

**CITY OF CAMPBELL  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA  
February 3, 2021  
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:10 pm, via Zoom Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Teeter, Mitchell, Ishibashi, Doherty, Beitz, Fidrych,  
**Absent:** Abraham  
**STAFF:** Acting Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell, Public Works  
Director Todd Capurso, Recording Secretary JoAnna Thomason

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MSC:** Teeter/Ishibashi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of January 13, 2021.

**AYES:** (Roll call vote was done) Teeter, Mitchell, Ishibashi, Fidrych,

**ABSTAIN:** Doherty, Beitz

**NOES:** None

**Presentations:**

NONE.

**Oral Requests:**

NONE.

**Unfinished Business**

**Commission Work Plan** – Natasha opened the discussion by mentioning what the workplan currently looks like: Conduct annual review of the Parkland Dedication Fund; Tour and discuss progress of JDM All-Inclusive and Campbell Park construction projects; Planning and participating in grand re-opening/unveiling event for All-Inclusive Park; and Review, provide early input, and prioritize FY 22 projects. The commission goals that were also modified are: Participate in Community Events whether in person or virtual for Arbor Day, Bunnies and Bonnets Parade; Park Volunteer Projects, Oktoberfest and Valentine Fun Run; Hold a PRC meeting in a park; Conduct a Park Tour; Collaborate with the Campbell Youth Commission on an event or a joint PRC/YAC meeting; Collaborate with Civic Improvement Commission on potential public art projects in parks; and Collaborate with BPAC to identify trail improvement concepts for Campbell Parks. For those commissioners who were not present at the last meeting had the opportunity for further discussion. Commissioner Doherty said it look good to her and Commissioner Beitz also agreed. Commissioner Teeter mentioned it looked like a complete workplan.

**MSC:** Doherty/Mitchell to move and accept the goals for next year.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**New Business:**

**Youth Commission Collaboration** – Natasha wanted to get started on the goals and share with the commission some goals the Youth Commission Collaboration have. They have subcommittees and work on events and programs on the topics which are: Environmental, Civic Engagement, College and Beyond, Social Justice, Wellness, Recreation, and Academics.

Chair Fidrych asked if Natasha was the sponsor from the City that connects with them. She responded that yes there is staff that assists the Youth Commission. Chair Mitchell suggested maybe to have one of them to present to the commission at a later meeting to see how they can get involved with the Youth Commissioners. Natasha suggested narrowing it down to a topic for collaboration. Chair Fidrych mentioned to participate in something that would be related to Parks and Recreation. Chair Beitz mentioned that the Environmental and Recreation subcommittees would be best and productive for the Youth Commissioners. The Wellness and Recreation subcommittees were mentioned that would be of interest to the Commissioners. Commissioner Ishibashi liked the idea of possibly having the Youth Commissioners present to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the following subcommittees like College and Beyond, Environmental and Wellness.

Chair Fidrych asked if there was a list of events which would be of interested to the Commissioners. Natasha showed them a list of events that they have had and those they will be having virtually that could be of possible collaboration with both Commissions. Chair Beitz suggested that a representative from the Youth Commission join the next PRC meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks and Creek Trail:** Chair Teeter communicated with the other members and they were able to go out to the parks before this meeting. Member Doherty was able to go out to John D. Morgan and noticed that everything is fenced off for the reconstruction. She had a question regarding the softball field near the home plate and was not sure if it is the City's responsibility or if it is the school's responsibility to address. She was also able to make it out to Jack Fischer Park and it looks great. Member Fidrych mentioned his family went on a bike ride to Los Gatos on the creek trail and noticed the majority were wearing masks. He noticed the garbage pick-up had been done. He also noticed homeless encampments but nothing over the top. The trail looks great, and people are having a great time being outdoors. Chair Teeter noticed the homeless encampment at Creekside over the fence and does not know how they keep getting there. She took a bike ride to Stojanovich Park and she really liked it; then proceeded to Edith Morley Park and saw many people out there and saw people working in the garden. She noticed a lot of people walking around with masks.

**Trees:** Chair Ishibashi had nothing to report out.

**Special Events:** Chair Abraham was not present. Member Beitz had nothing to report. Member Mitchell brought to the attention to others the virtual Fun Run.

**Staff Reports:**

**A. Parks – Public Works Director Todd Capurso**

- Todd turned it over to Bob Siudzinski who gave a verbal report out on the All-Inclusive Playground renovation at JDM. The demolition has started on this project and staff is making sure the site is safe and that the trees are being protected.
- Park staff is still doing the weekend garbage runs to keep the parks looking good.
- The leaves have stopped falling and hopefully the leaf pick-up will be concluded soon.
- The rain that we had was helpful for the turf.
- Staff has been working hard on removing all the remaining holiday decorations.
- Todd added that the stay at home order has been moved and back to the purple tier. Outside dining is coming back this weekend.
- The homeless encampment along southbound Hamilton near the Kohl's has been addressed by Caltrans and they have started to do the cleanup of this encampment. This is being brought up because housing opportunities also need to be identified as an option for the homeless – as part of the cleanup. There is an anticipation that there may more activity of homeless encampments moving to other parts of Campbell.

Chair Fidrych asked if the whole parking lot is closed at the park (JDM). Bob responded that there is a staging area and that 90% of the parking lot is currently closed.

Chair Fidrych did mention that not many encampments were seen during the past weekend.

**B. Recreation & Community Services –Acting Recreation Manager Natasha Bissell**

- Natasha started off by mentioning the Valentine Fun Run will take place 2/13 through 2/21 and the last day to register is Friday, February 5.
- Pool boiler broke and the pool will be down until Saturday.
- Skatepark has reopened, but it does close in wet weather.
- History at Home will be on Friday, February 12 from 6-7pm via zoom. Cost is \$10. It is a Campbell author Ehsaneh Sadr and she will be talking about her novel *A Door Between Us*.
- Heritage Theatre will be hosting a virtual concert with Jim Brickman, Share the Love. The concerts will be held February 12, 13 and 14. Tickets are on sale and for more information visit [www.heritagetheatre.org](http://www.heritagetheatre.org)
- Staff is preparing for summer programming and working on mid-year budget along with prepping for FY22 budget.

Commissioner Ishibashi was curious about if the County has reached out to the City for the vaccine. The City of Mt. View is currently the only location for the vaccine at their community center. They are exploring options to get messaging to older adults for the vaccination.

Commission Beitz had a question about the track. There is a sign that says masks are required but noticed that not many are wearing masks at the track. Natasha has also noticed that there has been lack of compliance but there is not a high volume of calls or emails regarding this.

Chair Fidrych asked about the boiler of the pool if it is a costly purchase or not. Natasha reassured that the part would be in and getting the pool ready for swimming by the weekend.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Fidrych went to the history museum and saw the “In the Box” and it was about the history of photography and he really like it and encouraged the other commissioners to see it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

*Rebekah Rodriguez*

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary