



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/26/2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Baskin, Diepenbrock, Joshua, Thomas

Absent: Brosnan, Bryman

Staff: Library and Community Services Director Reinhart, Library and Community Services Supervisor Todd Zeo, Acting Assistant Library and Community Services Director Rondell Howard, Assistant Library Director Szegda

C. Public Comment

- Vern Leslie requested clarification on the Commission's role (advisory or decision making).

D. Presentations

D1. New public access park on property owned by Meta (Facebook)

Meta representative Ashley Quintana and Solon Stewart-Rose made the presentation (Attachment).

- Marnie Carson asked about the width of the bridge shown and if it was safe for bike riders.

E. Regular Business

E1. Approve the minutes for the special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of December 8, 2021

ACTION: Motion and second (Baskin/ Diepenbrock), to approve the special meeting minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission for December 8, 2021, passed 4-0 (Brosnan and Bryman absent).

E2. Review and recommend field user groups for 2022 (Staff Report #PRC-22-01)

Supervisor Zeo introduced the item.

- MJ Davey complimented Supervisor Zeo on the process for assigning field allocations.
- Vern Leslie requested clarification on list of field users for approval.

ACTION: Motion and second (Baskin/ Diepenbrock), to recommend the field user groups for 2022, passed

4-0 (Brosnan and Bryman absent).

E3. Review and recommend Parks and Recreation Commission work plan for 2021-2022

Chair Thomas presented the draft work plan (Attachment).

ACTION: Motion and second (Thomas/ Baskin), to recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission work plan for 2022, passed 4-0 (Brosnan and Bryman absent).

E4. Pickleball pilot program – review and next steps (Staff Report #PRC-22-02)

Assistant Director Szegda introduced the item. Because of the number of community members wishing to make a public comment, Chair Thomas asked to set the time allowed to two minutes and 15 seconds per commenter.

- Neil King spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts.
- Doug Strauss provided statistical information about Nealon Park courts.
- Henry Carey spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts.
- Alison Elliott spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Jim Carson spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and urged contacting Palo Alto staff to learn best practices.
- Katrina spoke in support of additional permanent pickleball courts and priority hours for pickleball players on the shared courts.
- David Yoshida spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Pierre Cintra spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park .
- Harvey Alcabes spoke in support of additional from permanent pickleball courts and eliminating the shared court striping.
- Colleen Lavasetta spoke in support of pickleball.
- Vern Leslie spoke in support of keeping the pickleball play free.
- Ashley Callahan spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Monty Frost spoke in support of pickleball.
- Monica Williams spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Gloria Taffee spoke in support of pickleball.
- Lorenzo spoke in support of pickleball.
- Bjorn Carey spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts.
- Jill Ultan spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Brian Kissel spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Sandy Bachman spoke in support of increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park and relocating them to the middle of the park.
- Olga spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- JD Tappe spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts with permanent nets, increasing the

- number of courts at Nealon Park, and extending court hours to 10 p.m.
- Hiroko Yoshido requested a separate gate at the rear of the court for garbage cans, water fountain, and a bench for those waiting to play.
- Janet Hafner spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts.
- Linda Iskovitz spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Chris Kundinger spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Andrea Lynn spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- Adam Geller spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.
- John spoke in support of permanent pickleball courts and increasing the number of courts at Nealon Park.

ACTION: Motion and second (Thomas/ Baskin), to recommend the pilot pickleball program at Nealon Park and Kelly Park be made permanent, and that fee-free access to the pickleball courts be extended through June of 2022, passed 4-0 (Brosnan and Bryman absent).

F. Informational Items

F1. Department updates

Director Reinhart provided updates.

F2. Parks and Recreation Commission tentative agenda calendar (Attachment)

- JD Tappe requested that pickleball be added to the February agenda.

ACTION: By acclamation, the following items were added to the tentative agenda calendar:

- April – revisit pickleball
- May – select Commission Chair and Vice Chair
- Unscheduled – Update on Middle Avenue crossing

G. Commissioner Reports

G1. Individual Commissioner reports

- Chair Thomas made a presentation on park tour planning (Attachment).

H. Adjournment

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Nick Szegda, Assistant Library Director