

Parks and Recreation Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/27/2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Location: Zoom.us/join – ID# 911 6597 4358

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MENLO PARK

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A. Call To Order

Chair Baskin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Baskin, Bryman, Diepenbrock (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Harris, Johnson, Staley

Absent: Payne

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

C. Public Comment

- Kim Novello spoke on enjoying natural foot paths in Menlo Park.

D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Covid-19 update: Indoor and outdoor sports leagues

Recreation Supervisor Todd Zeo made the presentation (Attachment).

- Steve Sutton provided restriction comparison in the County tiers for outdoor and indoor recreational sports.
- Todd Scheuer with Alpine Little League thanked staff for working with them on a safety plan to get the kids back out on the fields.

D2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion update: Adaptive programming

Coordinator Allan Bruce made the presentation (Attachment).

E. Regular Business

E1. Approve: Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for the meeting of November 19, 2020 (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Johnson/Bryman), to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of November 19, 2020 including the update to the start time of the meeting from 6:13 p.m. to 6:31 p.m., passed 6-0-1 (Payne absent).

E2. Review/update: Parks and Recreation Commission agenda calendar (Attachment)

Assistant Community Services Director Adriane Lee Bird and the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and updated the commission agenda.

E3. Review/recommend: Library and Community Services Department Strategic Plan Update: 2020 and Beyond ([Staff Report 21-001-PRC](#))

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart and the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the Library and Community Services Department Strategic Plan: 2020 and Beyond.

ACTION: Motion and second (Bryman/Harris), to accept the Library and Community Services Department Strategic Plan Update: 2020 and Beyond, passed 6-0-1 (Payne absent).

F. Reports and Announcements

F1. Commissioner reports (Vice Chair Staley-Shenk)

Vice Chair Staley Shenk reported on the communications of the City's social media.

F2. Department updates

a. Menlo Park Community Campus project ([Staff Report 21-002-PRC](#))

Sean Reinhart gave the Menlo Park Community Campus project update.

b. Pickleball pilot program ([Staff Report 21-003-PRC](#))

Sean Reinhart gave the pickleball pilot program update.

- Jim Carson spoke in support of pickleball at Nealon Park.
- Barry Martin spoke of his support of pickleball at Burgess Park.
- David Yoshida spoke of his support of pickleball at Nealon Park and La Entrada.
- Mary K spoke of her support of pickleball at Nealon and Burgess Park.
- JD Tappe spoke of her support of pickleball at Nealon Park.
- Dan spoke in support of opening other pickleball courts in Menlo Park.
- Marnie Carson spoke in support of other pickleball courts in Menlo Park.
- Amy Harris spoke in support of pickleball at Nealon and Willow Oaks Park.
- Billy Chow spoke in support of pickleball at Nealon and Burgess Park.
- Mark Ballinger spoke in support of other pickleball courts in Menlo Park.
- Monty Front spoke in support of other pickleball courts in Menlo Park.
- Steve Sutton offered his services in helping designing pickleball courts in Menlo Park.

c. Suggestion box responses ([Staff Report 21-004-PRC](#))

Sean Reinhart gave the suggestion box responses update.

G. Adjournment

Chair Baskin adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Linda Munguia, Senior Office Assistant

These minutes were approved at the November 19, 2020 Parks and Recreation Special meeting.



RETURN TO PLAY – YOUTH SPORTS

Presented by: TODD ZEO

ANNIE RAYBY
GYMNASIUM

OVERVIEW

- The State of California issues guidance for a variety of professions/occupations and activities. Youth Sports is one of those areas where guidance is given.
- The City of Menlo Park and all other cities in San Mateo County in SANCRA are using these guidelines to determine the safest way to resume youth sports.
- Return to play guidance - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>

ADDITIONAL FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY



- In addition to tracking the ever-changing course of the pandemic, other factors staff will take into account include:
 - Area schools open for onsite instruction / athletics
 - College/ professional sports allowed to have spectators
 - Other communities near MP allow competition and/or spectators
 - Any changes to state and/or local public health orders
- Staff may also need to seek direction/approval from City Council prior to restarting
- CMP will continue to adhere to all state and local health orders, and likely will continue to be more cautious/ slower than state guidelines allow in some areas:
 - minimize risk to public health at every opportunity
 - avoid reopening prematurely only to have to shut down again

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- Modified practice sessions will probably be OK to restart in spring, unless there's a major bad turn in the pandemic (vaccine problems, new viral variants, poor community compliance with mitigation strategies, etc.) resulting in further restrictions
- Groups should be prepared for the possibility that competitive play and/or spectators may continue to be prohibited into the summer
- Staff anticipates having more information about the course of the pandemic (and therefore whether competitive play can recommence) in March after the initial vaccine rollout



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Questions and Discussion



THANK YOU



INCLUSION POLICY/ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING

Allan Bruce

AGENDA

- Goals
- Inclusion Policy
- ADA Compliance Review
- Adaptive Programming in progress
- Next Steps
- Questions





GOALS

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- Continue our efforts to build an environment in current classes that all participants feel welcome
- Our department will strive towards enhancing our adaptive/inclusive program to focus on developmental skills for participants with all abilities to be successful all while building confidence.
- Promote our Inclusion Policy that provides direction and advises on procedures and operations with programming.
- Display a variety of classes/programs in our promotional materials in multiple accessible formats for participants along with community resources.
- Develop an aide program to provide adaptive support to program participants.



INCLUSION POLICY



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- The Americans with Disabilities Act gives civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities to ensure equal opportunity.
- Menlo Park's policy aims to meet or exceed minimum requirements of Title II from the ADA.
- Participants with and without disabilities are able to participate together.
- While individuals with disabilities should have access to the full range of activities, there can be adaptive recreation options as well.
- Registration process allows for participant to flag the office, requesting accommodations or modifications.



ADA COMPLIANCE REVIEW

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- Public Works department has been conducting Self Evaluation and Transition plan focusing on our facilities.
- The following has been evaluated: City buildings, parks and associated public frontages and school frontages
- Public Works is doing a second round of surveys to complete staff self evaluation and reviewing draft self evaluation reports for comment.
- Once self evaluation is finalized, then the transition plan will be reviewed to conduct public outreach for input.



ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING – 2021

IN PROGRESS

Past programs

- All participants are able to join any of our programs and are committed to provide support as needed.
- Move, Groove and Games – Mr. Barry
- Toddler Manipulative / Sensory Experience – Karen Mihalek
- Adaptive Swim Lessons & Aqua Fit – Menlo Swim & Sport

Upcoming

- Develop additional programs and offerings with Menlo Swim & Sport.
- Music & Magic for All – Rhea Sampson (Summer/Fall 2021)
- Kid's Kung Fu (Adaptive) – John Groschwitz (Summer/Fall 2021)
- Online social groups.
- Partner with community organizations to collaborate on additional programming.



NEXT STEPS



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- Review and evaluate department programs and services; identify opportunities to integrate adaptive/inclusive elements for all.
- Provide training for staff and instructors on how to accommodate a variety of special needs
- Promote inclusion in all of our programming as well as adaptive recreation offerings
- Partner with community organizations to expand a breath of offerings.



QUESTIONS



THANK YOU