

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Ramirez at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Luis Ramirez, Chair Javier Martinez, Vice Chair Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner Emily Miller, Commissioner Jorge Vargas, Commissioner Jesse Jimenz, Commissioner Theresa Graham, Commissioner (Arrived at 6:04)

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda and packet was posted on April 4, 2025.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. March 18, 2025

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Javier Martinez, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Chair

AYES: Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Jimenez

ABSENT: Commissioner Graham

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Chair

SECONDER Javier Martinez, Vice Chair

AYES: Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Jimenez

ABSENT: Commissioner Graham

7. **PRESENTATION ABOUT CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN**

Public Works Project Manager Ryan Osenton presented the latest information about the Civic Center Master Plan. There have been two workshops and there's one more scheduled on May 20. This is the date of regular P&R meeting and it was suggested that staff consider moving P&R to special meeting date of May 27.

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

Victoria Partida of the Santa Clara Public Health Department. She encouraged the commissioners to participate in a survey during Bike Awareness Month, which is funded through a federal active transportation grant to encourage walking and biking.

9. **NEW BUSINESS** - none.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1. **FY24 and FY25 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan**

The following work plan updates were shared:

- Participate in citywide events – Ramirez and Miller will be tabling at Earth Day on Saturday, April 19 at San Ysidro Park. Bike to Wherever Day will be held on May 15 at the levee by the Christmas Hill Park entrance.
- Review of establishing Pickleball facility – The Council received the official correspondence about the Commission's recommendation for the location of a future pickleball court.
- Storywalk – awaiting final signatures before moving forward with implementation.

11. **PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES**

11.1. Recreation Division

Henig presented his report that was included in the meeting packet.

11.2. Parks Division

Sousa presented his parks report that was included in the meeting packet.

12. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

The following comments were mentioned:

- **Bozzo** – Miller, inquired about status of protective barrier around Oak tree; Gateway, garbage in cans (park is being used); Carriage Hills, a few bags of garbage near the park.
- **Graham** – Sports Park – looks good; no more vans parked in the lot;
- **Jimenez** – San Ysidro look good; Forest – fantastic
- **Martinez** - Rainbow and Los Arroyos, look good; at Las Animas, replace basketball chains and paint the lines at handball/basketball courts. At San Ysidro, backside of handball courts has graffiti;
- **Miller** – Cydney Casper and Del Rey look good; At Del Rey, saw flooding following recent rains. Also, equipment at Del Rey needs to be updated, noticed graffiti on a bench; field looks good; PRC members meeting with GUSD about joint usage;
- **Ramirez** – El Roble looks beautiful; Sunrise beautiful park; broken pipe on lawn; Renz looks fine.
- **Vargas** – Nothing major to report; Christmas Hill lots of youth.

Commissioner Martinez brought up a funding opportunity for a wellness grant of up to \$5,000. He inquired to see if members of the Commission were interested in applying for

it. Public Works Director Doughty recommended they form a three-member ad-hoc committee to identify the project and write the grant. Ramirez proposed funding the recreation youth scholarships.

Ramirez proposed the formation of the committee and provide authorization to submit the grant on the Commission's behalf. Bozzo seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 to form a committee made up of Ramirez, Martinez and Bozzo.

13. STAFF COMMENTS

- 13.1. Upcoming Civic Center Master Plan workshop (5/20) and District-based Elections public hearings (4/21 and 5/5)

In addition to the upcoming master plan workshop and district-based election meetings, Commissioner Ramirez encouraged commissioners to attend the May 5 City Council meeting where the budget will be presented to the public.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary