

Parks and Recreation Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/23/2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting Location: Zoom.us/join – ID# 911 6597 4358

A. Call To Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Baskin, Bryman, Diepenbrock, Harris, Johnson, Payne (left at 8:01 p.m.),
Staley (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Absent: None

Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Community Services
Director Adriane Lee Bird

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Regular Business

- D1. Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for the meeting of August 26, 2020
([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Bryman/Harris) to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of August 26, 2020, passed 6-1 (Payne abstained).

- D2. Approve a recommendation to the City Council supporting a pilot pickleball program at Kelly Park
([Staff Report #20-006-PRC](#))

Assistant Community Services Director Adriane Lee Bird made the presentation ([Attachment](#)).

ACTION: Motion and second (Harris/Staley) to approve a 6-month pilot pickleball program at Kelly Park with the recommendation that the City provide free access to the courts to the pickleball players during the pilot program, passed unanimously.

- D3. Review/Update: Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Calendar ([Attachment](#))

ACTION: Motion and second (Baskin/Johnson) to move the November 25, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to November 18, 2020 pending the approval of the City Clerk, passed unanimously.

E. Reports and Announcements

- E1. Commissioner reports (Jennifer Johnson)

Commissioner Johnson requested the inclusion of outdoor classes and activities for families with children with special needs and creating virtual activities for seniors that are battling with feelings of loneliness during the pandemic.

E2. Library and community services department updates ([Staff report #20-007-PRC](#))

Community Services Director Sean Reinhart gave the library and community services department updates.

E3. Menlo Park Community Campus Project ([Staff Report #20-008-PRC](#))

Community Services Director Sean Reinhart gave the Menlo Park Community Campus Project update.

F. Adjournment

Chair Baskin adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Linda Munguia, Senior Office Assistant

These minutes were approved at the October 28, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

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PILOT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

Adriane Lee Bird – Assistant Community Services Director

OVERVIEW

- Sport of pickleball
- Potential locations in Menlo Park
- Current tennis program
- Community interest
- Pilot pickleball program

SPORT OF PICKLEBALL

- 3.3 million pickleball players in the US
- Similar to tennis but with a whiffle ball and plastic or wooden paddle
- Smaller courts and slower ball speed
- Fairly easy to learn
- Appeals to a wide age range
- Fast growing sport



POTENTIAL LOCATIONS

- Burgess Park (2)
- Kelly Park (2)
- La Entrada Middle School (2)
- Nealon Park (5)
- Willow Oaks Park (4)



CURRENT TENNIS PROGRAM

- Tennis keys \$63/year (\$127/year)
- Tennis court rentals \$17/hr (\$22/hr)
- 50% for walk-on



COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Commissioner report in February
- August PRC presentation
- Palo Alto Pickleball Club
 - Founded September 2016
 - Over 500 members
 - Ages 5-93
 - Over 50 members from Menlo Park
 - Mitchell Park – 15 courts from 8am – 3pm
 - Additional 8 courts from 3pm -10 pm



PILOT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

- 6-month proposal
- Kelly Park
- Budget: \$3,000 for dual-use
- Four courts on a single tennis court
- Prioritize the court for pickleball 8-noon, 7 days per week
- Cost to revert court back to single use is \$5,000





THANK YOU