

County of San Mateo

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors' Chambers

400 County Center, Redwood City

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Barbara Bonilla (Chair), Basem Manneh (Vice Chair), Neil Merrilees, Marico Enriquez, Meda Okelo (arrived at 4:05)

Not present: Eeshan Bhat, Youth Commissioner

Staff Present: Jonathan Gervais, Scott Lombardi, Lori Mrizek, Nirit Eriksson (Deputy County Counsel)

3. Public Comment

Natural Resources Manager, Ramona Arechiga, introduced two new Natural Resources Management staff: Hannah Ormshaw, Natural Resource Specialist, and Dan Krug, Arborist.

There was no other public comment.

4. Action Items

4.1 The Commission approved the minutes from the Feb 1, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Merrilees/Enriquez, 4-0

5. Presentations

5.1 Jonathan Gervais presented an update and PowerPoint on the 2019 Budget.

5.2 Jonathan Gervais presented an update and PowerPoint on Parks Projects.

6. Parks Director's Report

A slide show accompanied the Director's report.

Commissioner Okelo asked, in relation to the housing problem in San Mateo County, if Parks had any issues with people living in their motor homes in the County parks. Director Gervais and Parks Superintendent Lombardi addressed this question.

Commissioner Okelo had a follow-up question about whose responsibility it is to deal with the issue, Parks Department Rangers or the Sheriff's Office. Superintendent Lombardi answered that there is a process to follow in making contact with homeless in parks, including working in the safest possible way and getting the people as much assistance as possible before moving them out of the parks.

7. Commissioner's Reports

7.1 Reporting on the Commission Work Plan

1.1.1 Developing Outreach Strategies, Okelo/Manneh – They have had one meeting so far. Nothing to report at this time.

1.2 Commissioner Okelo to report on dedicating resources from the County. Commissioner Okelo will meet with the Chair regarding this.

1.3 Commissioner Enriquez to report on developing a land acquisition policy – He hopes to have something to report by next meeting.

1.4 Commissioner Merrilees reported that the Dog Committee has completed its work. Director Gervais noted that the Parks Department is working to change the County ordinance to allow dog use in certain parks. The proposed ordinance change will be presented at a Commission meeting prior to being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for enactment.

2.1, 2.1.1 Fee Study, Commissioners Bonilla and Merilees will work on this together.

3.1 Postponed

5.1, 5.2, 5.3 Commissioners Bonilla and Manneh working on getting a meeting with Michele Beasley from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, and hope to have something to report next meeting.

Commissioner Okelo had a correction to last meeting's minutes. He attended a meeting with staff but the minutes didn't reflect that Commissioner Manneh was also in attendance. The Minutes are to be corrected to show that Commissioner Manneh was at the meeting as well. Merrilees/Manneh motion to accept minutes with these changes. 5-0

Commissioner Enriquez mentioned Filipino 5K run and food festival in Coyote Point Park, on Sunday, May 13, 2018, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

8. Items for Future Agenda

Flood Park EIR at the June meeting

9. Adjournment

Parks Superintendent Lombardi requested a moment of silence for Robert Killion, a Ranger who worked in Parks for 27 years and sadly passed away on March 16, 2018.

Chair Bonilla called for a motion to adjourn in honor of Ranger Robert Killion.

Motion: Merrilees /Manneh, 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.