

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Javier Martinez, Vice Chair Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner Emily Miller, Commissioner Jorge Vargas, Commissioner Jesse Jimenz, Commissioner
Absent	Luis Ramirez, Chair

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting packet was posted on Friday, June 13, 2025. In addition, Henig mentioned that Ms. Graham resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. May 27, 2025

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Miller

SECONDER Commissioner Vargas,

AYES: Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Jimenez.

ABSENT: Chair Ramirez

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Jimenez

SECONDER Commissioner Bozzo

AYES: Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Jimenez.

ABSENT: Chair Ramirez

7. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

8. **PRESENTATION**

Santa Clara County Health Department – “Gilroy Moves Grant Activities”

Members of the Santa Clara County Health Department presented their project close out update on the Gilroy Moves grant program.

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

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1. **Mural Request on the Las Animas Veterans Park Handball Courts**

A presentation was made by staff member Bryce Atkins indicating that a private donor(s) were interested in funding three murals on the exterior walls of the Las Animas Veterans Park’s handball courts. Mr. Atkins explained that the mural design was presented and approved by the Arts and Culture Commission and that the Parks & Recreation Commission role was to recommend that the City Council permit the mural on the handball (park) facility. The mural would cover the three exterior walls of the handball court and would not impact play. The mural is being funded privately and would take approximately a month to complete. The City Council will have final approval at a future meeting. The artist was present and spoke about the design and the process.

Motion was made by Bozzo to approve the mural on the Las Animas handball court and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Following Commission discussion and deliberation, a friendly amendment was suggested by Commissioner Miller—the public should have an opportunity to have input on the mural’s design before it goes to City Council. Bozzo accepted the friendly motion amendment and Miller seconded. A roll call vote was requested. Each commissioner was in favor of the motion. Both Jimenez and Martinez requested that public input occur prior to City Council action. Motion passed 5-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Bozzo

SECONDER Commissioner Miller

AYES: Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Jimenez.

ABSENT: Chair Ramirez

10.2. **Las Animas Veterans Park Pickleball Courts Project**

Staff presented the four potential pickleball court locations at Las Animas Veterans Park. Doughty explained that with four courts, there may be funding for benches, shade structures, fencing, and lighting. With six courts, however, it will likely have less amenities since the additional costs will be absorbed in the construction of the six courts. Among the four potential locations, the Commission felt that number three was the best location, which staff also

supported through their own scoring system (Option number three received the highest score).

Vargas, Martinez, and Jimenez supported using some of existing space at the dog park. Miller recommended building six courts instead of four. Miller motioned to recommend location number three and to build six courts and use the existing dog park area. Vargas seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Miller

SECONDER Commissioner Vargas

AYES: Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Vargas, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Jimenez.

ABSENT: Chair Ramirez

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1. **FY26 and FY27 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan**

Henig reviewed the work plan staff report and went over each section of next year's work plan:

- Engaging the Community – nothing to report.
- Maintain and enhance existing park facilities – commissioners will continue to report on their park assignments.
- Establish permanent pickleball facilities – Somewhere between four and six pickleball courts will be built during FY26, per the budget adoption. To begin the process, PRC recommended building the courts near the dog park (location #3) during an earlier staff report.
- Planning for the future – A recreation assessment will be undertaken by the Administration Department.

12. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

12.1. Recreation Division Updates

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

12.2. Status of City Parks

Souza reviewed his report that was included in the meeting packet.

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

The following comments were made by commissioners:

- **Bozzo** - Visited three parks. Went to Miller. Noticed the restrooms are open daily. Gateway Park, observed beautiful lilies in bloom.
- **Jimenez** – Visited San Ysidro and Forest.
- **Martinez** – **Said staff was doing an “amazing job”** at maintaining Rainbow Park. Los Arroyos looks good. San Ysidro Park could use pressure washing of the steps and handball courts. Also mentioned that the South Heals issued a grant for \$5000 to support lower-income residents with a scholarship for a recreational activity.

- **Miller** – Sports Park looks fabulous. Noticed the knock downs were removed from levee entrance/exit; Del Rey, concrete is still uneven. Needs to be marked to avoid users from tripping. Casper looks fabulous. Wants a grabber and gloves.
- **Vargas - Noticed that the** handicap sign at Christmas Hill Park was fixed.

14. STAFF COMMENTS

Henig went over the three updates in the meeting packet. Miller and Jimenez would plan to attend the CPRS mini conference in November at the Morgan Hill Cultural Community Center.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary