

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Graham 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 Doc Davis, Commissioner
Absent	None

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The agenda was posted on June 13, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. May 21, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Chair

SECONDER Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

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

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Chair

SECONDER Dale Davis, Commissioner

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

7. **PRESENTATION**

7.1. The Miller Red Barn Association (Part II)

The members of the Miller Red Barn Association discussed what they are currently working on (installation of interpretive panels) and their plans for the future. Various questions were asked by commissioners about the Barn's needs and how the City can support them.

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

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1. **Potential Pickleball Court Evaluation Project - Forms Distribution**

Mr. Atkins distributed the pickleball court location scoring sheets. Commissioners have until the August 20 meeting to visit and score all 15 possible locations. The scoring is done on a 1 to 10 scale, 10 being the highest. Commissioners were instructed when rating a location to assume there will only be one court built.

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

Mr. Henig reviewed the Commission's Work Plan and the following updates were mentioned:

- **Arbor Day** will be held at Rainbow Park in the early fall.
- **Training opportunities** – Silicon Valley Bicycle Summit will be held on August 29 in South San Francisco. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- **Study opportunities for dedicated funding for Parks and Recreation** – Chair Bentson met with Executive Staff Liaison Heba El-Guindy to discuss the topic. Bentson was given letters of support to sign for a park-related grant opportunity.

11. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

11.1. **Recreation Division Updates**

Mr. Henig provided an update of the Recreation Division as described in his staff report.

11.2. **Status of City Parks**

Parks Supervisor John Sousa provided the following updates:

- Christmas Hill Park –
 - Restrooms at Mulberry are being installed on Wednesday, June 19. The other restrooms will open the following week.
- Parks has hired two new staff.
- The handball courts at San Ysidro Park have been refurbished.
- There will be more benches added to the Dog Park.

- There is dedication ceremony at the pop park on Saturday, June 22. The inclusive playground panels are going to be installed prior to the ceremony.
- The playground fiber project has been completed.

12. **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ENCOURAGEMENT & EDUCATION**

None.

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

Commissioners made comments the following comments about their park assignments:

- **Bentson** – At Del Rey, the cement is still lifted near playground area. At Casper, there are trees missing. She also noted the hopscotch was painted.
- **Bozzo** – At Carriage Hills, saw basketball being played on the court. Noted there was a lot of soccer players at Miller Park.
- **Graham** – Christmas Hill Park looked great. Enjoyed seeing that Rainbow, Los Arroyos, and Las Animas were relatively clean and mowed.
- **Ramirez** – Las Animas looked good. He noted that the bridge in the park may need to be evaluated by city staff. There was graffiti by the bench.

14. **STAFF COMMENTS**

No meeting in July.

15. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

Bentson requested that the Commission consider penning a supportive letter to the City Council about the economic benefits of the Red Barn. The rest of the commission is supportive of it.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bentson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary