

	<p>CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION, MUSIC & PARKS COMMISSION</p> <p>City Hall Council Chamber 11 English Street Petaluma, CA 94952</p>
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MINUTES
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

1. Park Tours - Below are Approximations and Subject to Change

Riverfront Development (1757 Guadalupe Street) - 5:15pm
Staff showed commissioners the new housing development a Riverfront which included natural grass field.

McDowell Park (1418 McGregor Ave.) - 5:35p
Staff stated the sequoia trees located at McDowell park are being maintained by the city and school district. It is recommended to extend the pathway to reinforce the cement, ReLeaf Petaluma is planning on planting over seventy trees here over the next few years.

Petaluma Swim Center (900 E. Washington St.) - 5:50p
Staff discussed summer programming as well as the replastering project scheduled to take place in the next year.

Kenilworth Teen Center (150 Kenilworth Drive) - 6:10p
Staff discussed current programming and rentals that take place here, as well as the library's future use of Kenilworth as the library is getting remodeled. Staff also discussed the Kenilworth revitalization project and design.

Return to City Hall (11 English Street) - Start of Regular Meeting at 6:45pm

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER CODY CHISHAM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: M Bertuccelli, C Chisham, S Earl, K Greenspan, M Kelly, H Simmons, K Nau

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

2. None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2023.

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2023 made by M Bertuccelli seconded by H Simmons.

All in favor. Abstain: C Chisham

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Election of Officers- Discuss and Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Music, and Parks Commission to Serve Until June 30, 2024 or Until a Replacement has Been Appointed- Drew Halter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The Commission nominated S Earl as chair and M Bertuccelli as Vice Chair.

Motion to approve S Earl as chair and M Bertuccelli as Vice Chair made by H Simmons seconded by K Greenspan.

All in favor.

5. 2023-2024 Committee, Commission, Board, and Park Assignments- Review, Discuss, and Approve Annual Liaison and Parks Assignments to Committee, Commission, Boards, and Monthly Park & Facilities Assignments- Drew Halter, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Committee, Commission, Board, and Park Assignments with the stipulation of S Earl and C Chisham switching park assignments made by M Kelly seconded by S Earl.

All in favor.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

K Greenspan stated she has noticed the great efforts of the gopher abatement within the parks. She thanked the staff who hosted the Fourth of July event and stated it was a fun, community event she hopes the city can continue.

H Simmons stated the Art Commission selected an artist for Kenilworth park. Simmons stated the firework show was great and were visible from her front porch.

M Bertucchelli stated the parks are looking great. The integrated pest management ad-hoc did not meet in July, she hopes they meet next month.

M Kelly stated the bell ringing was well attended. The Art and Garden festival was also well attended and brought a few hundred visitors to the museum. They are doing a re-structuring with the new executive director and elected officers and have great co-presidents. Kelly stated youth soccer has started and is looking forward to the season.

S Earl stated the Fourth of July was great and beautiful. Earl stated the benches at Walnut Park look great and have shade. The art exhibit at Putnam Plaza seems to be going well.

K Nau stated Council has been working of the mobile home ordinance which protects residents living within the park. McDowell Blvd is having improvements made including safety measures including pedestrian crossings. The city had to raise water rates and stated Petaluma has installed several drought resistant landscaping. Nau stated children have been skating off the roof at Leghorns Park but everything else looks great.

C Chisham stated he is happy to be here and looking forward to his assignments.

STAFF COMMENT

R Beer stated summer camp will finish up the second week of August and it was a successful summer. Tiny Tots will resume at the end of August, enrollment is down due to students graduating and the TK age is reducing the age to younger. The Fall/Winter activity guide will be released mid-August and will encompass all recreation activities, classes, events and programming through January. The Senior Center hosted an ice cream and disco party, with 35 in attendance. Last month there was over one thousand people who attend the senior center and is very well attended. Movies in the park was well attended for July with Back to the Future, the August movie will be Super Mario. The Stars and Stripes, Dogs and Bikes event was successful and will continue it in the future. The contract is already signed by the City Manager for next years firework show. Frederica Garcia, part time employee retired after working with the city since 2006.

K Nau asked why the Senior Center isn't open on Fridays, and stated several people wish it was open during the heat wave.

R Beer stated the Senior Center isn't open for programming on Fridays as both employees are part time, however the community center is open seven days a week and folks are welcome to sit in the lobby during a heat wave.

D Halter stated the high weed mowing was completed on July 4th. The irrigation breaks are consistent and include main lines at Lucchesi, Wiseman, La Tercera and the senior center parking lot as well as under the restroom at Leghorns park. The reclaimed water application was completed at Maria pocket park and is now awaiting testing the cross connection. The annual father's day tournament was held for Petaluma girls softball associated with 50 teams, with a lot of volunteer coordination with PGSA as well as the parks team to get the parks looking their best. The parks team are demoing electric hand tools and the feedback has been positive. The gopher abatement is continuing with city hall, Prince Park and Wiseman being the focus and staff are also working around the active ball fields as well. The fourth skatepark community workshop took place dedicated to reviewing the design collected from feedback from the first design and encouraged folks to complete the online survey. The Kenilworth design team met last week and are starting to prepare the outreach plan and how to engage the community on how to redesign the park. Halter thanked staff for hosting and planning the fourth of July event and was great to see the community active in the park.

ADJOURNMENT