

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | 6:15 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Bentson at 6:15 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Patricia Bentson, Chair Theresa Graham, Vice Chair Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Doc Davis, Commissioner Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner
Absent	None

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Parks and Recreation Commission agenda was posted on Friday, September 13, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

SECONDER Dale Davis, Commissioner

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

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

None.

7. **PRESENTATION**

- 7.1. **A presentation by Heba El-Guindy, Public Works Director, on the City's applications for Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds for the following projects:**
- 1. Development of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan, and**
 - 2. Multi-modal Improvements on Monterey Road within the City Limits.**

The presentation highlighted the two ATP grant applications submitted to the California Department of Transportation in June of this year. The grant program aims to meet increased active transportation, increased safety and decreased greenhouse gasses objectives. Public Works Director thanked the Commission Chair for the letters of support accompanied the ATP grant applications.

El-Guindy noted that Monterey Road within the city limits was identified as a priority safety corridor based on the collisions data and a major regional thoroughfare that runs parallel to

US 101. The majority of Monterey Road is proposed to have Class II buffered bike lanes except within the Downtown area where Class III is provided. Other proposed improvements include new sidewalks where missing, accessible curb ramps, new streetlights, new crossing controlled by a HAWK signal across Monterey Road at 9th Street, and enhancements to signage and pavement markings.

The second grant application aims to fund the development of a City of Gilroy Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan, covering infrastructure improvements including ADA considerations and non-infrastructure needs, including traffic safety education. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan will help in planning for complete streets that serve all road users equitably regardless of socio-economic status or physical abilities.

Recommended ATP grant funding awards are anticipated to be announced in November of 2024 for statewide awards, and in January of 2025 for additional Bay Area/regional awards.

There were questions taken by Public Works Director El-Guindy from Commissioners related to the background of the grant program and clarifications of the bike lane improvements. The Commission members shared their support for the grant applications offering the following recommendations:

- Commissioner Ramirez shared that Monterey Road is dangerous with increasing traffic and noted his strong support of the associated grant application.
- Vice Chair Graham expressed her strong favor to the grant opportunity. She noted how this grant could fund safety improvements for seniors using Monterey Road and VTA bus stop on the corridor.
- Commissioner Bozzo shared that Monterey Oaks, a senior housing, had no sidewalks or safe crossing of Monterey Road. He is in favor of both grant applications.
- Chair Bentson confirmed her approval and support of the grant applications, including an appreciation to the Public Works staff for their diligence and desire to establish a safe multi-modal transportation network.

Chair Bentson called for a motion to support the two grant applications.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Chair

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bentson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Gilroy.

AH
/s/Adam Henig
Recreation Manager