



CITY OF SAN BRUNO

Community Services Department

MINUTES

**Parks and Recreation Commission
September 19, 2018**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:32 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Gonzales, Greenberg, Martinucci, and Zamattia. Commissioners Excused: Commissioner Melendrez, Nigel, and Zastrow. Staff Present: Grogan, Magrini, and Brewer.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Community Services Director Magrini led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MSC Zamattia/Gonzales to approve the minutes from August 15, 2018 with a correction. Approved unanimously.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:**
 - Jasen Gibson stated that the Florida Avenue Park will be a fresh start for the neighborhood and suggests the trees should be removed.
 - Stephen Seymour suggested that there is a redesign for the new recreation center so the grove of trees won't get removed.
 - Ryan Mrsny suggested that the dog park get enlarged and get support from YouTube and Walmart.
 - Beverly Porras expressed that she wants more trees rather than cutting them down.
 - Eva Jimenez stated that her family would love to enjoy a new park and said that the trees are creating a mess.
 - Russ Stines asked why the architect isn't held accountable for the misdesign of the project. He suggested a net around the tree to catch the cones. Also stated that because a tree isn't appealing, is not a reason to take it down.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Update on Status of Earl/Glenview Park – **City Manager Grogan** stated that the completion is fast approaching. Saturday, October 27th will be the ribbon cutting and the formal announcement that we will be substantially complete with all of the other improvements in the Crestmoor neighborhood following the explosion.
 - b. Florida Avenue Park – Selection of Preferred Park Layout and Approval of

Recommended Design Changes and Alternatives – **City Manager Grogan** gave a PowerPoint presentation. **Commissioner Martinucci** recommended that both trees be removed so we can move forward. **Commissioner Greenberg** leaned toward keeping the cedar tree and removing the pine tree. **Commissioner Zamattia** was thankful for the reports. She suggested taking down the trees and moving the park forward. **Vice Chair Gonzales** recommended the removal of the trees. **Commissioner Melendrez** sent an email that was read by Chair Palmer. He recommended removing the trees. **Chair Palmer** stated that the playground is an absolute necessity and was in favor of removing the two heritage trees.

- Sandra Perez Vargas spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Reina Burgos spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Jasen Gibson spoke in favor of removing the trees.
- Russ Stines spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Email from Santha Takahashi read by Tim O'Brien was in favor of keeping the trees.
- Eva Jimenez spoke in favor of the playground and removal of the trees.
- Tom spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Stephen Seymour spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Jeffrey Tong spoke in favor of keeping the trees and opposes just a lawn.
- Beverly spoke in favor for keeping the trees.
- Tim O'Brien spoke in favor of keeping the trees.
- Kevin Kielty, certified arborist, stated that these are not native trees and he had never heard of netting in a scale as large as the trees. The trees are not efficient in producing oxygen due to their maturity. Replacement trees in 5 – 10 years will outperform the existing trees.

Chair Palmer stated that it is the commission's recommendation to proceed with the recommendation of staff and option 1 to remove the trees.

City Manager Grogan said the next steps are posting the tree for removal with a 10 day appeal period. If appealed, this will go to City Council. The final project has to be taken through the final design. Once the designs are done, they will go forward to City Council. A bid process will be entered into and a new contractor will be selected.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

9. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

- a. Park Visit Form – **Chair Palmer** explained that he made some cosmetic changes to the park visit form. He put together a grid with who has visited what parks.

Commissioner Greenberg has visited two more parks. She suggested that every commissioner should know where every park is in San Bruno and what they look like.

Vice Chair Gonzales suggested an Adopt A Park project on October 27th at the Ribbon Cutting to get neighbors involved with the Earl Glenview Park. She would like to community to feel that they are a part of contributing something to the ribbon cutting. Staff Brewer said she would contact Harry Burrowes to find out if something could be held for the program.

Commissioner Nigel sent an email that was read by Chair Palmer. He observed the

construction progress at the Earl Glenview Park. During the summer months, he observed the summer camp programs and was very impressed.

City Manager Grogan stated that the Earl Glenview Park reflection seating area will be raised in height and likely one more bench will be added. The high school district would like to liquidate the Crestmoor High soccer fields. They are highly utilized and the City would like to retain this asset.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Brewer reminded everyone about the City Council Annual Report. She will put together a draft for next meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.