



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nichol Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nichol Clark

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Nichol Clark
Vice Chair Roger Perry
Commissioner Cory Baker
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
Parks Manager Matthew Parker
Street Tree Supervisor Nathan Slack
Administrative Analyst Michele Kostenuik
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Kathy McGill

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Council members Quinn Stefan and Stephany Jimenez-Cortes reported on Youth Council activities, including a recent fundraiser, two Public Service Announcements, the Teen Leadership Conference on April 27, and Youth Council recruitment.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Vice Chair Perry attended and reported on the Arts and Crafts Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Martinez-Cohen reported on the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council, and represented the Commission at the Parks and Recreation Budget Hearing on May 8.

Chair Clark attended the Arroyo Burro Open Space Ribbon Cutting on May 1.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)

The Commission received the report.

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019.

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / Clark to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance or 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be

appealed to the City Council within ten days, pursuant to provisions of Section 1.30.050 of the Municipal Code.

3. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 22, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Street Tree Supervisor Nathan Slack

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following requests to change the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 1200 block of Portesuello Ave. – add *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache, as a co-designated tree – William Waters

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to co-designate Chinese Pistache.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. All of Jesmary Ln. – Designate new species – Alex Pujo

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Baker to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to designate *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

4. Subject: Director's Report – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 22, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speaker:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Director Zachary reported on the Expo de Eventos, Arroyo Burro Open Space Restoration Ribbon Cutting, Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Presentation to City Council, Ortega Skate Park community workshop, and National Trails Day, taking place on June 8.

5. Subject: Title 15 Amendments and Sidewalk Vending Status Report – For Discussion (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated May 22, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Administrative Analyst Michele Kostenuik
- Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report and discuss the proposed amendments to Title 15 and regulations related to sidewalk vending in response to Senate Bill 946.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary gave an introduction to the presentation.

Administrative Analyst Michele Kostenuik reported on key issues; current park hours, barbeque amenities, and alcohol restrictions in parks and proposed changes; proposed adult access to playgrounds and aquatic facilities; and proposed regulations for bicycles and shared mobility devices. Analyst Kostenuik then gave an overview of Senate Bill 946 – Sidewalk Vendors and the Department's proposed limitations for parks and recreation facilities.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary added the process is in the information gathering stage. The Senate Bill applies citywide and allows for permitting. The Department is attempting to determine what parameters should be included in a new sidewalk vending permitting process to allow for better management and prevent interfering with public or permitted use of park space. The goal is to map areas in

parks where vending is allowed. Permits would be issued and managed through the Finance Department.

Comments from the Commission regarding proposed alcohol restrictions included:

- Alcohol should not be allowed in open space parks, except Douglas Family Preserve.
- Most likely won't be well received and perceived as a punishment by responsible park users.
- Alcohol use should be restricted at parks that have misuse issues or illegal activity rather than all of them.
- Limit in parks with playgrounds.
- Allow in neighborhood parks where residents can gather with their families.

Comments from the Commission regarding proposed adult access to playgrounds and aquatic facilities:

- Address access by adults with special needs.
- Consideration for children ages 13-17.

Comments regarding parking closing hours included:

- Allow passing-through access after-hours at a park or beach way without being a violation.
- Recommend beaches close at 10:00 p.m.

Comments from the Commission regarding sidewalk vending included:

- Restrict vending around schools and the Boys and Girls Club.
- Restrict vending in open space parks.
- Limit proximity to businesses.
- Concerned with noise, sanitation, and trash issues.
- Protect sensitive habitats.
- A cultural issue – convenient and beneficial to some, nuisance to others.
- Vendors primarily minorities and women, a way for small business building – a continuum of entrepreneurship.
- Enforce standards, but don't make too restrictive.
- Should be a reasonable permitting fee.
- Limit time and to specific areas to vend.
- Process should consider number of vendors.
- Consideration of other public and private events occurring.
- Allow for a permit to be revoked for a time after a certain number of violations, such as for excessive litter.
- Concerned with non-local vendors being brought in.
- Provide outreach to the community and business in two languages.

Assistant Director Rich Hanna stated there is the spirit of the law and the letter of the law. The proposed rules and letter of the law would be tools to be used when unlawful activities or misuse occur in the parks. The signage, rules, and hours are tools to make parks safer and more accessible for the community as a whole.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary stated the Department will work further with the City Attorney's Office on the recommendations, which will ultimately go into a recommendation to the Ordinance Committee to amend Title 15. The subject will be brought back before the Commission when it is closer to being brought before the Ordinance Committee and City Council.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:22 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Parks and Recreation Director