

**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Krogh, Commissioners Jimenez, Souza and Singh
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Program Manager; Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning and Development Manager; Barb Harb, Management Analyst
- 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 comments via email.

Sarah Bai, City of Tracy resident wanted an update on the Nature Park and where we stand with it and if it will appear on an upcoming agenda.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation gave update.

There were no comments from the public via phone.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM

- a. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2021

ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Krogh and seconded by Commissioners Singh and Jimenez to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 7, 2021. Roll call vote found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Krogh, and Commissioners Jimenez and Singh all in favor. Commissioner Souza abstained; passed and so ordered

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update Goals and Objectives for FY 2020-2021

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Program Manager recommended they review the current goals, assign commissioners, remove goal, or make minor changes to them, keeping in mind that in August the commission will be setting new goals for FY 2021-2022

Chair Lieberg open the floor to public comment.

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

Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives with questions answered by staff regarding some goals.

- 1. Goal – Community Outreach

AMENDED

1.A. - Ensure Representation with the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Foundation.

Assigned to: Jimenez; Removed: Levoit

1.B. - Ensure representation with the Tracy Senior Association.

Assigned to: Jimenez (as long as this does not conflict with her Tracy Friends for Parks meetings); Removed: Miller

1.C. - Public Outreach at community events twice a year (currently on hold due to COVID). Assigned to:

1.C.1 – Attend Farmers Market - Assigned to: Lieberg, Souza, & Krogh; Removed: Levoit

1.C.2 – Attend Block Parties – Assigned to: Singh Removed: Magana

1.C.3 – Attend Blues, Brews, & BBQ – Assigned to: Souza & Singh; Removed: Magana

1.C.4 – Attend Sponsored Youth Events – Assigned to: Lieberg; Removed: Magana

1.C.5 – Attend Movies on the Plaza – Assigned to: Souza; Removed: Levoit

1.D. – Public Outreach to Senior Community

1.D.1 – Conduct a special meeting of the Parks Commission at the Lolly Hansen Senior Center – Assigned: All Commissioners

1.D.2 – Reach out and meet with other senior organizations – Removed: Miller – tabled and Jolene will send out an email to all commissioners with a list of organizations to see if anyone is interested.

1.E. – Increase communication with local school districts

1.E.1 – Attend bi-monthly meetings & report back to Commission Assigned to: Souza; Removed: Costa

1.E.2 – Attend City/School Liaison meetings and report back to Commission. Assigned to: Lieberg; Removed: Levoit

2. Goal - Program Enhancement

2.A. – Sponsor and Support the Rollin' Rec Program

2.A.1 – Attend a Rollin' Rec Event. Assigned to: All Commissioners

2.A.2 – Attend Rollin' Rec Planning Subcommittee Staff Meetings and report back to Commission. Assigned to: Lieberg & Singh; Removed: Magana (currently not operational, but staff hoping to restart program late March, early April)

2.A.3 – Continue with survey to get a feedback on the program. Assigned to: this item will be tabled and reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting.

3. Park Facility & Sports Field Safety

3.A. – Safety Need. Removed as goal has been accomplished

4. Parking Lot Items: Vice Chair Krogh asked questions regarding the Parks Master Plan and where we are at in the process. Commissioner Jimenez asked that we consider removing the Nature Park and Parks Master Plan as these discussions are in place and moving forward. Vice Chair Krogh agrees with Jimenez and Chair Lieberg conveys that the Parks Master Plan and Nature Park are removed.

Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant clarified that Chair Lieberg wanted to remain on item 1.C.1. Chair Lieberg responded with yes and mentioned he would like to see a booth for the Commissioner at the farmer's market.

Jolene Jauregui stated that we have a City Parks booth that the Commission may utilize.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krogh made a motion to adopt the Parks Commission Goals for FY 20-21 as discussed and reflected in the minutes. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion. Roll call found Commissioners Souza, Singh, Jimenez, Chair Lieberg and Vice Chair Krogh all in favor; passed and so ordered.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Program Manager asked Andrea Pedigo, Recorder of the meeting if she captured all the changes or if there was anything she needed clarification on.

Andrea Pedigo responded.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review and Acceptance of the Parks and Community Services Commission's Subcommittee Ranking and Funding Recommendation for the Allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Recommend Approval to City Council

Barb Harb, Economic Development Management Analyst presented the staff report.

Chair Lieberg opened the item up for public comment.

There were no public comments via email.

There was one comment via Webex. Sarah Bai thanked the staff for the presentation and wanted to speak up on behalf of the D.A.R.E Program. Ms. Bai grew up in Tracy and now as a young adult, she feels this is a very effective program and hopes that the funding reallocation reconsideration can be taken in account so that there is maximum funding for the D.A.R.E Program.

There were no public comments via phone.

Commission discussion followed with questions and comments to staff.

Barb Harb, Economic Development Management Analyst answered the Commission questions.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krogh made a motion to approve the new ranking and new allocations as discussed and recommend to City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Souza. Roll call found Commissioners Jimenez, Souza, Singh, Vice Chair Krogh and Chair Lieberg all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

8. PARKS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager presented the Parks Planning and Development Report on the Park Camera Project.

Commission comments and questions followed.

Richard Joaquin, Parks Planning & Development Manager answered the questions of the Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There was one comment via Webex. Sarah Bai commented on the minutes from January 7th and noticed that the Parks Commission had openings since there was some Commissioners that resigned and wanted to know when there would be a whole commission again.

Director MacDonald answered the question of Ms. Bai.

There were no public comments via phone.

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Chair Lieberg apologized to Commissioner Souza for not welcoming her sooner to the Parks Commission and stated that no good deed goes unpunished.

Commissioner Souza introduced herself as the TUSD rep for the Parks Commission. Commissioner Souza reported that as for as TUSD goes, they are not in a direction to return to school. Negotiations with the teacher's union will not take place as long as we are in the purple tier. TUSD will move toward negotiations once the county is in the red tier.

Commissioner Souza thanked staff for allowing her to be part of this team as she has been in Tracy for a long time and is happy to be serving.

Commissioner Jimenez welcomed Commissioner Souza and stated she is delighted to have her here reporting the schools issues, especially since she has a granddaughter in high school and enjoys hearing the latest updates.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that she attended the Parks Foundation meeting this month. That is, Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Foundation. The board of directors confirmed they still have funding in the pool account, therefore, there are funds available whenever the City pools opens and resume. Please note, there are funds to distribute to children for swim lessons and the Foundation outreaches to low income families to assist them with their children and learning to swim.

Commissioner Jimenez also learned that the foundation is working with the City Parks to bring disc golf to the Parks. This will be brought to Parks Commission in the future. The foundation is investigating what is involved in supporting disc golf and once the board reviews the data, it will consider if there is an opportunity to assist the city with funding. Commissioner Jimenez was delighted to hear this as disc golf has been brought to the Parks Commission and placed on the agenda for some time. At this time, she will have no further discussion as it will come to the Commission in the near future with an update.

Commissioner Jimenez expressed that she looks forward to continuing to attend the Parks Foundation meetings and to provide staff and the Commission with updates.

Commissioner Jimenez asked a clarifying question to Director MacDonald in regards to the vacant commission positions as it was reported in the last meeting that those were on hold as there was a review from City Council of all Commissions. She asked that Director MacDonald confirm that what she heard tonight during public comment was that they are going to be filled.

Director Brian MacDonald responded to the Commissioner Jimenez's question.

AMENDED

Commissioner Singh welcomed Commissioner Souza, stating they are excited and happy to have her on this Commission. He also thanked her for her serving on the TUSD Board. Commissioner Singh stated that due to COVID he has not further reports.

Vice Chair Krogh welcomed Commissioner Souza and looks forward to working with her.

Chair Lieberg reported that he attended the City/Schools Liaison meeting and one hot topic was when students would return to school and as Commissioner Souza stated that is to be determined for TUSD. Chair Lieberg mentioned that there was not a representative from the Jefferson School District, but reported that students are on campus in part and more coming back in a week and half.

Chair Lieberg reports that some TUSD sports are coming back. The sports coming are those that were deemed distance safe and within the purple tier such as golf, tennis, and cross country that have low contact. He reported that as the tiers move to red, orange, and yellow, additional sports will get added.

Chair Lieberg reported that as he eluted too earlier in the meeting, his long standing agenda item is the Aquatic Center and as he was looking at old Facebook posts from October 2018, 2 ½ years ago, there was the official groundbreaking ceremony and planned opening for this year. As we all know, there is no hole or no water in the ground. He would like the Commission to keep this on the forefront as a long-term goal for the Parks Commission.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:51 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner Souza motioned to adjourn at said time of 8:51pm. Commissioners Singh and Jimenez seconded the motion. Roll call found Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Krogh and Commissioners Jimenez, Souza, and Singh all in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on February 1, 2021. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.



Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison