

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024, | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called by Chair Bentson at 6:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted on November 14, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. October 15, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

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

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

SECONDER Theresa Graham, Commissioner

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

7. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1. **Proposed Special Event to be Added to Current Work Plan**

This item was added to this month's agenda at the October meeting. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) are planning to collaborate with the Gilroy Garden Group, who have been hosting a garden sale at the Christmas Hill Park Ranch Site for the previous three years. They would like to expand the event into an Earth Day celebration in April 2025. The Commission expressed interest in supporting the event in some capacity. The Garden Group noted that there are several other groups who are also interested in participating in this event: Beekeepers Association, FFA, Recology, Our City Forest, Master Gardeners, and Valley Water.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Pat Bentson, Commissioner

SECONDER Salvatore (Sam) Bozzo, Commissioner

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

9.2. **Approval of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule**

Henig presented the staff report. Realizing that they would not have a quorum if they had a meeting in January since Bentson is termed out and the appointments won't occur until January 27, the Commission requested that Bentson stay on until a replacement is officially made. As a result, the Commission would like to have this item return to them in March once the newest commissioners are in place.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Pat Bentson, Commissioner

SECONDER Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

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

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

The following items were discussed:

- **Participate in Citywide Events** – All commissioners are planning to participate in Breakfast with Santa on December 7 at the Senior Center.
- **Review of establishing a Pickleball Facility** – Bentson will sign the memo that highlights their findings and will be submitted on behalf of the Commission for Council Correspondence.
- **Earth Day event in April 2025** – the Commission will add this event to their work plan.

11. **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

11.1. **Recreation Division Updates**

Staff Liaison Henig presented his staff report.

11.2. Status of City Parks

Parks Supervisor Sousa presented his staff report.

12. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

The following comments were made:

- **Graham** – parks look great; No graffiti. Red Barn – concerned about the isolation of it. El Roble – lots of branches at Rainbow near the park.
- **Bentson** – Calle Del Rey, she inquired when the cement work will be completed.
- **Bozzo** – no report.
- **Ramirez** – San Ysidro Park look great; at Las Animas, clothes were found on grass on Church Street side, the ball field was unusually wet, the tennis courts are dark at night on walking paths, parking lot night lighting is dim, and Wanted to know if that can be brighter.

13. **STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

14. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Benston adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary