

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
April 7, 2021
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:01 pm, via Zoom Meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Beitz, Doherty, Ishibashi, Abraham, Fidrych
Absent: Mitchell, Teeter (excused absence for both)
STAFF: Acting Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell, Acting Parks Supervisor, Bob Siudzinski, Recording Secretary Rebekah Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Doherty/Beitz to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of March 3, 2021.

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

ABSTAIN: Ishibashi

NOES: None

Presentations:

NONE.

Oral Requests:

NONE.

Unfinished Business

Youth Commission Collaboration – Natasha started the discussion by recalling that at the last meeting there was going to be a Health and Wellness event but she had been in contact with the Acting Parks Supervisor, Bob Siudzinski and Vice Chair Abraham for a new event which they both will report on. Vice Chair Abraham stepped in and mentioned that it will be a joint commission event with the Youth Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission for a week-long event starting on Earth Day to Arbor Day and it will be called Earth Day and Arbor Day Family Scavenger Hunt. The concept is to keep it in the downtown area by taking pictures of trees and images in downtown and matching the images. The purpose for the discussion is to provide some prizes for the first 20 families that match the images correctly. Natasha had reached out to the Campbell Rotary Community Core and they are willing to provide some funding for this event. A flyer was shown on screen of what will be put on social media and shared with local groups for support. Hopefully, this will become an annual event and expand on it in future years. Bob mentioned that the technological aspect is a little difficult, but Recreation Specialist, Julie Pieracci from the Youth Commission is working on this and will take care of it. Vice Chair asked if this should be noted a joint event from the Youth Commission and Parks and Rec Commission mentioned on the flyer and Natasha responded that yes it should be stated on the flyer and this way it is supported by both commissions. Natasha asked who from the commission would be available to help for the event. Vice Chair doesn't have all the logistics, but an email will come out once all the logistics are taken care of. A voucher would be given to get an ice cream from the creamery. The dates of this event are April 22 to April 30.

Chair Fidrych asked if the commissioners had any questions. No one had any comments. He mentioned that this is a great opportunity to get a free ice cream.

New Business:

NONE.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Chair Teeter was on vacation and member Fidrych is also on vacation and had not made it out to the parks. Member Doherty has made it to some of the parks and they look great; nothing else to report.

Commissioner Abraham had something to comment about Stojanovich Park as it is her neighborhood park. She has seen a significant amount of dog excrement left behind and it's a problem. But the major problem is that there is a dog party at around 6pm daily and they are off leash and sometimes there are interactions with other dogs and kids. This should be a future PRC item to consider with the rest of the commission. Natasha commented that it would be a difficult issue to enforce and to change policy on. She said to call the non-emergency number and report it to them. People know that staff is not around at 6pm and that is why this is a problem. Vice Chair has encouraged the parents to call the non-emergency number.

Trees: Chair Ishibashi is not aware of any tree issues to report out to the committee. No other members had anything to add.

Special Events: Chair Abraham mentioned the special event previously mentioned at the beginning will be happening. She also mentioned that the Heritage theatre is still doing the virtual dance events.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks – Acting Parks Supervisor Bob Siudzinski

- Water gators have been installed on parklet trees in downtown. This helps provide water efficiently and keep trees healthy.
- April 30 is National Arbor Day. The celebration is going to be different this year. A tree will be planted by the Youth Commission and they will create a video to post on social media outlets. This will be at the Community Center on Friday, April 30 at 3pm.
- There was a main line break at Campbell Park. The crew came together and worked to get the water back on.
- Jet mulch or fibar was delivered to Fischer Park and the Community Center Preschool.
- The irrigation is back on throughout the parks and facilities in light mode.
- Picnic reservations have picked up.
- Since we are in the orange tier, the basketball hoops are up at Campbell Park.

Chair Fidrych asked for a status on the all-inclusive park and Bob responded that everything is on track. The foundation is still being built and it needs to be done correctly. They are on schedule and coming along. The completion date is August for the grant.

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

- Mailer went out to all Campbell Residents instead of a full Activity Guide because things change so quickly.
- Resident Registration starts on Tuesday, April 13 at 9am and it opens up to everyone on Wednesday, April 14 at 9am.
- The Activity Guide is available online and has all the Summer Activities listed.
- Pre-school registration for next school year will also take place on the 13th and 14th but will begin at 10am.
- The guidance is constantly changing, but they are looking to start accommodating some indoor events in early May under the guidance provided.
- The Museum has a History at Home event on Friday, April 23 from 6pm to 7pm. \$10/registration. A presentation by Julie DeVere: Director of Historic Collections and Author of *Filoli: Family Home, Historic Garden, Living Museum*
- The Museum has a Membership Monday event on Monday, May 3 at 5:30pm. It is free to members and \$10 for registrants. It is The real story of the Donner Party by Historian Marian Calabro.

Chair Fidrych asked about money received for the City from the fields being rented on the weekends, will those leagues be coming back for revenue purposes. Natasha responded that league play is interested in coming back. She anticipates that the regulars will be back in the fall but not at full capacity.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Doherty gave a thumbs up to the parks crew for getting the softball fields ready again for use.

Commissioner Beitz talked about JDM and had been there several times but noticed that the dogs are on leash and not too much out of control. He also noticed that there is the same dog issue observed and to keep an eye on it.

Commissioner Fidrych looked at the activity guide and was impressed with the different activities being offered that are both virtual and in-person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebekah Rodriguez

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary