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Meeting ID: 857-8558-0921#

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Machado called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Cabrales
Commissioner Emerson
Commissioner Gutierrez
Commissioner Laumann (Arrived 6:09)
Chair Machado
Commissioner Reisinger
Commissioner Sandoval

Absent: None

Also Present: Susan Andrade-Wax, Library & Recreation Director
Catherine Quffa, Assistant Library & Recreation Director
Becky Ordin, Senior Administrative Assistant
Thomas Wong, Analyst
Hunter Young, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer
Ryan Montes, Operations and Maintenance Manager

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

MINUTES

- 1. Approve regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2021**

Commissioner Sandoval moved, and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded, to approve the meetings minutes of January 21, 2021.

AYES: Commissioners: Cabrales, Emerson, Gutierrez, Laumann, Machado, Reisinger, Sandoval
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT: Commissioners: None
ABSTAINED: Commissioners: None

Minutes approved as submitted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

Ms. Andrade-Wax shared that the City had its employee recognition on February 24th and Catherine Quffa and Thomas Wong both won the “Dean Allison” award, Mireya Renteria from the Library won the “Social Responsibility” award, and Gaby Farias from our Child Care division won the “Innovation” award.

3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda None.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

If necessary, to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

4. Review and Approve the Location of the Social Justice Public Art Installation at Arbor Park

Library and Recreation Director, Susan Andrade-Wax introduced Thomas Wong who presented on the location of the Social Justice public art installation at Arbor park for the Commission’s review and consideration.

Staff responded to questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Laumann moved, and Commissioner Sandoval seconded, to accept the location of the Social Justice public art installation at Arbor park.

AYES: Commissioners: Cabrales, Emerson, Gutierrez, Laumann, Machado, Reisinger, Sandoval
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT: Commissioners: None
ABSTAINED: Commissioners: None

5. Parks Maintenance Status Report for September 2020 – January 2021

Ms. Andrade-Wax introduced Hunter Young, Assistant Director/City Engineer for the Public Works Department who introduced Ryan Montes, Operations and Maintenance Manager. Mr. Montes presented the parks maintenance status report for September 2020 through January 2021.

Staff responded to questions from Commissioners.

6. Parks Status Report for September 2020 – January 2021

Mr. Young presented the parks status report for September 2020 through January 2021.

Staff responded to questions from Commissioners.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

7. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

Commissioner Cabrales gave an update on the recent Library Conceptual Design Review meeting. They discussed the orientation of the building and how to address the parking areas for the new building as well as the approach to the building. Commissioner Gutierrez added that there was discussion about the re-zoning of the area just north of First St., where they are currently building condos, and what the community may look like in the near future.

Commissioner Emerson gave an update on COVID vaccines. Next week the County will be rolling out the vaccine to essential workers and teachers. Currently 20% of the Marin population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. The next phase of the roll out will be those people age 64 and under with a condition such as asthma or diabetes. There is an interest form on the County website where you can input your information and the County will contact those specific populations for the vaccine. There is also a call center for those who are digitally challenged, and there is also a walk-up vaccine registration service in the Canal area at the Marin Community Clinic Mon-Thurs 1-2pm.

STAFF COMMENTS

8. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest

Ms. Andrade-Wax stated that the San Rafael Age-Friendly task force has been working with the City since 2017. In 2018, the City of San Rafael became an Age-Friendly City and immediately thereafter the taskforce began developing a strategic action plan. They have completed their action plan and will be presenting to the City Council this coming Monday night for the first review. They will also be making recommendations to the City Council for their priorities of things they would like the Council to consider

implementation and integration into the City's annual Goals and Objections. Once they receive the Council's feedback, the Strategic Action Plan will be brought back to the City Council for their final review and acceptance.

Ms. Andrade-Wax shared with the Commission that staff has received a lot of feedback regarding the Community Garden proposed guidelines. Ms. Andrade-Wax invited the Commissioners to be a part of the conversation with some of the stakeholders who have suggestions and recommendations regarding some of the guidelines. The role of the Commissioners will be part of the discussion by asking questions and helping to guide the process to a mutually agreed upon conclusion. This is not a formal sub-committee, but wanted to know if one or two Commissioners would be interested in participating in the meetings.

Commissioner Reisinger volunteered. Commissioner Cabrales asked how meetings would there be. Ms. Quffa answered that there would be approximately three meetings, and there may be some follow up meetings. Commissioner Cabrales stated that she would also like to be a volunteer for this group.

Ms. Andrade-Wax noted that the next Library and Community Conceptual Design meeting is next Thursday. They are hoping to make a site visit at Albert Park to have a better understanding of the community center and park to assist with future discussions. They are hoping to schedule the site visit shortly after their next meeting on March 4th.

Ms. Quffa gave an update on the recreation programs. The County of Marin is back in the Red Tier, which means we are able to offer and conduct some of our indoor classes. Additionally, starting next Friday we will be having our first in-person art exhibit at Falkirk since last year. We will be open at 25% capacity. Also, starting in March, the Terra Linda Pool will be opening to limited lap swimming and to support the Terra Linda Orcas.

Commissioner Machado asked if we had enough Lifeguards. Ms. Quffa replied that we are always looking to hire more lifeguards. Part of the reason the pool hours is based on number of lifeguards we have on staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Machado adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

BECKY ORDIN, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

SUSAN ANDRADE-WAX, Library & Recreation Director