



CITY OF GILROY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 | 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
7351 ROSANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020

Chair: Luis Ramirez

Vice Chair: Patricia Bentson

Commissioners: Theresa Graham, Kortney Hodge, Ermelindo Puente, Vince Sasso

Staff Liaisons: Karl Bjarke and Adam Henig

Mission Statement

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Gilroy is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens by promoting planning, acquisition, development, and sustainability of parks, trails, cultural, historical and other recreational areas. The commission embraces wellness and recreation, park safety, and inclusiveness for all ages and abilities because Parks Make Life Better.



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The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **FLAG SALUTE**
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. July 18, 2023
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
7. **INTRODUCTIONS**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. **Parks and Recreation Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by Parks and Recreation Commission**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: The Commission will motion to determine if they will host a parks and recreation staff appreciation breakfast.
 - 9.2. **Input on Future Outdoor Pickleball Courts**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Review and comment on future options for outdoor pickleball courts.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 10.1. **Further Commission Input on Proposed Dog Park Improvements**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Motion to make recommendations to staff about specific enhancements to proposed dog park improvements.

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

1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
2. Public Comment
3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on the 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

11. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

11.1. Recreation Division Updates

11.2. Status of City Parks

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

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

14. **STAFF COMMENTS**

15. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

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



City of Gilroy

Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Parks and Recreation Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission will motion to determine if they will host a parks and recreation staff appreciation breakfast.

BACKGROUND

Since 2017, the Parks and Recreation Commission has hosted an appreciation breakfast buffet for the city's parks and recreation staff (except during the pandemic). If approved, commissioners will need to decide on a date and who is bringing what to the event. The City will provide plates and utensils. Typically, the breakfast runs between 9:00-10:30am. at the Gilroy Senior Center.



City of Gilroy Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Input on Future Outdoor Pickleball Courts
Meeting Date: September 19, 2023
From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Review and comment on future options for outdoor pickleball courts.

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, during the Covid-19 restrictions, the City of Gilroy Recreation's indoor adult pickleball program at Wheeler Gym was suspended due to the prohibition of indoor activities. To provide an opportunity for pickleball activities to continue, the City permitted the temporary use of Tennis Courts 5 and 6 at Las Animas Park until the Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed and pickleball could resume indoors at Wheeler Gym.

During the summer of 2021, a pickleball group, who were playing at Las Animas, presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission about the need for permanent pickleball lines and/or outdoor courts in Gilroy for public use. Due to heavy demand, it has caused, according to the group, scheduling and territorial conflicts between tennis and pickleball players. The pickleball group proposed the following options:

- Lining the tennis courts at Sunrise Park for pickleball. The existing tennis lines would remain in place.
- Lining the tennis courts (5 and 6) at Las Animas.
- Repaving the tennis court at El Roble Park.
- Utilizing the tennis courts at Gavilan College and/or Gilroy Unified School District

No action was taken, however, City staff met with members of the Gilroy Tennis Club and received feedback about the impacts pickleball has had at Las Animas Veterans Park. It was determined that the makeshift lines from tape that were applied to the tennis courts, leaving a permanent residue on the surface, necessitated Courts 5 and 6 to be resurfaced.

On September 2021, indoor pickleball play at Wheeler resumed. With Covid restrictions relaxed, it was determined by City staff the tennis courts at Las Animas would return to their previous status as “tennis-only” use following the resurfacing. City staff notified pickleball players by email and posted signage to inform them about the changes.

In December 2021, the tennis courts at Sunrise Park were lined with pickleball courts on a trial basis, creating multi-usage. It was agreed upon that the program would be temporarily implemented for 30 days. City staff sought feedback from the public; most opinions submitted were in favor of keeping the pickleball lines at Sunrise. To date, the pickleball lines at Sunrise have remained and have been heavily utilized by residents.

In January 2022, the Parks & Recreation Commission discussed the various options, which were the following:

1. Lining Tennis Courts 5 and 6 at Las Animas
2. Permanently Lining Courts at Sunrise
3. Renovate El Roble’s two tennis courts and become four dedicated pickleball courts
4. No outdoor pickleball lining or dedicated court usage allowed at City parks

The commission voted unanimously to support having permanent pickleball court lines at Sunrise Park. None of the commissioners were in favor of adding pickleball courts to Las Animas. They also supported keeping indoor pickleball available at Wheeler, which is currently offered during the school year on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. There’s a \$10 drop-in fee (and a discount if you pay for a group pass).

ANALYSIS

Status of Pickleball at Sunrise Park

Despite the temporary pickleball lines at Sunrise, a long-term solution has not yet been developed. Recently, the City received a request to revisit the option of establishing pickleball play at Las Animas, specifically on courts 5 and 6. The requestor contended that the courts are currently “unused, and underutilized.” According to him, he’s part of a group of approximately 30 pickleball players who frequent Sunrise Park on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. There’s also a group of approximately 20 players who frequent the courts the same days but in the afternoon.

Since there are four courts to play on, half the players are unable to play at any given moment. In addition, there are other limitations at Sunrise—no restrooms, limited parking, no night lighting, and no windscreen to minimize the wind gusts.

Status of Other Potential Park Locations

1. Lining Tennis Courts 5 and 6 at Las Animas

- Supportive
 - Conducive to accommodating large and diverse park user groups.
 - Ample parking, restroom access, and lighting
 - Centrally located

- Multi-usage
- Challenges
 - When these courts were used prior, it led to conflict with tennis players
 - Could negatively impact courts, leading to resurfacing (\$10,000)
 - The Gilroy Tennis Club would be ineligible for United States Tennis Association (USTA) funding or to host USTA tournaments on courts 5 and 6 since it “does not fund tennis courts with pickleball lines, basketball lines, or any other sport lines on them.” Depending on USTA requirements, there may need to be a minimum number of tennis courts required to host a tournament.
- 2. **Renovate Existing Tennis Courts at El Roble Park** – El Roble Park features two tennis courts that are no longer in use due to uneven surfaces and significant cracks in the pavement.
 - Supportive
 - Dedicated pickleball courts (no conflict with tennis players)
 - Centrally located
 - Challenges
 - It’s a neighborhood park that only provides street parking; does not have access to restrooms and provides no nighttime lighting.
 - Estimated cost is \$80,000. No funding currently available.
- 3. **Build Pickleball Court at a City Park** – The City of Morgan Hill was also faced with a lack of pickleball courts within their city. Last year, Morgan Hill’s Parks and Recreation Commission weighed in on their options, which were:
 - Use existing tennis courts and repurpose the court with pickleball lines.
 - Add lines to the existing basketball court at Community Park
 - Build a new court.

Their commission supported adding lines to their basketball courts as a short-term solution with a recommendation to fund the construction of four dedicated pickleball courts through the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Morgan Hill City Council recently approved the funding for the pickleball court through their CIP, which will be built adjacent to the basketball courts at Community Park. The project—construction, design plans, CEQA analysis—is expected to cost \$400,000.

If the City of Gilroy were to identify a location and add the project to their CIP, the cost of constructing a pickleball court would likely be similar. Currently, it is not included in the list of projects for the CIP. Although further research would need to be conducted, potential sites would include Farrell Avenue (street parking, no restrooms) and Christmas Hill Park Ranch Site (parking, restrooms).



City of Gilroy

Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Further Commission Input on Proposed Dog Park Improvements

Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to make recommendations to staff about specific enhancements to proposed dog park improvements

BACKGROUND

During the planning for the City's FY24 and FY25 budget adoption, the Commission was asked to submit a budget request for a parks and/or recreation project. The Commission selected making improvements to the Third Street Park (off Hecker Pass) Dog Park.

On April 26, 2023, a committee made up of three members from the Parks and Recreation Commission identified specific items for the budget request toward dog park improvements. Given that both city dog parks—Las Animas Veterans Park and Third Street—need substantial capital improvements, the Committee recommended to the Commission these funds would have the most impact if it were applied to a single park rather than divide it between them. The committee recommended that \$50,000 be allocated toward the Third Street Park since it currently attracts more patrons on a regular basis.

Prior to the meeting, the committee members conducted an informal survey of dog park users and found that two of the biggest challenges were a lack of shade and seating at the park. To fill this void, the committee recommended the following items be included in the Parks and Recreation Commission's budget request:

- Three 20-foot-tall specimen trees (\$6k each) = \$18,000
- Three 6-foot long, steel seat cast bench (\$2k each) = \$6,000
- One 46-inch 4-person picnic table with umbrella insert = \$2,000
- Concrete pad to provide foundation for additional seating = \$24,000

The pad, shade and seating shall be installed in the middle of the dog park. The lack of shade and seating diminishes opportunities for socialization as well as preventing older

adults and those with a walking disability from attending.

The City Council agreed to fund the proposed dog park project at Third Street Park, however, a specific dollar amount was not provided. Council agreed to allocate \$100,000 for general park improvements, which a portion will be used toward the dog park.

ANALYSIS

The Commission is being asked to provide input on the amenities they would like to see. The two recommended specimen trees staff recommends are:

- California Sycamore, *Plantainus Racemose*:
 - Height 20' – 100'
 - Grows well in the local area
 - Tolerates living in many different soil conditions.
- Shumard Oak, *Quercus Shumardii*
 - Height 40' – 60'
 - Grows well in the local area
 - Tolerates living in many different soil conditions.

For picnic tables, staff recommends the following:

- Round Concrete Picnic Table
- 72" Concrete Picnic Table
- Square Concrete Picnic Table

For park benches, staff recommends the following:

- Cast Leg without a back bench
- Cast leg with a back and arm rest bench

Attachments:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Budget Input Memo – April 2023
2. Map of proposed locate of improvements.



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April 27, 2023

To: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator

Subject: Follow-up about Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Input Memo

On April 26, a committee made up of three members from the Parks and Recreation Commission identified specific items they would recommend for their budget request of \$50,000 toward city dog park improvements. Given that both city dog parks—Las Animas Veterans Park and Hecker Pass/Third Street—need substantial capital improvements, these funds would have the most impact if it were applied to a single park rather than divide it upon the two. The committee recommended that the funds go toward the Hecker Pass Park since it currently attracts more patrons on a regular basis.

Prior to the meeting, the committee members conducted an informal survey of Hecker Pass dog park users and found that two of the biggest challenges were a lack of shade and seating at the park.

To address this need, in the middle of the gated area is a meeting space (see image on page 2) that provides a suitable location to offer shade and seating. The lack of either diminishes opportunities for socialization as well as preventing older adults and those with a walking disability from attending. To fill this void, the committee recommends the following items be included in the Parks and Recreation Commission's budget request:

- Three 20-foot-tall specimen trees (\$6k each) = \$18,000
- Three 6-foot long, steel seat cast bench (\$2k each) = \$6,000
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Sincerely,

Adam Henig
Staff Liaison, Parks & Recreation Commission

CC: Daryl Jordan, Public Works Director
Matt Jones, Deputy Public Works Director



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Location of proposed budget items at Hecker Pass Park



Hecker Pass Park

Dog Park



Hecker Pass Dog Park





City of Gilroy Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Review of 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan
Meeting Date: September 19, 2023
From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and comment on the 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a retreat and developed a new work plan, which will reflect on what the Commission will be working on during the calendar year. The work plan was formally adopted on March 28, 2023.

The Commission's work plan is aligned with the current City Council priorities:

- Develop a Financially Resilient Organization that Relies on Local Revenues and Resources
- Maintain and Improve City Infrastructure Including Streets, Facilities, and Incorporates Green Energy Practices
- Promote Economic Development Activities that Create Opportunities for Quality Employment and Increase the City's Tax Base
- Ensure Neighborhood Equity from City Services Including Public Safety, Streets, Parks, and Recreation
- Promote Availability of Safe, Affordable Housing for all Gilroy Residents

At each monthly meeting, the Commission will review its work plan to ensure the assignments are completed or in the process of being completed.

ANALYSIS

Here are latest happenings of the work plan:

- **Coffee in the Park** – The committee recommended postponing Coffee in the Park to Saturday, July 29. However, staff was notified that if four or more commissioners were planning to attend, it would need to become a special meeting. The event was postponed.

- **Study Dog Parks** – The Commission is being asked to weigh in on the specifics of their budget request. See dog park staff report in this meeting packet.
- **Citywide Opportunities** – Commissioner Saso participated in Party in the Park 2023 at San Ysidro Park.
- **Training Opportunities & VTA Measure B Funds** - Chair Ramirez and Recreation Manager Henig attended the 2023 Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Summit in August at the Mountain View Community Center.

Attachments:

1. PRC 2023 Work Plan as of 9.5.23

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CURRENT WORK PLAN

Project Name	Work	Lead Commissioner/ Staff	Deliverable in 12 months	City Council Priority	Status
Host Arbor Day	Develop a community event around Arbor Day; Tout achievements (background on Arbor Day)	Commissioners & Adam	Identify park to host and celebrate Arbor Day event.	Improve City infrastructure; Neighborhood Equity	Awaiting an update from Parks Division
Training Opportunities for Commissioners	Participate in parks and recreation training opportunities	Pat/Adam/Terry	Inform commissioners about upcoming opportunities; participate in trainings	N/A	Chair and Staff attended 2023 Silicon Valley Bicycle Summit in August in Mountain View
Coffee in the Park	Meet with park users and discuss ways to improve the safety and usage of the park. Commissioners share feedback	Luis & Ermelindo	1) Select date and park (LAVP) 2) Develop plan for the event 3) Contact neighbors 4) Gather feedback 5) Report to Council; For event, use post-in notes to address resident concerns, have Spanish interpreter & PD representative, and coffee/deserts	Ensure neighborhood equity	Postponed; Due to nature of event, required to become a special meeting
Monitor City parks	Share observations about parks at monthly meetings; commissioners are responsible for reporting on their park assignments at monthly meetings; utilize checklist	Commissioners	Commissioners have been assigned two or more parks to report on at each meeting	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	Assignments have been updated to reflect newly appointed commissioners
Participate in Citywide Events	Meet and greet residents at special events in the City; inform residents about the Commission & parks and recreation	Commissioners	Downtown Live; Breakfast with Santa (December); Senior Center; creek clean-up	N/A	Commissioner Saso participated in Party in the Park 2023 at San Ysidro Park.
VTA Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Encouragement Fund	Submit project ideas to VTA for consideration of Measure B funds; eligible projects must be focused on pedestrian and bicycle education and encouragement	Adam	PRC will participate hosting an energizer station at Bike to Wherever Day on May 18 at Christmas Hill Park Levee	N/A	City of Gilroy Recreation hosted energizer station at Bike to Wherever Day 2023; Chair & Staff attended SVBC 2023 Summit
Study Dog Parks	Commission will review the City's two current dog parks and consider options for a future one.	Luis, Terry, Terence, Ermelindo	Look into the problems with the current dog parks at Las Animas and Hecker Pass parks. Identify potential solutions and cost estimates. Gather feedback from users.	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	Committee recommended 4 items (trees, bench, picnic bench, concrete pad) for budget input to Council. Staff seeking input on specific items
Update "Gift and Sponsorship Policy"	Commission will review and make recommended changes to the current Gift and Sponsorship Policy.	Adam	Update current policy and, once finalized, recommend it to City Council	Develop financially	No update

Items Discussed but not adopted

- Increase participation in recreation programs
- Expand youth scholarship program

Revised September 5, 2023

- Partner with schools
- Paint footprints around playground structure
- Identify playgrounds that need shade structure
- Volunteer with the Adaptive Program



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The following updates since the previous commissioner meeting are from the Recreation Division.

- **Summer Programs:** We offered scores of summer camps this year that included cooking, basketball, science, Lego, chess, ninja, dance, and a traditional day camp. In addition, there were other program offerings for youth, teens, and seniors. Enrollment and fees for our fee-based programs rose in comparison to last year:
 - **2022**
 - Total number of registered participants: 1,140
 - Total revenue generated: \$159,095
 - **2023**
 - Total number of registered participants: 1,463
 - Total revenue generated: \$207,771
- **Recent Special Events:**
 - **Party in the Park** (July 22) – Close to 1,000 people and 35 social service agencies attended this year's Party in the Park at San Ysidro Park. Commissioner Saso and Staff Member Henig assisted with traffic patrol.



**Party in the Park
2023**



- **National Night Out** – Tuesday, August 1 at the Civic Center Paseo. The Recreation Division helped with the event organization and tabled, interacting with hundreds of participants.
- **Senior Center Rodeo and School Days** - Hundreds of seniors participated in the Rodeo Days (August) and School Days event (September) at the Senior Center.



- **Ted Carpenetti Room** – will be held on Friday, September 15. More information will be included at the October meeting.
- **Aquatics Center** – The 2023 swim season came to an end on Labor Day weekend. More than 6,000 users—90% of whom were residents—attended the Aquatics Center this summer. Total attendance increased from 6,177 (2022) to 6,299 (2023). With the activation of the water slides this year, gate entry for recreation swim increased by 5%. The pool was operated through a third-party provider, Swimming Swan, Inc.
- **Save the Date** – Breakfast with Santa, Saturday December 9.