

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021, 4:00 PM
REMOTE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM**

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Topic: Parks and Open Space Committee Regular Meeting

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OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity for any citizen to briefly address the Parks and Open Space Committee on any matter that does not appear on this agenda. Upon being recognized by the Chair, please state your name, address, and limit your oral statement to no more than three minutes. Matters that appear to warrant a more lengthy presentation or Committee consideration may be agendaized for further discussion at a later meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of May 13, 2021, Regular Meeting.
2. Comments from the Chair, Bryan Kemnitzer.
3. Nomination and Election of New Committee Chair and Vice Chair.
4. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director.

Old Business:

5. Continued discussion and possible action regarding planting projects along Lagoon Road.
 - a) Planting opposite BLPOA Boathouse
 - b) Planting at Tom Price Park parking lot
 - c) Benches in Tom Price Park
6. Update from Tress, Vegetation, and Views Subcommittee and discussion of related matters.
7. Discussion regarding cleanup efforts for Centennial Park. Topics may include the following:
 - a) Holly Tree
 - b) Volunteer cleanup day in July
 - c) Irrigation
 - d) Landscape architectural assistance with additional planting and site plans
8. Continued discussion of Artist's View; receive update from Staff.

New Business:

9. Discussion of City utilizing landscape architect to provide assistance for small projects. Example: a) Park Lane, b) Oak Mini Park.

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MINUTES

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Chair Bryan Kemnitzer, Vice Chair Anne-Marie Walker, Jena Watson, Jean Bordon, Kathy Pearson, Mario Valente, and Carolyn Lund

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director Robert Zadnik, Council Liaison and Mayor James Campbell, Alternate Council Liaison Jim Lynch and Office Coordinator Christina Cook

These minutes are intended to reflect the general content of the regular meeting. An audio file of the meeting is available on the City website at www.Cityofbelvedere.org

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.
Chair Kemnitzer read the COVID-19 disclaimer and special instructions for Zoom webinars.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Public Works Director Zadnik. Committee Member Watson signed in at 4:03 PM.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Kemnitzer asked Director Zadnik if there were any public comments received by email; there was none. Chair Kemnitzer then called for additional comments, and William Rothman stated that he wished to speak. Dr. Rothman stated his disappointment that there has been no carcinogen dialogue with City Council. He then spoke about Chair Kemnitzer moving forward with the playground plans and that the ballot initiative is moving forward with signatures for a vote on the subject. No others wished to speak.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of March 11, 2021 regular meeting.

Chair Kemnitzer called for Committee and Public Comment, there was none.

MOTION: Committee Member Walker made motion to approve with correction, Committee Member Pearson seconded the motion, and Director Zadnik took roll call. Minutes were approved with the following vote.

AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, Watson, Valente, and Lund

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Comments from the Chair, Bryan Kemnitzer.

None currently

3. Report from Robert Zadnik, Public Works Director.

Director Zadnik reviewed active projects including seawall weeding and maintenance. He continued by stating that the TVV Subcommittee has put together good ideas to support the City with vegetation pruning in public areas; He stated that the City is also working with the Fire Department with problem areas, including a second round of tree debris cleanup at Artist's View for the end of June.

Committee Member Pearson brought up some areas by the seawall that needed pruning and wanted to know if those areas could be added to the work schedule.

Committee Member Bordon inquired about the operations and CIP budget for the coming fiscal year. Director Zadnik commented that projects important to the City are carried over into the next year's budget.

Committee Member Walker stated that she was excited that the dead Pine tree was removed on Park Lane. She also commented about the fragile stairs and funding for their maintenance and upkeep. Director Zadnik said those funds will roll forward to the new year and that the annual budget for dead tree removal is steadily increasing.

Committee Member Lund commented that this is the last meeting end of FY 20/21. The next meeting will include new members, new chair, fresh ideas, and a new direction. She reminded the Committee of their mission, among other concerns. Chair Kemnitzer said her comments raised very good points.

Chair Kemnitzer asked for committee comment. Committee Member Walker said that in lieu of monthly meetings members and the public should sign up to do specific items on the agenda. Chair Kemnitzer called on Mayor Campbell to comment, and he commented that these items could be agendaized for future discussion.

No public comment

4. Discussion and possible action regarding planting projects along Lagoon Road.

Chair Kemnitzer stated there were three items on this topic.

1. Two park benches at Tom Price Park are being ordered
2. Planting and irrigation should be done in the next few weeks
3. Parking lot plantings are available through local growers

Chair Kemnitzer called for any further comment from the committee or the public. William Rothman stated that he was not acknowledge during the last item and asked if he could now comment. He then inquired on how the City can budget for the playground when we do not have any money.

No action was taken

5. Committee Member Walker initiated discussion and possible action regarding the TVV Task Force survey and progress on the following items.

1. Fuel load reduction
2. Noticing of properties with dead trees
3. Invasive plant removal
4. View restoration

She requested help from the Committee in assisting with these projects and shared ideas to bring the Committee and community together.

Committee Member Lund asked about specifics on removal of invasive plants. Removal techniques were discussed as well as putting together work parties. It was decided that work would be done on Artist's View if the City's volunteer group policies allowed it. There was further discussion on particulars of the project and a reminder of the Chipper Days program.

Chair Kemnitzer called for any further comment from the committee or the public. Bill Rothman commented about the blackberries being enjoyed along the bike path at San Rafale Avenue. There was further discussion of pruning the blackberries, different species, and appropriate locations for picking and enjoying the berries.

Committee Member Pearson agreed to work on view restorations.

No further public comment

No action taken

6. Update and discussion on the status of Fletcher Design with regard to Artist's View.

Director Zadnik gave an update. He stated Fletcher Design schedule is still in discovery capturing information on the topography of the site. He discussed an upcoming meeting with the Committee and Staff to review the 3D model that will be generated from their research, along with the work task of developing different alignment options. Following that meeting, another would be scheduled involving the public and specifically the neighbors of the project to get their input on the proposed options. After these meetings, the item would return to City Council.

This topic was opened for questions. Chair Kemnitzer asked if there would be public input before plans were made. Director Zadnik shared that there is a limited budget for this phase; however, there is one public meeting and one internal meeting built into the work plan.

Chair Kemnitzer called for public comment. Klaus Johannsmeier commented on continued trespassing and littering on Artist's View property. He also wanted to know if the public would have a chance to comment on the environmental report made on the Artist's View project.

There was no further Committee or Public Comment, and no motion was made.

7. Continued discussion and possible motion regarding a recommendation to City Council to amend Administrative Policy Manual 20.3 - Guidelines for Public Memorials.

Chair Kemnitzer asked Committee Member Bordon for a brief presentation. Jean referenced a marked-up version of the policy that was included in the agenda packet and the changes that would be made.

Chair Kemnitzer made a short comment reviewing the policy and timeline for approvals.

Chair called for Committee and Public Comment. There was public comment from Klaus Johannsmeier. He expressed his thoughts on the reason for the previous moratorium and any further benches to be installed.

MOTION: Committee Member Walker made a motion to adopt the changes as proposed as presented by Committee Member Bordon to the referenced section of the administrative code. Committee Member Watson seconded the motion.

AYES: Kemnitzer, Pearson, Bordon, Walker, Watson, Valente, and Lund

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Review of existing policies for use of Community Park with regard to sports activities; consider a motion to recommend that City Council amend or develop City policies to limit specific sport activities in Community Park.

Chair Kemnitzer discussed a complaint received by a resident that was included in packet. Director Zadnik was called on by Chair Kemnitzer for his comments. Director Zadnik referenced the memo in the Agenda Packet and asked for recommendations from the Committee on this specific topic. Committee Member Bordon wanted to know if this activity would slow down after COVID. Director Zadnik stated that this was unclear, but reminded the Committee that for-profit lessons are not allowed within City Parks. There was discussion of allowable activities at City parks and Committee Member Valente suggested a reminder of the policy may be sufficient to curb the issue.

No public comment

No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM by a unanimous vote.



Fennel:

Native to: Europe

Impacts: competitive plant that excludes native vegetation and is food for birds and rats

CAL IPC: high invasiveness

Reproduction: seeds, roots, crowns

Control: Dig all parts out

Brooms:

Native to: Europe and Africa

Impacts: competitive plant that excludes native plants

Cal IPC: high invasiveness

Reproduction: seeds and stems

Control: hand pull with Weed Wrench or Brush Grubber or pick axe

Himalayan blackberry:

Native to: Asia

Impacts: Spreads aggressively in large masses and hosts Pierce Disease and rats

Cal IPC: High Invasiveness

Reproduction: seeds, roots, vines fragments, rhizomes

Control: repeated tillage but Do Not Mow or weed whack or it spreads

Purple Star Thistle:

Native: Europe

Impacts: blocks out native plants and impedes grazing

Cal IPC: High Invasiveness

Reproduction: seeds, crown, re-sprouts

Control: Hoe and dig up crown and discard all parts. Do Not Mow. Tap root will re-sprout. Re-sprouts will be thicker and more abundant. Wear heavy gloves to remove due to thorns.

Pampas grass:

Native to: South America

Impacts: forms dense stands that exclude other plants and is a high fire danger

Cal IPC: High Invasiveness

Reproduction: seed and fragments sprout

Control: hand removal and get all crown to prevent re-sprouting

Acacia:

Native to: Australia, Africa and the tropics

Impacts: long deep roots, deplete water from other trees, excludes natives and is very high fire danger

Cal IPC: limited Invasiveness

Reproduction: seeds, cuttings, fragments and roots

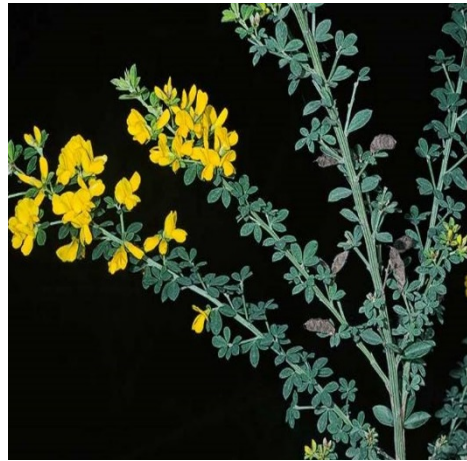
Control: hand removal, weed wrench, cutting

Marin's High Priority Invasive Plant Species and Notes to Remove Manually

Acacia



Broom



Star Thistle



Fennel



Pampas Grass



Himalayan Blackberry

