MISSION:

- To assist in the preparation and implementation of long-range plans for parks including neighborhood parks, community-wide parks, special use facilities and open space lands;
- To focus public attention upon the need for adequate parks and healthful and creative year-round supervised recreation for all age groups;
- To assist in promoting the public recreation programs;
- To solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested therein;
- To assist the Community Services Director in establishing general policies and procedures in respect to park usage;
- To review, comment and make recommendations regarding the annual operating budget of the department;
- To receive periodic reports from the Department head concerning the general operations and functions of the Community Services and Public Works Departments;
- To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

MEMBERSHIP:

Cicily Emerson, Ariel Gutierrez, Jeff Jones, Stacey Laumann, Mark Machado, Tom Obletz, Kathryn Reisinger and Jeren Seibel (Alternate).

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Participated in the General Plan 2040 and Library Facilities Planning processes.
- Supported the implementation of the Park-A-Month Program.
- Supported the implementation of Summer Movies in the Park series.
- Supported the City’s efforts in establishing Age-Friendly San Rafael and joining with the World Health Organization’s global network for Age-friendly cities
- Reviewed and provided recommendations to the City Council on the Measure A annual workplan.
- Dedication of the Albert Park Playground Renovation project.
- Dedication of the Pickleweed Community Park Playground Renovation project.
- Supported the integration of the Library and Recreation Department.
- Participate in the U.S. Census 2020 outreach to ensure an accurate, fair and complete count

**2020 GOALS:**
- Continue to assist the City Council in developing and implementing the long-range plans for the City’s park and recreation facility related projects.
- Continue to participate in the General Plan 2040 and Library Facilities Planning processes.
- Continue to monitor current service levels and community needs.
- Continue to review the performance of the City’s partnerships with community-based organizations in the utilization of City’s parks and recreation facilities and the provision of programs and activities.
- Continue to assist the City in the development and revision of general policies and procedures in the delivery of parks, recreation facilities and programs.
- Continue to support the integration of the Library and Recreation Department.
- Participate in the U.S. Census 2020 outreach to ensure an accurate, fair and complete count