

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

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Telephone: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 841 0672 5048

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:Chair Emerson
Commissioner Gutierrez
Commissioner Laumann
Commissioner ReisingerAbsent:Commissioner Cabrales
Commissioner Machado
- Also Present: Susan Andrade-Wax, Library & Recreation Director Catherine Quffa, Assistant Library & Recreation Director Becky Ordin, Senior Administrative Assistant Steve Mason, Senior Recreation Supervisor Janet Tanchez, Pickleweed Advisory Committee Member Nancy Palacios, Pickleweed Advisory Committee Member Rosa Vasquez, Pickleweed Advisory Committee Member Louise Yost, Pickleweed Advisory Committee Member

Commissioner Sandoval

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2022

Commissioner Gutierrez moved, and Commissioner Laumann seconded, to approve the meetings minutes of March 17, 2022.

AYES:Commissioners: Emerson, Gutierrez, Laumann, ReisingerNOES:Commissioners: NoneABSENT:Commissioners: Cabrales, Machado, SandovalABSTAINED:Commissioners: None

Minutes approved as submitted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

Chair Emerson acknowledged this was Park & Recreation Director Susan Andrade-Wax's last Park & Recreation Commission meeting as she is retiring. She thanked her for her 4 years of service, her leadership and carrying them through the Pandemic.

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. 2021Annual Pickleweed Advisory Committee, Albert J. Boro Community Center, and Pickleweed Report

Steve Mason asked Commissioner Gutierrez who is the Pickleweed Advisory Committee liaison to introduce the Pickleweed Advisory Committee members who were present. Mr. Mason presented the 2021 Annual Pickleweed Advisory Committee, Albert J. Boro Community Center, and Pickleweed Park Report.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Gutierrez moved, and Commissioner Reisinger seconded to accept the 2021 Annual Pickleweed Advisory Committee, Albert J. Boro Community Center, and Pickleweed Park Report

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

Motion passes.

5. Parks Maintenance & Projects Status Report for January – March 2022

April Miller, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer was not able to attend the meeting. Susan Andrade-Wax accepted questions from the Commission.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission asked for an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan at this time. Ms. Quffa provided a summary of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the next steps.

Public Comments: None

Commissioner Laumann moved, and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded to accept the Parks Maintenance & Projects Status Report for January-March 2022.

AYES:Commissioners: Emerson, Gutierrez, Laumann, ReisingerNOES:Commissioners: NoneABSENT:Commissioners: Cabrales, Machado, SandovalABSTAINED:Commissioners: None

Motion passes.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

Commissioner Laumann wanted to report that it was her last meeting as a Commissioner. Ms. Andrade-Wax corrected her and let her know that her term wasn't up until May, so she has one more meeting to attend before her term is up.

Commissioner Reisinger's term will also end in May and she announced that she would not be continuing for a second term.

Louise Yost, Pickleweed Advisory Committee Member, shared information for the Earth Day event at the Mill Valley Community Center on April 24th from 1-5pm.

Chair Emerson asked about the status of the Commission meeting in person. Ms. Andrade-Wax replied that the City Council met for the first time in person and had a hybrid format. The Park & Recreation Commission could meet in person if the Commission was interested and could meet in an alternative location for a hybrid format. The San Rafael Community Center is currently not set up for a hybrid model at this time.

Ms. Quffa shared that our Commission is not required to meet in person next month, but eventually everyone will be moving towards a hybrid meeting structure.

Ms. Andrade-Wax recommended that when there is information regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that the Commission meet in person with the hybrid format.

Chair Emerson asked that they continue the virtual meetings and would like to discuss the hybrid option further when the other Commissioners are present.

Commissioner Gutierrez let the Commission know there will be a Heads Up carnival event at Davidson Middle School on Saturday, April 30th to support the San Rafael City Schools.

Commissioner Reisinger gave a shout out to Steve Mason and his team at the Albert J. Boro Community Center. She takes her daughter to the Volleystart program there and always has a great experience with the center and staff.

Rosa Vasquez, from the Pickleweed Advisory Committee, announced there is a Canal Alliance community outreach event this Saturday, April 23 from 1-4 to discuss their thoughts on walking, biking, and driving in the area.

Public Comment: None

STAFF COMMENTS

7. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events of Interest

Ms. Quffa let the Commission know the department is gearing up for Summer. The Summer activities guide should be out the first week in May. Summer camps are currently online. The Terra Linda Pool opened on April 11th with limited availability, and the schedule is currently online. The Hamilton Pool is targeted to open Memorial Day weekend. There is a new exhibit at Falkirk for Marin Open Studios that will run April 28th – June 10th. They will be having an opening reception on April 28th.

Ms. Andrade Wax thanked the Commission again for their support over the past four years. She let them know they have been a pleasure to work for and work with.

Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

BECKY ORDIN, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED THIS____DAY OF_____, 2022

CATHERINE QUFFA, Library & Recreation Director