

Parks and Recreation Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/27/2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Locations: Teleconference and
Arrillaga Recreation Center, Oak Room
700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

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

B. Roll Call

Present: Brosnan, Bunyagidj, Gilmartin, Josuha, Lee, Theriault, Wessel
Absent: None
Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Library and Community Services Director Nick Sgezda, Library and Community Services Supervisor Rondell Howard, Library and Community Services Supervisor Tricia Mullan

C. Public Comment

- Carol Fan spoke on concerns related to tennis court usage for pickleball and tennis.
- Meredith Pressfield spoke in support of adding additional items to the Willow Park project.

D. Study Session

D1. Review considerations for a focused addendum to Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan to include pickleball (Staff Report PRC-2023-029)

Assistant Director Sgezda and Supervisor Mullan made the presentation.

- Ryan Essenburg spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Sam Yang spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Alexis Pedrosa spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Jim Schott spoke in support of pickleball.
- Ben Zarrabi spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- David Skurnick spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Atiq Rahman spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- William Hindson spoke in favor of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Nate Gardner spoke in support of pickleball.
- David Yoshida Spoke in favor of pickleball.
- Neil spoke on concerns related to noise levels and parking at Nealon Park.
- Fred spoke on concerns related to noise levels and late night court usage.
- Alex Goldhammer spoke in support of expanding courts throughout the city.
- Cheryl Sheeta spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Peter Diepenbrock spoke in support of pickleball.

- Olga spoke in support of pickleball.
- Jim Carson spoke in support of tennis and pickleball.
- Brian Kissel spoke in support of pickleball.
- Bryan spoke in support of pickleball.
- Lynn spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Carol Fan spoke in favor of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Geoff Winegar spoke in support of pickleball and tennis courts.
- Gilles Van Ruymbeke spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.
- Shani Podel spoke in support of more pickleball at Burgess Park.
- David Bingham spoke in support of pickleball and tennis courts.
- Malcolm Hobbs spoke in support of pickleball.
- Anya Brow with donated time from Shani Podel spoke in support of tennis courts at Nealon Park.

The Commission discussed the five preliminary plans for amending the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to include pickleball.

E. Regular Business

E1. Approve minutes from July 26, 2023 meeting (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Brosnan/ Gilmartin), to approve minutes from the July 26, 2023 meeting, passed unanimously.

E2. Recommend Parks and Recreation Commission annual work plan (Staff Report PRC-2023-030)

Assistant Director Nick Szegda introduced the item.

The Commission received clarification on the annual work plan.

ACTION: Motion and second (Therault/ Gilmartin), to recommend the Parks and Recreation Commission annual work plan, passed unanimously.

F. Informational Items

F1. Department updates (Staff Report PRC-2023-031)

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

Supervisor Rondell Howard introduced the item.

The Commission received clarification on the tentative agenda calendar.

G. Commissioner Reports

G1. Individual Commissioner reports

H. Adjournment

Chair Bunyagidj adjourned the meeting at 9:41pm

Rondell Howard, Library Community Service Supervisor