

Parks & Recreation Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/27/2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair Palefsky called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Cebrian, Commissioner Cox, Vice Chair Harris, Commissioner Lane, Chair Palefsky, and Commissioner Stanwood

Staff: Derek Schweigart, Community Services Manager

C. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

D. Regular Business

- D1. Accept Commission minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2015 ([attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Cox/Stamwood) to accept Commission minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2015, passes 6-0

- D2. Review and discuss City Community Funding Process and allocations for FY 2015-16 ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart gave a review of the City Community Funding Process and allocations for FY 2015-16.

- D3. Review and provide feedback on proposed next steps for community engagement activities supporting 2015-16 Capital Improvement Projects for parks ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart gave a review on the proposed next steps for community engagement activities supporting 2015-16 Capital Improvement Projects for parks.

- D4. Review and consider options for regulating drone and RC aircraft use at Bedwell-Bayfront Park before making a recommendation to City Council ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart gave a review on the options for regulating drone and RC aircraft use at Bedwell-Bayfront Park. Staff recommends the Commission review and consider the following

options and approve a recommendation to present to the City Council. The options presented to the Commissioners were the following:

- A- It is recommended that the Commission take no action on this topic at this time
- B- It is recommended that the Commission approve a recommendation to the City Council which would ban all use of drones and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park
- C- It is recommended that the Commission approve a recommendation to the City Council which would allow restricted use of drones and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park and would include the following types of restrictions: *Operators of electric powered Drones and R/C Aircraft have limited access to the Park including (a) a maximum number of operators permitted at any one time, (b) specified times and specified days of permitted operation and (c) an exclusive designated area of the Park for take-off, landing and flight. No craft may leave the designated area of the Park while in flight. All FAA Regulations must be complied with. During the specified times, all other park visitors would be barred from entering the designated area. Operators would avoid wildlife as much as possible. Other restrictions would be imposed as designated by Staff and approved by Commission. The Commission would receive and review evidence and public comment on the experience of the Regulations in 12 months.*

Public Comment was taken at this point.

Ann Moser asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Curtis Snyder asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Matt Leddy asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Nancy Borgeson asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Chris Macintosh asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Nancy Edelsen asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Lennie Roberts asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Allan Bedwell asked the Commission to consider recommending option B to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Silas Kwok asked the Commission to consider recommending option C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Ed Canty asked the Commission to consider recommending option C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Greg Ashford asked the Commission to consider recommending option C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Harry Ackley asked the Commission to consider recommending option A to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Mark Diel asked the Commission to consider recommending option A to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Richard Bright asked the Commission to consider recommending option C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Mehrdad Amir asked the Commission to consider recommending options A or C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Jeff Young asked the Commission to consider recommending options A or C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Jerome Miller asked the Commission to consider recommending option A to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Frank Dickinson asked the Commission to consider recommending options A or C to the City Council regarding the ban on usage of drone and RC aircraft at Bedwell-Bayfront Park.

Following discussion, the Commission voted as follows:

No votes on option A.

In support of option B: Cox, Harris and Palefsky

In support of option C: Cebrian, Lane and Stanwood

Motion failed as neither of the options had a majority vote.

The Commission and Staff decided to set up a meeting with the City Council to discuss this issue.

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Reports (Christopher Harris and Tucker Stanwood)

Vice Chair Harris gave the Commission a report of the events he attended during the month of November and Commissioner Stanwood gave the Commission a report of the events he attended during the month of December.

E2. Pilot proposal to suspend non-resident and non-subsidized rates for BHAS and Camp Menlo ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart gave the Commission a presentation on the pilot proposal to suspend non-resident and non-subsidized rates for BHAS and Camp Menlo.

E3. Community Services Director's update and announcements ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart gave the Commission the Community Services Director's update and announcements.

F. Adjournment

Chair Palefsky adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.