

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, AT 5:45 P.M.
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET,
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dutrey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dutrey; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson; Council Members Ruh, Lopez and Martinez

City Manager Starr; Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Services Richter; Director of Finance Kulbeck; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Myrick

III. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update by KTUA

Jacob Leon of **KTUA**, presented an update on the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He explained the processes that **KTUA** used to seek input from residents regarding desired amenities and changes for parks in the community. This included holding community workshops, participating in public events, and inviting residents to participate in a poll.

Mayor Dutrey asked if this plan includes upgrading baseball fields at Saratoga Park.

City Manager Starr stated the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a general analysis of current and future needs for park development, and specific park recommendations will come later.

Mayor Dutrey expressed his disappointment that the plan did not specifically address anticipated improvements to Saratoga Park.

Council Member Ruh proposed expanding the use of shared spaces in order to increase aggregate park space, such as using space at schools, private communities, and organizations. He also spoke in favor of updating existing parks as opposed to developing new parks.

Council Member Lopez mentioned that adding an amphitheater and designated soccer fields would be beneficial for residents. He further stated his concern about an increase in crime in parks.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson advised residents whose homes abut the San Antonio Channel have reported increased burglaries and would prefer the City not provide amenities such as exercise stations near residential homes to deter loitering.

Council Member Martinez thanked the community for their engagement and stated adding and improving parks will give youth positive outlets for recreation purposes. She further stated she does not believe that crime will increase but perhaps will decrease.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Annette Brunske** suggested the plan should be to focus on improving parks that currently exist in the City. She stated she would like a walking path around MacArthur Park.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m., the City Council was adjourned.

Submitted for City Council approval,



Andrea M. Myrick
City Clerk