



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb (Chair)
Commissioner Mark Rincon-Ibarra (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Ed Cavazos
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner LeeAnne French
Commissioner Jim Heaton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Administrative Analyst Mandy Burgess
Park Project Technician Keven Strasburg
Business Manager Mark Sewell
Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Zachary requested that Item 4, Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Project, be addressed prior to Item 3, Santa Barbara Golf Club Marketing Update.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner French attended the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Heaton attended the Creeks Advisory Committee site visit to review permeable paver projects.

Commissioner Longstreet attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meeting and reported that in October the committee would be receiving a presentation on the Bicycle Master Plan and the public is welcome to attend.

Commissioner Clark attended the Community meeting on the universal access trail at the Douglas Family Preserve and the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation board meeting.

Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra attended the NAC meeting and reported that at this time there will not be a new stop sign installed at Ortega and Bath Streets (Pocket Park).

Chair Wiscomb attended the PARC Foundation board meeting and announced that the 90+ Birthday party will be held on Thursday, October 22, at the Carrillo Recreation Center beginning at noon. Commission Wiscomb also attended the City Council meeting of September 22 and spoke on behalf of the Commission in support of the funding and acquisition of the Veronica Meadows property. The project was unanimously supported by the Council.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

The Commission received this item; there were no questions.

2. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special joint meeting (site visit) of August 19, 2015; and the regular meeting of August 26, 2015.

Commissioner Longstret moved, seconded by Commissioner French, and passed 7/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of special joint meeting of August 19, 2015; and the regular meeting of August 26, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

3. Santa Barbara Golf Club Marketing Update – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive an update on Marketing Strategy at Santa Barbara Golf Club.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated September 23, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Business Manager Mark Sewell

The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

4. Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Project – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Parks and Recreation Facility Sign Replacement Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated September 23, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess

The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5. Proposed Playground and Site Improvements at the Municipal Tennis Center – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission review the proposed playground design and site improvements and recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department finalize the design and submit a Coastal Development Permit application.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated September 23, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Park Project Technician Keven Strasburg
- Email Communication: Eva Inbar

Commissioner French inquired about the size the patio. Mr. Strasburg answered that the patio was sixteen feet deep by forty feet long.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that she understands the neighbor concerns related to night time activities going on here, however she has found that in all City facilities, there is better safety when there are more positive activities. She added that she is happy to see all of the proposed improvements to the park.

Commissioner Cavazos asked that staff keep in mind safety and the people having to cross the street to access the playground.

Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra added that it would nice to see more than four benches for the parents.

Commissioner Longstreet added that she felt a flashing crosswalk would provide a safe access to the park as well as a benefit to the whole community. She added that funding for this should not come out of the Parks Division budget, but rather from Transportation safety funds.

Chair Wiscomb echoed comments made by the Commissioners and agreed with Ms. Longstreet's assessment that improved areas increase sanctioned activities and decrease unsanctioned activities.

Commission Clark moved, seconded by Commissioner Rincon-Ibarra and passed 7/0 to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department finalize the design and submit a Coastal Development Permit application.

6. Conversion of Municipal Tennis Court 11 to Accommodate Pickleball Programming – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Receive a presentation on the sport of Pickleball;
- B. Approve the conversion of Municipal Tennis Court 11 to create four permanent Pickleball courts; and
- C. Approve the proposed fee structure.

Documents:

- Staff Report dated September 23, 2015
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
- Members of the Public: Steve Forsell, Kathy Gregory, Derek Hedges

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Commission Cavazos moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet and passed 7/0 to approve the conversion of Municipal Tennis Court 11 to create four permanent Pickleball courts and to approve the proposed fee structure.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Acting Parks & Recreation Director