

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by the Chair Bentson at 6:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Theresa Graham, Vice Chair Patricia Bentson, Chair Doc Davis, Commissioner Sam Bozzo, Commissioner
Absent	None

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The agenda was posted on March 14, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. February 20, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Theresa Graham, Vice Chair

SECONDER Doc Davis, Commissioner

AYES: Chair Bentson, Vice Chair Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Bozzo

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Doc Davis, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

AYES: Chair Bentson, Vice Chair r Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Bozzo

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Discussion of Standards and Qualities of Regulation Pickleball Courts

Assistant to City Administrator Atkins reviewed the staff report regarding the discussion of standards and qualities of regulation pickleball courts. He had contacted two pickleball governing organizations, USA Pickleball, and California Pickleball Association, to get additional information about pickleball court dimensions, equipment, and rules. Neither group followed up to his request. Mr. Atkins was able to locate the information online that he needed, such as the general size of a pickleball court; type of surface; lighting needed; court base material; and so forth. He also identified information that does not have specific requirements but will be incorporated into the scoring process such as posts, windscreens, shade shelters, spectator seating, and sound proofing.

Mr. Atkins also conducted an informal survey of players at Wheeler Gym about what they would like to see incorporated into a public pickleball court. They provided several suggestions including onsite restrooms; minimum number of courts needed; and seating.

Commissioners asked questions about what the scoring process entails; the potential conflict with tennis players; concerns about sound impact on neighbors; type of park pickleball should be located at (neighborhood park v. community park). No action was taken.

9.2. Review of FY24 and FY25 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Recreation Manager Henig reviewed the FY24 and FY25 Commission Work Plan. The updates to the Work Plan include the following:

- **Host Arbor Day** – Commissioner Bozzo would like to take the lead, working with staff. In addition, Commissioner Davis recommended that the event be held on Arbor Day next year.
- **Training Opportunities** – Chair Bentson will be the lead.
- **Participate in citywide events** – This will include all Commission members.
- **VTA Measure B Funds** – Recreation Manager Henig informed the Commission that the funding has been depleted with the contract of the GIS consultant. He recommended having Bike to Wherever Day be absorbed into Participate in Citywide Events. The Commission agreed.
- **Dedicated Funding Sources** – Chair Bentson and Commissioner Ramirez will be the lead. They will work together and come up with a plan that could include the need for a parks and recreation system master plan as well as a sales tax measure.

10. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

10.1. Recreation Division Updates

Mr. Henig provided the updates for the Recreation Division as described in his staff report.

10.2. Status of City Parks

Parks Supervisor Souza provided the following updates:

- Baseball fields are in the process of being prepared for Little League. Scoreboard and sound system are being repaired. New foul lines installed at Las Animas and Christmas Hill Park.
- The shade canopy at the amphitheater was torn and will be replaced.
- Parks staff is working on draining the excess water at Los Arroyos playground from the storm.
- Trees are being planted at the Garlic Festival incident memorial site at Christmas Hill Park.
- Tree work is taking place at Christmas Hill, San Ysidro, Sunrise, and El Roble.

11. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

11.1. Commissioner Park Assignments

The commissioners made the following comments about their parks:

- **Bentson:**
 - Del Rey – cement is still lifting around the playground area. Casper looks good.
- **Bozzo:**
 - Carriage Hills – wanted to know if it's reservable (it is not; first come, first serve)
 - El Roble – Tennis court is not in playable condition; staff is aware.
 - Miller – had a question about the restrooms.
- **Davis:**
 - Forest – looks terrific, however, saw paint peeling and rust on parts of the playground.
 - Hecker – Noticed the trees were trimmed at the dog park; lawn at dog park looks good; would like the poop can be moved away from the bench in the dog park; requested the water spigot location be fixed; and wanted to know about the status of Council approved funds for the dog park.
- **Graham:**
 - Farrell – noticed the garbage can was full and needed to be emptied.
 - Rainbow – looks good
 - Christmas Hill Park – trees in the back of the park look sick. Lots of soccer play happening.
- **Ramirez:**
 - Sports Park – looks fantastic
 - San Ysidro – looks good
 - Las Animas – noticed a fence post sticking out by dog park/Lakeside picnic area.

12. **STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

13. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

Chair Bentson requested that the Miller Red Barn Association return for a follow-up to their previous presentation.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bentson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary