we could publicize Sister City better on social media. Possibly getting rollin' rec out to the Park. Ms. Mizuno stated that their website is linked with the Cities website.

Commissioner Singh mentioned that Sister City is doing a Bingo Night fundraiser on March 7th at the Tracy Community Center that the community is welcome to join.

Commissioner Magana asked what their website was. Ms. Mizuno responded.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if the Parks and Rec will be doing an event. Staff explained that the 30th Anniversary was from 2019.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Magana to approve the Sister Plaque and seconded by Commissioner Costa. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

b. Receive Update on the Parks Master Plan

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager introduced our consultant WRT, Peter Winch who is currently working on the update to our Parks Master Plan.

Peter Winch, Associate Planner with WRT presented.

Commissioner question and comments followed the first ½ of the presentation.

Peter Winch answered the questions of the commission and took notes on their comments.

Peter Winch continued his presentation of second ½ of the presentation.

Commission questions and comments followed.

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Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager thanked Peter for coming in front of the Commission and presenting. Richard explained what the next steps will be moving forward is coming up with a vision and recommendation on how we can make our servicing programming and parks better and put those into projects which we will bring to our next community outreach in March. In June or July we will come back to the Parks Commission with a draft Parks Master Plan update where feedback will be greatly appreciated and at that time we will ask for recommendation to take this to the Planning Commission tentatively in September in which the Planning Commission will recommend us to take it to City Council.

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager touched briefly on the Nature Park stating he hopes that at the March Parks Commission WRT will come back with a final conceptual master plan on.

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- a. Review and Approve the parks Commission Annual Report to Council

Chair Miller explained to the commission what the Annual Report is and why we take it to City Council. He explained that a subcommittee was formed to review the draft report that was provided by staff which was reviewed and revised in January and is now being presented today.

Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant stated that the report will be amended to show that Jimenez prepared the report and not Magana.

Vice Chair Leiberg questioned Item #4 regarding the score sheet and whether or not the years stated were correct.

Commission discussion ensued.

Director MacDonald asked Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant to get clarification from Vanessa Carrera, Economic Development Analyst.

Commissioner Jimenez asked that under item 3.B to change the verbiage to read: The Parks Commission reviewed a request for the renaming of the Tracy Ball Park to Ritter Family Ball Park.

Vice Chair Leiberg requested we add under item #3 a 3.C.4 stating Commission receives annual Aquatics Center updates.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Leiberg to receive and approve the Parks Commission Annual report with the requested amendments to items 3B, 3.C.4, and 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered.

- b. Commissioner Singh wanted to see if we could have park cameras on the agenda or see if we could have a staff member look into what the camera situation is at our parks and if they are working. He wants to know is if we have an infrastructure in place.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director explained that staff has been directed by City Council through their strategic plan to look at public safety in parks.

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Staff has been working with Tracy PD on evaluating locations but it comes down to funding.

Commissioner Singh asked we can disclose that information. Mr. MacDonald stated we will get direction from Council but explained what parks they are looking at.

Commissioner Singh asked if warning signs will be placed in the parks and Mr. MacDonald stated yes, but that we have recently taken down signs that were up in parks that did not have active working cameras.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked Mr. Levoit for his time while he served on the Commission. Commissioner Jimenez welcomed Mr. Krogh and she looks forward to working with him. Commissioner Jimenez thanked Vice Chair Leiberg for attending City Council meeting while being interviewed for reappointments on the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Jimenez attended the Tracy Parks Foundation meeting in January as a citizen. Commissioner deferred to speak with Director MacDonald and staff should the commission want information. Commissioner Jimenez looks forward to attending the next meeting and reporting back at our next meeting.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked the City Council for their consideration and reappointment to the Parks Commission. She looks forward to seeing the Aquatics Park come to fruition.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if she needed support Vice Chair with a second on putting the Aquatics center on the agenda. We stated that it is a standing agenda item.

Director MacDonald gave a brief update on the Aquatics Center.

Vice Chair Leiberg questioned a public meeting at the Elk Grove pool. Director MacDonald stated yes and he will update them at the next meeting. He explained that there was a tour for 2 council members, however, since 3 showed up we had to make it a public meeting.

Vice Chair Leiberg welcomed our new Commission Krogh and thanked outgoing Commissioner Levoit for his time served.

Vice Chair made mention that on Feb 7 there will be a special meeting for CDBG.

Commissioner Krogh thanked everyone for their warm welcome and he looks forward to working and learning from the Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Conrad Levoit suggested that we update our Parks list on the website that needs to be updated as what amenities are at each park. This list does not state that McDonald Park has a water feature. The same list states we have 73 parks as to where the report from WRT shows we have 78 parks.

Mr. Levoit wanted to make sure that community is heard regarding skate parks and that it continues to be addressed as well as frisbee golf course. He made mention of a

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Facebook page which is made up of Tracy members that are advocating for this course to be put in.

Mr. Levoit also stated that the camera project which is very important to him and wants to make sure that this continues to fly and grow.

Mr. Levoit read a Facebook post from Mr. Eric Anderson regarding the skate park. He went onto read comments from other members of the community.

Mr. Levoit stated he will continue to be an advocate of the community.

Mr. Levoit made mention of the BMX course and be an advocate of that as well. He made mention of a dog park and suggested to due a dog space within an existing park.

Mr. Levoit said we are doing a great job on keeping up with in and to continue to do so.

Mr. Levoit stated the rose garden at Lincoln Park and can't wait to see what they will look like after spring. He suggested to join with the transportation department and do park tours to help bring the community to the parks and use these parks with the amenities that they have.

Mr. Levoit stated that he has a security company in town and that he currently patrols that parks in Manteca and locks them up at night.

Mr. Levoit questions whether or not our minutes are placed on the website.

Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant stated once they are approved from the Commission and signed by the Liaison, they are posted on the website.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 9:43pm

ACTION: Commissioner Magana motioned to adjourn the meeting at the said time of 9:43pm and seconded by Commissioner Krogh and Vice Chair Leiberg.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on January 30, 2020. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Brian MacDonald, Staff Liaison