



Parks and Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/22/2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
Belle Haven Branch Library
413 Ivy Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair Bryman called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Bryman, Bronsnan, 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 Natalya Jones, Management Analyst Ashley Walker

C. Public Comment

- Neil spoke in support of prioritizing children's accessibility over pickleball.
- Brian Kissel spoke in support of pickleball.
- Victoria Robledo spoke on concerns related to dog leash enforcement at Bayfront Park.

D. Presentations and Proclamations

D1. Belle Haven School field redesign

Will Eger from Ravenswood City School District made the presentation.

- Bronwyn Alexander spoke in support of the redesign.
- Vickie Robledo spoke in support of the redesign and preserving the history and culture of the community.
- Pam Jones spoke in support of the redesign, tennis court accessibility, and parking.
- Gerald Dow spoke on concerns related to the gym encroaching on resident space and keeping the tennis courts.

The Commission discussed community engagement, plan options, and artificial turf cost.

E. Study Session

E1. Process to identify a name for the Menlo Park Community Campus project now under construction / Proceso para identificar el nombre de la Instalación Comunitaria de Menlo Park (MPCC) que actualmente está bajo construcción (Staff Report PRC-2023-004 / Informe de Personal PRC-2023-004)

Director Reinhart introduced the item.

- Victoria Robledo spoke in support of bringing back staff and keeping the name Onetta Harris.
- Greg Goodwin spoke in support of keeping the name Onetta Harris.
- Yadira Di Siena spoke in support of keeping the name Onetta Harris.
- Pam Jones spoke in support of community outreach in the naming process.
- Ken Harris spoke in support of keeping name Onetta Harris.
- Ernesto Reyes spoke in support of keeping name Onetta Harris.
- Jacqui Cebrian spoke in support of keeping the name Onetta Harris.
- Yashseen Abdusami Oakley spoke in support keeping the name Onetta Harris.
- Kyra Brown spoke in support of keeping the name Onetta Harris.

The Commission discussed the naming policy and advised staff to conduct community outreach.

F. Regular Business

- F1. Approve minutes from October 26, 2022 meeting (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Bunyagidj/ Diepenbrock), to approve the minutes from October 26, 2022 meeting, passed 6-0 (Baskin absent).

G. Informational Items

- G1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan addendum to include pickleball – proposed process and timeline (Staff Report PRC-2023-005)

- Andrea and Nate spoke in support of pickleball.
- Katrina Ryan spoke in support of pickleball.
- Paul Kick spoke on concerns related to noise from nighttime pickleball play.
- David Yoshida spoke in support of sound barriers at pickleball and basketball courts.

The Commission discussed the proposed pickleball process and timeline.

- G2. Nealon Park all-abilities playground - El Capitan Track Ride update (Staff Report PRC-2023-006)

- Paul Kick spoke in support of closing the park at night.
- Kristine Ball spoke in support of removing the zip line.
- Sumayya Khan spoke in support of locking the zip line at night.
- Ibrahim Kahn spoke in support of locking the zip line at night.
- Lynore Banchoff spoke in support of locking the zip line at night.
- Mary K spoke in support of locking the zip line at night.

The Commission discussed potential solutions to provide children access to the zip line while minimizing impacts of unauthorized overnight use.

- G3. Advisory body recruitments (Staff Report PRC-2023-007)

H. Commissioner Reports

- H1. Individual Commissioner reports

- Commissioner Bunyagidj reported on the Black Liberation Celebration that took place at Belle Haven library.

G. Adjournment

Chair Bryman adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.