

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Lieberg

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no comments from the public via Webex, phone, or email.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM

- a. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2020

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for August 6, 2020 by Commissioner Jimenez with the amendment on page 3 to read “no” instead of “not” in the 6th paragraph and seconded by Commissioner Singh and Vice Chair Magana. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Magana, and Commissioners Miller, Krogh, Singh, Costa, and Jimenez all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review proposal to install (2) benches with plaques donated by Tracy Rotary and Sunrise Rotary Clubs in the public right of way in downtown Tracy and make a recommendation to City Council.

Thien Nguyen, Recreation Services Supervisor presented the staff report.

Cindy Gustafson, President of Sunrise Rotary explained to the Commission that the two benches will be donated by Sunrise and Tracy Rotary Clubs which will bring the community a place to wait for a doctor appointment, prescriptions, or a restaurant. Ms. Gustafson also explained that this is their way of giving back to the community as they have seven (7) areas of focus & this being the Economic Community Development focus. Ms. Gustafson stated they would like the benches to be placed outside of Reich’s pharmacy and Tracy Optometry Group. She explained that Rotary exists to bring businesses and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service. Ms. Gustafson stated that they are offering these benches to the City of Tracy & City of Tracy will maintain them. There will also be a plaque added to the bench in honor of who donated them.

Commissioner Jimenez had comments and questions that followed.

Ms. Gustafson answered the commissioner's questions. Ms. Gustafson also asked the commission to state their preference on which style bench they preferred.

Commissioner Miller stated he agrees with the businesses with preference on the style of the bench and likes the bench with the armrest. He also commended the Rotary Club for their donation.

Commissioner Krogh is in agreement with the other Commissioners and likes the bench with the center divider. Commissioner Krogh thanked the Rotary for their contribution and stated it will be a great addition for downtown.

Commissioner Costa is in agreement with the other commissioners.

Commissioner Singh thanked the Rotary for their time and efforts and stated he also likes the bench with the center divider.

Commissioner Magana thanked the Rotary for their donation and expressed that she preferred the bench w/o the armrest, however, she understands why and supports both benches and feels it is a great added feature and looks for more in the future.

Chair Lieberg thanked the Rotary and supports the bench with the divider but had a logistic question as to where the plaque would be placed, but he trusts the staff / rotaries judgement.

There were no public comments via email, Webex, or phone.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve and make a recommendation to City Council which was seconded by Vice Chair Magana. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Magana, and Commissioners Costa, Jimenez, Krogh, Miller, and Singh all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director presented the directors report along with Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation and Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Developed Manager answered the questions of the Commission

8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Krogh commented that Larson Park looks great as he went for a walk prior to the meeting and families were already enjoying the park. Commissioner Krogh stated that this is his home park and he gave a shout out to the Parks and Public Works departments for how great it looks.

Commissioner Costa reported that the TUSD board approved a waiver to bring back students in grades K-5 if the numbers continue to be good and continue to move in a positive direction. TUSD has the plans completed to bring K-5 back, then grades 6, 7, & 8 next, and High School will be last. Dates have not been set as to when the students will be returned. Staff and parents are concerned at bringing the kids back prior to the end of the semester as this would interrupt teaching plans that are already planned. There is talk that they may return at the end of the semester.

Commissioner Costa also wanted staff to thank those who care for Zanussi Park as they do a great job keeping it mowed and clean.

Commissioner Jimenez apologized to the Commission and the public for delaying the meeting by 5 minutes as she had some technical difficulties joining the meeting.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Parks Foundation did not meet in September, therefore, there will be no report. The Parks Foundations next meeting will be on October 26, 2020. The reason they did not meet in September was a result from TCCA's State of the District meeting. The Parks Foundation Chair and Vice Chair are also affiliated strongly with TCCA and they had to attend that meeting. She is hoping to have a report next month.

Secondly, Commissioner Jimenez addressed the staff regarding the August 6th meeting minutes on page 3 where it refers to disc golf and bringing it back to the agenda as this was the second request. Commissioner Jimenez stated that she has not seen it added to the agenda for discussion or public comment and wanted to know if it is still on staff's radar.

Brian MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director answered the question of Commissioner Jimenez regarding disc golf.

Commissioner Jimenez thanked staff for working on it and stated to take as much time as needed, but that she was delighted to hear staff is working with the disc golf group and looks forward to hearing from staff when ready.

Commissioner Magana announced that this will be her last meeting as she and her family will be moving out of Tracy. She expressed that is has been a pleasure working with everyone and she hopes to see everyone out at events.

Commissioner wished her well.

Chair Lieberg reported that he continues to attend the Farmers Market and welcomes everyone to go and get fresh fruit and vegetables to support the local farmers.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the public via Webex, phone, or email.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 7:49pm

ACTION: Commissioner Costa motioned to adjourn the meeting at the said time of 7:49pm and seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on September 24, 2020. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Brian MacDonald, Staff Liaison