

# Parks & Recreation Commission



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 10/26/2016  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Arrillaga Family Recreation Center**  
**700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

### **A. Call To Order**

Vice Chair Stanwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

Present: Vice Chair Stanwood, Commissioner Baskin, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Palefsky

Absent: Chair Harris, Commissioner Lane

Staff: Derek Schweigart, Assistant Community Services Director

### **C. Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

### **D. Presentations and Proclamations**

#### **D1. Presentation of Commissioner Service Award to James Cebrian**

James Cebrian was not present at the meeting; a presentation was not given.

#### **D2. Presentation of San Mateo County Park Shuttle Program and Flood Park update ([attachment](#))**

Carla Schoof of San Mateo County Parks gave a presentation on the Park Shuttle Program. She showed the route map and the schedule of the park shuttle.

Sarah Birkeland of San Mateo County Parks gave an update on Flood Park. She mentioned that a landscape plan should be done by June 2017. She also mentioned that public meetings are being scheduled for December 2016.

#### **D3. Presentation on Unity Day and Anti-Bully Campaign ([attachment](#))**

Natalya Jones, Recreation Supervisor, gave the Commission a presentation on Unity Day and Anti-Bully Campaign. She presented a slideshow of all the events that occurred at the City of Menlo Park childcare programs on Unity Day, October 19, 2016.

### **E. Regular Business**

- E1. Accept Commission minutes for meeting of September 28, 2016 ([attachment](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and Second (Johnson/Palefsky) to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of September 28, 2016; passes 4-0-2 (Chair Harris and Commissioner Lane absent, one vacancy).

- E2. Receive and provide feedback on the draft Bedwell-Bayfront Park Master Plan scope of work and approve overall approach for project ([attachment](#))

Derek Schweigart and Azalea Mitch, Senior Civil Engineer, gave the Commission a presentation on the draft Bedwell-Bayfront Park Master Plan scope of work and asked the Commission to approve the overall approach for the project. They mentioned that the City Council approved the Bedwell-Bayfront Park Master Plan project as part of the FY 2016-17 CIP Budget which includes an extensive community engagement process and participation by the Parks and Recreation Commission. They also gave a background of Bedwell-Bayfront Park, the current park usage and the on-going maintenance needs and projects.

### **Public Comments**

Sam Niece mentioned that there is a difference between drones and gliders. Bedwell-Bayfront Park was originally designed for passive enjoyment; he believes gliders are a passive enjoyment.

Frank Dickinson mentioned that other park users tell him that they miss seeing the model airplanes at the park.

Kevin Tiene brought an example of the type of powerless glider he flies at the park. He mentioned that powerless gliders are a quiet and safe hobby and that other park users are fascinated by his powerless gliders. He asked the Commission to consider following through with the master plan and consider allowing an exception for powerless gliders.

Kyle Hurlbut gave a background on how he became interested in flying radio controlled aircraft.

Richard Bright mentioned that the majority of the complaints of park users were for a very limited number of models that may not be used at the Park.

Harry Ackley feels that Staff could have just recommended banning drones, he does not feel it is fair that glider pilots are included in the ban and that members of the Academy Model Aeronautics should be excluded from the ban.

Allan Bedwell commended the Commission and Staff on the thoughtfulness of the scope of work. He mentioned there are many changes happening at the park, including the multi-cultural use of the park.

Karine Tokatlian with the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory mentioned that over the past six months she has created a program to make the public aware of a certain type of bird that is breeding at the park. She also mentioned that her study includes the impact of drones on birds; gliders are not included in the study.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

**ACTION:** Motion and Second (Baskin/Palefsky) to approve the Bedwell-Bayfront Park Master Plan scope of work and the overall approach for the project; passes 4-0-2 (Chair Harris and Commissioner Lane absent, one Commission vacancy).

**F. Reports and Announcements**

- F1. Community Services Director's update and announcements ([attachment](#))

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

**G. Informational Items**

- G1. Update on Menlo Park Playgrounds Audit and proposed CIP projects ([attachment](#))

Dave Mooney, Parks and Trees Supervisor, gave the Commission an update on the Menlo Park Playgrounds Audit and proposed CIP projects.

**H. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Stanwood adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Linda Munguia, Senior Office Assistant

These minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of December 21, 2016.