

**CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2015

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall: Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order: Vice Chair Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Bansal, Fong, Munzel, Singh and Tiumalu
Commissioners Excused: Matau, Mathur, Ramirez and Sharma
Commissioner Unexcused: None
City Staff Present: Renee Lorentzen – Recreation Services Manager
Stephanie Douglas – Recreation Services Supervisor
Lisa Ciardella – Public Services Assistant
City Council Liaison Excused: Council Member Barbadillo

III. Seating of Alternates: Bansal and Tiumalu

IV. Approval of Agenda: MOTION to approve the agenda for March 2, 2015 as submitted.
M/S: Bansal/Fong Ayes: All

V. Approval of Minutes: MOTION to approve the minutes from February 2, 2015 as submitted.
M/S: Matau/Sharma Ayes: All

VI. Public Forum: None

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

Renee Lorentzen announced that staff member Jaime Chew gave birth to a baby girl and both are doing well. She also welcomed Samu Tiumalu as the new alternate commissioner and introduced Stephanie Douglas as the temporary PRCRC Commission Staff Liaison.

VIII. Old Business

1. Youth Sport User Fee

At the October 2014 PRCRC meeting the Commission requested an update on the Youth Sports User fees. Stephanie Douglas, Recreation Services Supervisor provided the commission with the update. She showed the City of Milpitas' fees compared to the neighboring cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. The City of Milpitas is considerably less as many of the other cities charge per hour of field use. The fees that are collected help offset the cost of maintenance.

Vice-Chair Munzel asked about getting synthetic turf at some of the parks as they are being re-done. Renee Lorentzen, Recreation Services Manager, stated that the city had looked into them and they would cost \$30 per square foot. He requested a report on getting artificial turf at a future meeting.

IX. New Business

1. Little League Farm Field Dedication

Milpitas resident and Little League player, Christian Dalugdug passed away at the age of 8 years old on December 27, 2014. Christian attended Weller Elementary and loved playing baseball. Christian's family, friends and the President of Milpitas Little League requested a memorial plaque in his memory be placed at the Milpitas Sports Center Little League Farm Field. The requested plaque would be paid for by the City of Milpitas.

MOTION to recommend a memorial plaque at the Milpitas Sports Center Farm Field for Christian Dalugdug with the plaque being paid for by the City of Milpitas.

M/S: Tiumalu/Singh

Ayes: All

2. Review and Recommend the Parks Projects in the Proposed Capital Improvement Program 2015-2020 to the City Council

Michael Boitnott, Associate Civil Engineer, provided the commission with a parks project progress report on work underway. He also presented the parks section of the proposed 5 year Capital Improvement Program (2015-2020) for review and recommendation to City Council. The Milpitas Sports Center pools are scheduled to be closed 9/15 – 4/16 for necessary upgrades and repairs. He also showed slides of each of the parks and areas that will be concentrated on in this 5 year period.

MOTION to recommend the Capital Improvement Program as proposed to City Council.

M/S: Bansal/Singh

3. Review International Park Concept at Tom Evatt Park

The City of Milpitas has received requests from international organizations representing Philippines, India, Korea and Vietnam to have a public place to represent the culture of each respective country. Preliminary discussions have led to a concept on an "International Park" in Milpitas with the anticipation of other country representation. Tom Evatt was identified as a possible location due to its center and accessible midtown location. The thought is to start on the east side of the park and expand to the west side of Main St. dependent on other organizations interest. The location was questioned by the commission as they did not feel that there is ample parking at the Tom Evatt park location. It was a thought to have the International Park idea at different parks throughout the city.

A group of San Jose State Students were in attendance to fulfill a class requirement. Vice Chair asked for their opinion of the park idea. They also felt that it would bring unity throughout the city, if the idea was spread out to several parks, rather than just isolating it to one park. They also gave the idea, if feasible to offer diagonal parking on the street rather than parallel parking to provide more spaces.

4. Minor Public Parks Changes to 450 Montague

At the February 2, 2015 PRCRC meeting a presentation was made about the proposed parks at 450 Montague. The commission concurred with the proposed

park layouts and suggested four names for the parks to be presented to City Council. Since that meeting the applicant has made revisions to the north south vehicular access from E Capitol, moving the entire access road onto the subject site. That resulted in a reconfiguration of the orientation of Building 15 located at the southeast corner of the site. The change has eliminated the connecting paseo originally located between Building 15 and Buildings 14 and 16. The frontage of Building 15 will be conditioned to include wider sidewalks with double row of trees to enhance the connection. Staff will also include a condition requiring a future minor realignment of the road transition onto the property to the east near Penitencia Creek to allow for a wider connection to the linear park along the creek. That change would not happen until the adjacent site redevelops.

MOTION to approve the modification of the orientation of Building 15 and the changed pathways and forward to City Council for final approval.

M/S: Bansal/Singh

Ayes: All

IX. Staff Report

Renee Lorentzen stated that she met with staff from the Milpitas Unified School District and mentioned the City is looking for additional areas for Community Gardens. The District said they would evaluate any open space that might be appropriate for this program. Staff is also looking into existing City of Milpitas Park space.

X. Liaison Reports

1. City Council: None.
2. Community Advisory Commission: None.
3. Senior Advisory Commission: None.
4. Planning Commission: None.
5. Youth Advisory Commission: YAC hosted a spelling bee in January and will be hosting a Math-A-Thon in the spring.
6. Milpitas Historical Society: Their next meeting will be held Wednesday March 11, 2015 at the Library
7. Arts Commission: None
8. Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission: None.
9. Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation: Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2015.

XI. Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on Monday April 6, 2015 at 7:00pm.