

Parks and Recreation Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10/26/2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom

A. Call To Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Brosnan, Bryman, Bunyagidj, Diepenbrock, Joshua, Theriault
Absent: Baskin
Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Acting Assistant Community Services Director Rondell Howard, Library and Community Services Supervisor Tricia Mullan, Management Analyst Ashley Walker

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Study Session

- D1. Nealon Park all-abilities playground – El Capitan Track Ride (zip line) hours of operation (Staff Report PRC-2022-026)

Interi Assistant Community Services Director Rondell Howard introduced the item.

- Paul Kick spoke in opposition of the zip line being open after dusk and in support of police involvement and enforcement.
- Jennifer Johnson spoke in support of keeping the zip line open and in support of police enforcement.
- Kristine Ball spoke in support of replacing the zip line with a quieter play feature.
- Lynn Banchoff spoke in support of removing the zip line.

The Commission discussed past efforts to reduce the noise generated by the zip line, operating hours, relocating the zip line, upgrading the zip line lock, staff capacity limitations for daily locking and unlocking, and considering impacts to neighbors.

E. Regular Business

- E1. Approve minutes from September 28, 2022, meeting (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Brosnan/ Bunyagidj), to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022, meeting, passed 5-0 (Baskin absent and Joshua abstaining).

- E2. Recommendation to continue the pickleball pilot program through June 30, 2023, and expand its

scope (Staff Report PRC-2022-027)

Interim Assistant Community Services Director Howard and Library and Community Services Supervisor Tricia Mullan made the presentation (Attachment).

- Prescott Lee and Lynn Mickleburgh made a presentation (Attachment).
- Vern Leslie spoke in support of more pickleball courts and adding a screen to help abate noise from the courts.
- Shani Paval spoke in opposition of converting tennis courts to pickleball.
- Brian Kissel spoke in support of pickleball.
- Mei Yick spoke in support of adding more tennis and more pickleball courts on an expedited timeline.
- Katrina Ryan spoke in support of modifying existing courts based on the current master plan language.
- Pierre Cintra spoke in support of pickleball.
- David Yoshida spoke in support of pickleball.
- Adam Hopkins spoke in support of pickleball.
- Nate Gardner and Andrea Baylon spoke in support of the proposed plan to expand pickleball courts.
- James Schott spoke in support of expanding pickleball and exploring possible indoor pickleball locations.
- Amy Harris spoke in support of more pickleball in Menlo Park.
- Derrick Shirley spoke on the possible negative impact to Hillview's tennis program and suggested the flexible use of courts February through April 2023.
- Anja Brown spoke on potential unauthorized private tennis lessons at the tennis courts.
- Viola Ng and Dana Wintrop spoke in support of keeping tennis courts.
- Vern Leslie, with donated time from Mariangela Smania, spoke in support of sharing the courts and working together.
- Prescott Lee and Lynn Mickleburgh, with donated time from AJ, spoke in support of keeping tennis.
- Emily Robinson spoke in support of keeping tennis.
- Alicia Falsetto spoke in support of pickleball.
- JD Tappey and Monica Williams spoke in support of pickleball.
- Mike Orsak spoke in support of pickleball.
- Luis Torres spoke in support of equal access to tennis and pickleball equal.

The Commission discussed working with the Hillview tennis program, expanding pickleball to Kelly Park and La Entrada School, expanding court hours, next steps for prioritizing equal access to tennis and pickleball, building new courts as opposed to converting existing courts, and examining the existing tennis reservation system.

ACTION: Motion and second (Diepenbrock/ Joshua), to approve the continuation and expansion of the pilot pickleball program through June 30, 2023, address unauthorized tennis court usage during the pilot evaluation phase, work with Hillview's tennis program to minimize impacts to their season, and explore expansion into other parks, passed 5-1 (Baskin absent, Bryman dissenting).

E3. Establish a procedure for the annual selection of chair and vice chair (Staff Report PRC-2022-028)

- Janet Hapner spoke in support of pickleball and tennis being expanded.

ACTION: Motion and second (Bunyagidj/ Bryman), adopt the proposed procedure for the annual selection of chair and vice chair, passed 6-0 (Baskin absent).

F. Informational Items

F1. Advisory body hybrid meetings and attendance report (Staff Report PRC-2022-029)

Director Reinhart made the presentation (Attachment).

F2. Suggestion box feedback received (Staff report PRC-2022-030)

Director Reinhart introduced the item.

F3. Parks and Recreation Commission tentative agenda calendar (Attachment)

ACTION: By acclamation, the Commissioners canceled the December meeting.

G. Commissioner Reports

G1. Individual Commissioner reports

Chair Bryman reported out on commissioner workshop with Interim Assistant Community Services Director Howard.

H. Adjournment

Chair Bryman adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Ashley Walker, Management Analyst