



**CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION, MUSIC & PARKS
COMMISSION**

City Hall Council Chamber
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

**MINUTES
Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marianne Bertuccelli, Cody Chisham, Stacey Earl, Kate Greenspan, Megan Kelly, Hannah Rizzo Simons, Karen Nau.

GENERALPUBLICCOMMENT

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2023.

Motion to approve the September 20, 2023 minutes made by M Kelly
seconded by H Simmons.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Staff Recommendation that the Public Tennis Courts at McNear Park be Named the Lynn Haggerty King Memorial Tennis Courts, in Recognition of her Community Contributions and Service - Rachel Beer, Recreation Supervisor and Drew Halter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

R Beer provided the commission with a recap of the City's policy of naming parks as well as a background of L Haggerty Kings contributions and lifelong service to the community.

Public Comment:

A Maciel stated L King devoted much of her time and love to Petaluma and believed staying active was an important part in everyone's life. She was a highly valued member of the Petaluma Tennis Association board. The current board fully endorses the naming of the court in her honor. King was actively involved in supporting the youth and was the first to develop the safe routes to school program. Naming the courts at Mcnear Park after her would recognize and honor one of the community's most valued members.

Motion to approve M Kelly seconded by M Bertuccelli.

All in favor.

3. Review, discuss, and provide input on the Integrated Pest Management Plan Draft Update including contributions by the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee - Patrick Carter, Assistant to the City Manager, Drew Halter, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Cindy Chong, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities.

P Carter provide the Commission with a presentation regarding the Integrated Pest Management plan which included

S Earl asked if a current employee would become certified or be contracted out. She also asked if Rooster Run could try all of the pesticides on a trial base.

P Carter stated city management would like to stay flexible on that but also thoughtful on this position and it may be a collaborative process. Carter stated if the golf course was included with all of the other leased properties in Petaluma that it would need to follow cultural methods, if that didn't work, they would move onto organic pesticides and then an exemption request if there was not success.

Public Comment:

J Carr stated there are three areas of concern which are Rooster Run, Prince and Shollenberger park. He stated that from the start Rooster Run had followed all Fish and Game guidelines. He believes Rooster Run should not be included in a blanket ordinance, as they cannot be an experimental situation, as they can lose greens due to infestations.

B Carson, director of operations for Windsor Golf Club and Rooter Run. Carson stated that Windsor is exempt from Windsor Pest Management Plan. Twice a year a consultant is brought and strongly recommended that Windsor be exempted from the plan as it could be detrimental and dangerous to experiment with pesticides that may not work and potentially take out a green.

H Simmons stated the ad-hoc would like to talk with the golf course and hear more of a background and hopes to set up a time to meet.

K Greenspan stated she is in favor of an exemption request rather than a blanket exception for rooster run.

M Kelly stated she worries about trial and error and if there are going to be exemptions staff needs to look at processes and weigh all options.

M Bertuccelli stated she is aware that once a fungus grows in a green that it can take off overnight. The golf course is already following fish and game regulations and believes the golf course can provide transparency or what their process is and what chemicals they are using.

K Nau stated since Rooster Run is a leased property she would like to look more into the Town of Windsor's IPM and follow that.

C Chisham stated he noticed that gophers were only referred to briefly in the IPM and wanted to make sure there was more preventative taken when installing new fields. Chisham stated it is important to protect the health of the majority of user groups using these spaces.

S Earl stated she would like Rooster Run to meet with the ad-hoc committee and staff. Earl suggested getting a better idea of what is already used and get a meet in the middle exemption before it is brought back to review.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

H Simmons stated her parks look good but recommended PYSL not use Bond Park next year as it is not safe and a hazard.

K Greenspan stated her parks look great and has been enjoying Manion Knolls. She stated there are several great events coming up in Petaluma and is looking forward to attending.

M Kelly stated her child attended a field trip to Thompson Creek where they were able to pick vegetables from the community garden which was a great experience and an awesome use of resources. Kelly stated soccer wrapped up at Prince Park nicely with a large tournament. She stated The Pride Festival at Walnut Park was great and a perfect central location to host this event. The

Cemetery tour tickets are still available at the Museum and encouraged folks to attend as well as the Dia De Los Muertos event.

M Bertuccelli stated her parks look good. In between the fields at Lucchesi Park has a few cracks that people can get hurt and suggests they be filled.

K Nau stated the Council just completed the ordinance for the five senior mobile home parks. They filled the vacancy on the planning commission as well, and received a first look at the safe routes to school program which includes 76 bike racks to be installed throughout the meeting. The council also unanimously approved the skate park design.

C Chisham stated his trip to Japan was great and he exclaimed that there are no public trash cans anywhere and that there is not once piece of trash on the ground. He would like to see park users be a more active and leave no trace. This would free park staff to maintain other amenities.

S Earl stated there is a community meeting on October 25th from 6:00-8:00pm for the active transportation plan where you can give feedback on safe streets. Earl stated she is excited about the idea of a senior playground and would love to see it as an agenda item in the future. She expressed her concerns about reports of issues at the swim center which include lifeguard staffing, the shelter less, security, facility maintenance and safety.

D Halter stated staff did receive an email from commissioner Greenspan regarding staffing and pay stub concerns. Staff were made aware and need to hear about any other issues. Staff encourages members to report issues to staff to investigate and the need to involve contractor to address these concerns.

STAFF COMMENT

P Carter stated one of the city's owned property Lafferty Ranch will be having a training with the Land Path docents is having a training on October 28-29th and encouraged the commissioners or members of the public to become a docent. There is an application required and both days would need to be attended. There is a link online where you can register. There are guided tours available on most weekends.

C Chong stated the parks staff have been busy. There were two benches installed at Grant Park and water bottle stations will be next to be installed. Staff hope to receive equipment and hope to receive the tractor soon to aerate fields. The second boiler at the swim center is down and awaiting parts. Chong stated they hired the ninth full time parks staff and the team is happy to have him.

D Halter stated the last movies in the park will be happening on October 20th showcasing the Addams Family. The Turkey Trot will be taking place on Thanksgiving day at Shollenberger park, the organization is asking folks to register online. The NNAA is hosting a one-day sports camp on the Veterans Day Holiday, November 11 for ages 4 to 11. The Senior Center will be hosting an "All Souls Day", on October 31st which will include music and food. The Tiny Tots enjoyed a visit from the Petaluma Fire Department. Community Center staff now have access to the language line which is a

real time translator via telephone. Park access and pathway improvement capital project will be advertised by the end of October and hopefully going to award a bid by December. These pathways include pathways at McDowell and La Tercera Park, as well as the connections between F and H at McNear Park. A survey will be released to the public for the Kenilworth revitalization project which includes the results of the outreach that was done with concept draft plans included to provide feedback on. The survey will be open through November. Halter stated the Council voted and adopted the skate park concept design plan and authorized the city manager to amend the contract with Grindline to move it from a concept to a construction ready project.

ADJOURNMENT; 7:49PM.