



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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**6:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Zuckermann called the meeting to order at **6:01 p.m.**

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair David Zuckermann; Members Avis Codron, Norman La Force, Art Machado, and Jun Sunseri  
**Absent:** Vice-Chair Tara McIntire and Member Ben Chuaqui

- 2. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS**  
Informal reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the Park and Recreation Commissioners and City Staff.

City Manager, Karen Pinkos thanked the Commission for service and work on the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

Recreation Director, Christopher Jones, reported on two meeting notifications recently sent to the Commission. The Commission was invited to the *Joint Meeting of the Committee on Aging, Park and Recreation Commission and ADA Advisory Group Field Review of the Ohlone-Safeway Path* on Wednesday, July 31, at 3:30 p.m. and the *Special Joint Workshop for City Advisory Bodies: Update to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan*, on Monday, July 29, at 7 p.m.

- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
Dave Weinstein reported on upcoming work parties taking place at the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area. The dates and times are August 11, 2019 from 11 a.m. 1p.m.; August 24, 2019 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Sept 7, 2019 (time TBA). More Details can be found on the Trail Trekkers website.
- 4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUCEMENTS AND REPORTS - None**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Members La Force/Machado **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the meeting minutes as corrected from June 26, 2019. **Ayes:** Chair Zuckermann; Commissioners Codron, La Force, Machado and Sunseri **Noes:** None.

**6. MEASURE A RENEWAL SURVEY RESULTS**

Survey results, that were presented at the July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting, were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission by Recreation Director, Christopher Jones. The presentation topics included overview & research objectives, methodology overview, key findings, uninformed support, features of the measure, informational statements, critical statements, informed support, alternative 30- & 20-year measures.

Jones also reported that a renewal of the Measure A tax rates to benefit parks and recreation facilities was placed on the November 2019 ballot by the City Council on July 16, 2019.

Discussion, including a question and answer period followed the presentation.

**8. HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA TRAIL NAMES (heard out of order)**

The Commission received reports and recommendations from the Trail Naming Sub-Committee for the Hillside Natural Area. Chair Zuckermann provided context and clarification to the public of the process the commission has been working on. There was public comment from Dave Weinstein and Tom Gehling of El Cerrito Trail Trekkers, including concerns of losing the Madera Trail name and information pertaining to historical context and other reasons for trail names proposed by Trail Trekkers. There was discussion amongst the Commission about suggested names and their historical context. Member Sunseri provided feedback and provided information about the process he was involved with that included getting input from local Native American tribes. Member Sunseri requested more time in order to be inclusive of feedback and ideas. There was further discussion about the trail naming process and how to move forward.

**Moved/Second:** Commissioners: La Force/Machado **Action:** Passed a motion to recommend to the City Council the trail names as indicated below **Ayes:** Chair Zuckermann; Commissioners Cadron, La Force and Machado **Noes:** Commissioner Sunseri

Trails:

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|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Castro Trail    | 6. Motorcycle Hill Trail | 11. Pedro Font Trail   |
| 2. Peralta Trail   | 7. Ridge Trail           | 12. Forest Brown Trail |
| 3. Julian Steps    | 8. Wildwood Creek Trail  | 13. Ken Smith Trail    |
| 4. Chochenyo Trail | 9. Navallier Trail       | 14. Little Hill Trail  |
| 5. Madera Trail    | 10. Live Oak Trail       | 15. Huchiun Trail      |

**9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS (heard out of order)**

Review Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects related to Parks and Recreation.

Chris Jones- Canyon Trail Clubhouse rehabilitation, Hillside Natural Area signage improvements, Ohlone Greenway improvements, Ohlone Greenway Master Plan improvements, park facilities rehabilitation and improvement program, Swim Center capital enhancements, Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan projects,

**10. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE (heard out of order)**

Recreation Management Analyst, Sarah DiBenedetto provided a Recreation Department update to the Commission. DiBenedetto reported that the Summer Splash Pool Party on July 26, 2019 was a huge success with over 500 people in attendance. The Department has completed the Fall rECguide (fall brochure of all programs, services, and special events). Fall early bird online registration opened on July 17, 2019 and office registration will open on July 29, 2019. The Department is excited to announce a new fundraising opportunity- the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund was selected as a beneficiary at the El Cerrito Rotary Sip & Savor fundraiser, October 13, 2019. The Department is currently looking for local sponsors, donors and attendees to purchase tickets.

**11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (heard out of order)**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6 p.m., El Cerrito Community Center & Swim Center
- Other-Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) Policy – October
- Land Acknowledgement – TBD
- Drone Policy – TBD

**7. CASTRO PARK AND CLUBHOUSE TOUR (heard out of order)**

Commissioners toured Castro Park paying special attention to project areas identified in the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
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David Zuckermann Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting of May 22, 2019 as approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.

  
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Christopher Jones, Staff Liaison