

**CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

- Minutes:** Special Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Date of Meeting:** January 21, 2015
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall: Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order:** Chair Sharma called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Flag Salute:** Chair Sharma led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Bansal, Matau, Munzel, Sharma and Singh
Commissioners Excused: Fong, Mathur and Ramirez
Commissioner Unexcused: None
City Staff Present: Renee Lorentzen –Recreation Services Manager
Lisa Ciardella – Public Services Clerk
City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Barbadillo
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** Bansal
- V. Approval of Agenda:** MOTION to approve the agenda for January 21, 2015 as submitted.
M/S: Munzel/Matau Ayes: All
- VI. Public Forum:**
- Jim Maley, Milpitas resident and Community Garden plot holder would like to see the current Community Garden expanded or add another garden in another part of town.
- Martin Skelson, Milpitas resident and Community Garden plot holder would like to see new signage for no driving on the pedestrian walkway. He would also like to see a parking area on the south side of the garden as well as two crossings for better access.
- Harvey Fruzen, Milpitas resident and Community Garden plot holder would like to see the pathway re-done as it is rock and it has not been maintained. His thoughts are if that the garden is re-done, it would be a fiasco for current plot holders. He also mentioned that there are 5 vacant plots in the garden.
- Joann DeHerrera, Milpitas resident and Community Garden plot holder said there are problems at the Community Garden including some plot holders allowing others to use their plots as well as people in the garden who shouldn't be.
- Derek Bryant, a Milpitas resident and Edible Landscaper, is currently helping Weller Elementary School with their plot and feels there is not enough of a "community" feeling within the garden. He suggested setting up a compost station rather than all the compostable items going in the garbage. He also suggested putting in a shed that could house tools for the community gardeners to share.

Vice-Chair Munzel commented that our plot sizes are very large compared to other community gardens. We can consider re-doing our current garden or opening an additional location. The Commission will agendaize the Community Garden for their next regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2015.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

Recreation Services Manager Renee Lorentzen announced that the Youth Advisory Commission will be hosting a Spelling Bee on January 23, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Barbara Lee Senior Center

VIII. New Business

1. Park Project Priority

The Commission discussed the City of Milpitas' Park Master Plan and gave their suggestions to the priority that they would like them done. This priority list is to be forwarded to City Council as they are preparing the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year budget.

Michael Boitnott, City Engineer, explained to the Commission that ADA requires there to be a plan to compliancy. All projects are done in compliance, but as rules of ADA change, the City must have a plan towards compliancy. The renovation of the pools at the Milpitas Sports Center are a required project that is already in the planning stages as it is needed for compliancy. He further explained that City staff would like to space out the projects throughout the City so not one neighborhood is affected by too much construction, and also that a greater amount of residents can benefit from the upgrades.

The Commission discussed the upcoming projects to be able to prioritize them.

MOTION to move priority 1's on page 3 (Sandalwood, Sinnott, Starlite, and Strickroth Parks) to page 1.

MOTION to assign Alviso Adobe priority 3, the skate park priority 2 and the Sports Fields priority 1.

MOTION to move 5055 (Alviso Adobe Renovation) to page 2 priority 3.

M/S: Bansal/Singh Ayes: All

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on Monday February 2, 2015 at 7:00pm.