

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Ermelindo Puente, Commissioner Luis Ramirez, Chair Pat Bentson, Vice Chair Theresa Graham, Commissioner Vince Sasso, Commissioner
Absent	Kortney Hodge, Commissioner

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The agenda packet was published on July 7, 2023.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. June 20, 2023

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Pat Bentson, Commissioner

SECONDER Ermelindo Puente, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Bentson, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Puente, Chair Ramirez, Commissioner Saso

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Pat Bentson, Commissioner

SECONDER Ermelindo Puente, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Bentson, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Puente, Chair Ramirez, Commissioner Saso

7. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

Rosie Bowers talked about dog parks in Gilroy. She would like to see improvements made to the Third Street Park dog park location. She recommends installing a water source

inside the fencing area; creating a shade structure; and adding seating in the small dog park area. The Commission informed her that they had submitted a proposal for dog park improvements during the budget cycle. Council granted it, however, the amount that will be allocated is currently unknown. Staff will look into it.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1. **Review of Commissioner Responsibilities and Role**

Henig reviewed the commissioner's roles and responsibilities.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1. **Review of 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan**

Henig went over updates to the current work plan:

- **Arbor Day** – There's no date set yet for Arbor Day. Henig is hoping to have one for the next meeting.
- **Training Opportunities** – Two commissioners, Ramirez and Graham, will attend the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Summit in August.
- **Coffee in the Park** – Henig explained that the event is postponed. Due to the nature of it, the event would have to be treated like a special meeting. A future date will be announced.
- **Dog Park** – Henig will follow up with the Commission regarding the budget proposal that was submitted to Council and find out how much funding will be allocated for improvements to the Third Street Dog Park.

11. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

11.1. **Recreation Division Updates**

Henig reviewed the report enclosed in the meeting packet.

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

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

These are the following park updates provided to staff:

- Bentson – Dead tree still on Silva's Crossing at CHP. Wants to know when the restroom will be fixed at CHP. Cydney Casper looks good, lots of use; noticed graffiti at the basketball court and graffiti near the entrance on the "leaf." Del Rey is less busy during the summer. Was told that when the City is doing cement work they'll also patch up Del Rey. Wants to know when.
- Graham – Sports Park looks great, likes new playground material. El Roble looks good.
- Puente – Renz water fountain isn't working. Graffiti on water fountain too. At Butcher, there's too many cars parked there. Farrell looks good. Miller, the street light is not working by the restroom. Also, the bottom of the bathroom door is exposed and needs to be fixed. The trees need to be

trimmed by the electrical wires; could cause a fire. On Monterey and 1st Street, the first four street lights are out, starting from King's Hotel.

- Ramirez – No one is present at the dog park at Las Animas. El Roble looked very dry.
- Sasso - Los Arroyos looked excellent. Forest is clean, but noticed lights are always on.

14. STAFF COMMENTS

Henig reminded the Commission about the Parks & Recreation Commission presentation on August 7. Also, he provided an update about the idea for the weekly e-newsletter, highlighting a park on a monthly basis.

15. FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS

Bentson would like to add for the next meeting selecting a date and time for the annual parks and recreation staff appreciation breakfast.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary