



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

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The following Commissioners of the Park and Recreation are listed to permit them, to appear electronically, or telephonically at the Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, November 3, 2021: Staff Liaison Natasha Bissell, Commissioners: Abraham, Beitz, Doherty, Fidrych, Ishibashi, Mitchell, and Teeter.

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REGULAR MEETING OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 7:00 pm VIA ZOOM Telecommunication

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fidrych

ROLL CALL:

Chair Fidrych

Commissioners: Abraham, Beitz, Doherty, Ishibashi, Mitchell, and Teeter



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting – October 6, 2021*

PRESENTATIONS

ORAL REQUESTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Capital Projects Update
- B. Discussion of December Meeting
- C. Discussion of January 2022 Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Parks & Creek Trail: Chair Teeter – Members Doherty and Fidrych
- B. Trees: Chair Ishibashi – Members Abraham and Beitz
- C. Special Events: Chair Abraham – Members Beitz and Mitchell

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parks (Public Works Director Todd Capurso)
- B. Recreation & Community Services (Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell)

INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Good of the Game

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting: December 1, 2021

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*Indicates written report

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
October 6, 2021
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:07 pm, via Zoom Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Beitz, Doherty, Ishibashi, Teeter, Abraham, Fidrych
Absent: (Mitchell excused absence)
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Recording Secretary Rebekah Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Doherty/Teeter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of June 2, 2021, with the change needed on page 3 first paragraph which should read weak branches not weed branch.

AYES: (Roll call vote was done) Beitz, Doherty, Ishibashi, Teeter, Fidrych

ABSTAIN: Abraham

NOES: None

MSC: Teeter/Abraham to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of June 25, 2021.

AYES: (Roll call vote was done) Beitz, Ishibashi, Teeter, Abraham, Fidrych

ABSTAIN: Doherty

NOES: None

Presentations:

Water Conservation and City Operations Update – Todd Capurso gave the presentation on this topic. It was a good time to have this item for discussion since this is an issue the entire county facing and how it is affecting the City. Back in the summertime, San Jose Water started working their water reduction plan. There are three stages for the water reduction plan. In July, the Governor included the County in the drought proclamation. Council enacted Stage 3 of the City's drought measure at the August 3 Council meeting. Under this stage, there must be no water running without a shut off valve. Stage 1 is a less restrictive phase which includes no watering between the hottest time of the day and no irrigation 48 hours after rainfall. Stage 3 restrictions allow watering 2 days a week, depending on your address, and to fix leaks in a short time, and refilling pools are allowed but not filling empty ones. The goal of going to Stage 3 is to accomplish at least 15% water conservation compared to 2019 and as a valley it is not getting there so this may go from voluntary to something more measured. In terms to the City, there is a need to decrease our potable water usage. There is recycle water operations out of the Service Yard for use on street sweeping, contractors need to use it for construction sites to keep the dust down and lastly, for tree watering specifically on our street trees (from a water truck). We have reduced our watering at parks and the turf and landscaping will look stressed because of the turf brownouts. For parks, staff is prioritizing turf areas to include high use areas like the athletic fields, then open turf areas as passive play areas, and lastly the aesthetic areas only. We are still looking for areas where we can take

turf out of commission as was done at Jack Fischer Park; remove the turf and still provide community aesthetic. There is consideration of this at other parks and at the Community Center.

No questions or comments from the commissioners.

Oral Requests:

NONE.

Unfinished Business:

NONE.

New Business:

NONE.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Chair Teeter has spent her time out of the state. The main park she visits is the Campbell Park and it is heavily used, and many are not using their masks. She will make it a point to visit the other parks before the next meeting.

Chair Fidrych has been going to the fields where the soccer games are, and those fields are in good shape.

Chair Doherty has been at John D Morgan, but you can tell some grass has been reseeding. It is noticed that the grubs are eating the grass.

Trees: Chair Ishibashi had nothing to report.

Special Events: Chair Abraham mentioned the Oktoberfest Fun Run and Chair Fidrych mentioned the City Garage Sale event.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks – Street Supervisor Ron Taormina

- Staff has completed repairs of several par course stations along the Los Gatos Creek Trail with new lumber, paint, and screws.
- Turf at many parks has been affected by grubs. Grubs eat the roots of the grass and on the surface, the grass may appear to need watering. There are many areas throughout the parks system that also reflect reduced watering efforts due to drought watering mandates; this added to the delay in diagnosing the grub problem. Grubs not only destroy the roots of the grass, but they also draw natural predators like raccoons and crows that destroy turf areas to uncover the grubs for food. Staff has applied a grub control product which will be applied again in early spring to prevent young grubs from maturing. Some turf repairs have also been completed where raccoons and crows have caused damages.
- Fall turf maintenance efforts are in effect, including deep tine aeration, fertilization, over seeding and top dressing. This includes reseeding at Campbell Park.
- The Los Gatos Creek Trail bridge needed some repair work done to it and was completed by a contractor and overseen by Ron Taormina, Street Supervisor.

- Tree planting efforts at Campbell Park to replace the trees removed along the playground will begin this month. Additionally, staff has removed the old wood and metal picnic tables in the same area and have ordered new metal tables and benches to be installed between the new trees.
- The Grand Opening for the (JDM) Budd Ave playground is scheduled for October.
- The bathrooms at John D Morgan Park on the Rincon side, will be closed for renovation beginning later this month. The project will take several months and is focused in bringing the restrooms up to ADA compliance. The project will also include addressing ADA parking updates.
- Capital projects continue to move forward and are expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- Campbell Park Improvement project went out to bid and the bad news is that the lowest bid came in above budget. Going back to council to reject all bids. Rebidding over the winter may be more appropriate and changing the scope of project as needed. Going to council on November 16 for further consideration and direction.
- The track resurfacing project is programmed in the CIP as a FY22 project and we expected to be receiving \$67,000 through CDBG and it would be largely a city funded project. This now appears that it will be almost a fully funded project (through CDBG) that will be completed in the springtime.
- Todd did a shout out to Bekah for putting the City Garage Sale on for this year.

B. Recreation & Community Services –Acting Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell

- Reduction in force went into effect on 8/6/21 (2 layoffs and 1 reduction to 0.50 FTE).
- There was a successful summer without any COVID outbreaks. Day camps did well with about 2/3 full of normal capacity and sports camps were packed with more than normal participation rates.
- Summer swim lessons also did extremely well with all classes at capacity.
- Pre-school has started a new school year and things are running smoothly so far.
- Lap swim – was tested out multi users per lane but that was short lived as participants were nervous sharing with people outside household. Switched back to single use per lane and now there is the option to do an add on of an additional household swimmer for \$5.
- Family Recreation Swim that was held on Sundays throughout the summer went well as an alternative to open rec swim since there were COVID restrictions.
- Adult Fitness launched daily pricing this Fall which has been a more pay as you go model instead of signing up for an entire session. So far things are going smoothly.
- Oktoberfest Fun Run was switched to a virtual format and registration has closed already. There were 100 runners signed up to participate.
- Recently received CARES funding through the County for additional meal service with our Senior Nutrition Program. Currently serving approximately 75 on M/W/F and 90 on Tu/Th. Tu/Th cuisine is an Asian caterer who is well received by our patrons, and we are looking at potentially expanding their service at our site.
- Caregivers Count! Conference just concluded. The Caregivers Count Conference is an annual event designed for families and friends caring for their loved ones. Conference features professional speakers covering wide ranging topics to support caregivers. This is a free conference and due to COVID it was all done on zoom and the sessions were recorded. You can watch the presentations from this year at www.caregiverscount.net.

- Non-reservable picnic areas are becoming an issue at John D Morgan Park again. Will most likely be working with Public Works to transition these spaces to reservable spaces and will be bringing the policy to the PRC in the coming months.
- Campbell Community Center Facility and Gym rentals have resumed and are doing well with limited staff. The process has been transitioned to be completely online, but still working with long time renters about navigating this new process.
- The Heritage Theatre HVAC unit went out during the summer. This is a huge expense and the new one will be installed in November. A temporary unit has been installed for rentals taking place this month.
- Jake Shimabukuro has been rescheduled to 11/4/21 and LeAnne Rimes has been rescheduled to 11/18/21.
- Warren Miller will be returning this Fall.
- Benise will be on 2/5/22.
- Marshall Charloff Purple Xperience will take place on 2/25/22 (Prince Impersonator)
- Tickets for all these events are available at www.heritagetheatre.org.
- The Historical Museum has been hosting a Fall Garden Concert Series on Sundays. The last one will be on Sunday, October 17 at 2 pm in the Ainsley Gardens and the last one will be on 11/14/21. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.campbellmuseums.com.
- The Museum's History @ Home "Why the Salem Witch Hunt Still Matters Today" 10/8/21 6pm – 7pm. This is a virtual event and cost is \$10 per zoom link. For more information or to buy tickets go to www.campbellmuseums.com/shop.
- The Museum is also looking for volunteers to help with the Ainsley House tours along with decorators for the Holiday Season. If you are interested, please contact the museum Supervisor Kerry Perkins at kerrp@campbellca.gov.
- With the Campbell Library now on the Campbell Community Center campus in room E46, they have just launched a storywalk. There are two separate stories that walk you in from two different points of our parking lot to guide patrons to the express library location. It is very cool, and you should come by to check it out.
- Small Business Association had an operators grant live feeders and performance places that were hit hard by COVID. During the first round, they were awarded \$409,000 in grant money and additional \$200,000 to the theater.

Commissioner Teeter commented that she is very happy that the Community Center now has the library. Commissioner Ishibashi asked how long the track would be down for the resurfacing project. Todd responded that it should not be down too long, and Ron added that it should be 3-4 weeks for the project to be completed. Todd mentioned that repairs will be done to the track. This will be a surface treatment so that it can last longer.

Chair Fidrych went to the State of the City Address and saw people holding a sign that says, "Campbell Hurts Parks" and Todd responded that it was a labor group that was protesting.

Chair Fidrych asked if there was a date for the reopening of the John D Morgan Park. Todd responded that it will be a time when Council is available but not a ribbon cutting event and it would be somewhere near late November.

Commissioner Beitz commented about the park and how it looks great.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Ishibashi shared news about the General Fund specifically on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment that comes from the State and Campbell is supposed to plan for another 3,000 housing units from 2023 to 2031 which means more residents in Campbell. There will be a potential of influx of people.

No other comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebekah Rodriguez

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary