

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS
5:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Skophammer called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Alicia Peak (arrived at 6:10 p.m.); Vice Chair Dane Skophammer; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb, Suzanne Guldemann, and Judy Villablanca

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Loren Davis, Recreation Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Skophammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Guldemann moved, and Commissioner Villablanca seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Chair Peak absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recreation Coordinator Davis reported the agenda for the meeting was posted on March 17, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Chair Peak absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 15, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

2. Community Services Department Monthly Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department during February 2022.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommended Action: Review and discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) planned to construct a new pool at Malibu High School.

Commissioner Villablanca stated the City would be required to pay SMMUSD to utilize a pool and availability would remain limited due to school hours and sports team usage.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated if the Commission requested a rezoning of the Heathercliff property, the Planning Commission would likely want to know specific details regarding the proposed project during their review of the request. He also stated certain facilities and amenities could be permitted with a Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Guldemann stated the Heathercliff property was earmarked for a park and inquired about the best way to move forward.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Commissioner Guldemann stated the Ioki property could be used for a pool, but the property contained elevation changes and parking could be a concern due to the neighboring Santa Monica College satellite campus.

Vice Chair Skophammer stated the Commission should keep moving forward on the project and suggested approaching City Council to rezone the Heathercliff property for a community center and pool.

Commissioner Guldemann indicated agreement with Vice Chair Skophammer and suggested modular buildings to reduce costs.

Vice Chair Skophammer stated community need should be the priority over costs.

Melissa Stallings, Malibu Library Manager, stated the Parks Master Plan and Library Needs Assessment both contain information regarding a community needs assessment. She recommended the Commission review the Parks Master Plan and stated a community center with multi-generational activities and library services in western Malibu were identified as community needs.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated Elizabeth Shavelson, Assistant to the City Manager, was the staff liaison to the Library Subcommittee and was working with them to analyze the feasibility of expanding library services in western Malibu based on direction from the Council.

At 6:10 p.m., Chair Peak joined the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Ms. Stallings stated the Library Subcommittee would meet in spring 2022 to discuss Fiscal Year 2022-2023 projects and the library set aside funds.

Commissioner Villablanca suggested the Commission discuss the project with the Library Subcommittee for their input. She stated support from the Library Subcommittee would back the Commission's recommendation when approaching City Council for their approval.

Commissioner Villablanca stated a community center, a pool, and a satellite library on the Heathercliff property should be the top priorities.

Commissioner Guldemann indicated agreement with Commissioner Villablanca.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated she supported approaching the Library Subcommittee to obtain a recommendation for City Council consideration. She stated the Commission should review the Parks Master Plan and Library Needs Assessment.

In response to Chair Peak, Ms. Stallings stated the Almaden Community Center in San Jose was a joint-use facility with library services.

Community Services Director Bobbett recommended approaching the Library Subcommittee first to determine if a joint-use facility with a library component was desired. He stated the Commission should have a clear plan and recommendation for the Subcommittee.

In response to Chair Peak, Commissioner Guldimann stated the Commission should focus on incorporating a library component into any plans for a community center.

Vice Chair Skophammer clarified the project should include a building that offers library services.

Commissioner Guldimann indicated agreement with Vice Chair Skophammer and stated a community center would be more appealing than a stand-alone pool.

In response to Vice Chair Skophammer, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the best approach would be to go before the Library Subcommittee regarding a library component before going before the City Council.

In response to Chair Peak, Community Services Director Bobbett stated staff would discuss the best process for presenting the idea for a multi-generational recreation center with a pool and library services to the Library Subcommittee.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Enhancement and Donation Program

Recommended Action: 1) Review the recommended revisions to the Park Enhancement and Donation Program; and 2) Recommend City Council approve the revisions.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

Commissioner Guldimann stated Charmlee Wilderness Park and Legacy Park should not be included in the Park Enhancement Donation Program.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the memorial plaques were flush with the back of the benches at Legacy Park.

In response to Chair Peak, Commissioner Guldimann stated there were multiple requests for memorial items at parks and by limiting the number of items, staff could deny requests.

Commissioner Villablanca indicated agreement with Commissioner Guldimann.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the Park Enhancement and Donation Program included trees and plants, but most people preferred to donate benches or rocks.

MOTION Commissioner Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Guldemann recommended a motion to make no changes to the Park Enhancement and Donation Program. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-1, Chair Peak dissenting.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update on Charmlee Wilderness Park, Trancas Field, part-time staff recruitment, and skate boarding programs.

Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update on staff assignments from the Commission.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Chair Peak requested the Commission place an item on the April 19, 2022 Regular meeting agenda regarding the Department's Financial Assistance Program.

In response to Commissioner Guldemann, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated Commissioners were welcome to attend Chumash Day on April 9, 2022.

In response to Vice Chair Skophammer, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the restrooms at Trancas Park were locked by contractors and she would speak with the Parks Division to see if they were aware of any issues.

In response to Vice Chair Skophammer, Community Services Director Bobbett stated he would research options for installing Wi-Fi at Trancas Canyon Park.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parks Master Plan
Scholarship Assistance Program

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION At 7:39 p.m., Vice Chair Skophammer moved, and Chair Peak seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and
Recreation Commission of the City of
Malibu on April 19, 2022.



ALICIA PEAK, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant