

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Bentson at 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Theresa Graham, Vice Chair Patricia Bentson, Chair Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner
Absent	Doc Davis, Commissioner

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The agenda was posted on May 16, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. April 16, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

SECONDER Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Davis

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Davis

7. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1. **Receive a Notice of Acceptance of Completion for the San Ysidro Lighting/Picnic Area Improvements Project No. 23-PW-281**

Mr. Henig provided a brief overview of the report. There was a question about when the State would conduct its inspection for grant purposes. Henig cited the staff report, which said that the State is expected to perform the inspection within a year while the Project is still under warranty in case of any potential changes.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1. **Review of FY24 and FY25 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan**

Mr. Henig reviewed the Work Plan and the following topics were mentioned:

- **Arbor Day** – Commission recommends that Arbor Day be held at Rainbow Park in either September or October. Staff will return with a specific date at a future meeting.
- **Training Opportunities** – Henig mentioned the upcoming Bike Summit in South San Francisco. He will send information about it. Commissioners are invited to attend.
- **Citywide events** – Henig mentioned that the Commission could participate in the Downtown Live series. He will send dates to see who is interested in tabling.
- **Recreation & Parks dedicated revenue stream** – Commissioner Ramirez and Chair Bentson will meet separately to discuss the formation of a white paper that they can present to City Council in August. More information will be provided at the next Commission meeting.
- **Storywalk** – Staff will provide an update at the August meeting about the Storywalk.

10.2. **Establishing a List of Sites for Evaluation of Future Potential Pickleball Courts**

Mr. Atkins collected the pickleball sites evaluation scoring sheets from the commissioners who were present. He also requested their feedback on which sites would not be appropriate for this analysis. There were five that were removed from the list, leaving 15 possible park locations. The ones removed were: Butcher Park, Gateway Park, Rainbow Park, Renz Park, and Village Green Park.

Commissioners Bozzo and Ramirez informed the Commission and staff that they visited the pickleball courts at South Valley Middle School. They inquired what role this existing facility would have within this project. Henig and Atkins explained that since it was not City property, it would not be relevant to this specific project, however, it will be noted in the final staff report.

11. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

11.1. **Recreation Division Updates**

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

11.2. Status of City Parks

Mr. Sousa provided the following updates:

- **Christmas Hill Park** – A smaller restroom will be available to public soon; Pavilion restroom is being worked on and the plan is for the restroom building to be delivered at the end of June.
- **San Ysidro Park** – Refurbished handball courts by fixing the damaged concrete and peeling paint.
- **Hecker Pass Dog park** – Fence was moved around the water faucet.
- Several playgrounds received fiber bark for its playgrounds.
- Weed abatement is underway at several parks .
- The **Sports Park** scoreboard is getting fixed.
- The plaque for the pop-up park will be installed soon. A dedication ceremony is scheduled next week. The inclusive panels should arrive at the end of June.

12. **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ENCOURAGEMENT & EDUCATION** - none

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

The comments were made about the commissioner park assignments:

- **Bentson** –
 - Del Rey looked fine.
 - Cydney Casper – hopscotch was painted, and the fountain needs to be checked.
- **Graham** – parks look good.
- **Ramirez** – At Las Animas, noticed a motor biker making holes in grass; otherwise, park looks good.

14. **STAFF COMMENTS** - none

15. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

Chair Bentson requested that the Miller Red Barn Association be invited to present in June.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bentson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary