



**MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Art Pick Council Chambers – City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
Virtual Meeting – Live Webcast

Commissioners Present: Chair, Nathan Iverson, Ward 5
Vice Chair Daniel Jester, Ward 1
Cecelia Fairfax, Ward 2
Andrew Guerra, Jr, Ward 3
Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Joseph Feola, Citywide, Ward 4
Patrick Taber, Citywide, Ward 4
Arthur Santore, Ward 6

Commissioners Absent: Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Department Staff Present: Pamela Galera, Director
Randy McDaniel, Deputy Director
Noemi Lopez, Deputy Director
Kyle Raphael, Park Superintendent
Alisa Sramala, Principal Project Manager
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Supervisor
Gabiella Garcia, Administrative Services Manager
Sandra Campbell, Senior Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jester called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Chair Iverson entered the meeting at this time.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- 1. To comment on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission, you are invited to participate in person or call at (669) 900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: 926 9699 1265. Press *9 to be placed in the queue to speak. Individuals in the queue will be prompted to unmute by pressing *6 when you are ready to speak.**

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1. Citizen called referring to Item #7 of the agenda, will call back once item is presented.
2. Natalie Komuro-Ward 1 – Requested that graffiti on large rock (painted pink) in view of her home window is provided maintenance before any other vandalism happens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: APRIL 18, 2022

No discussion, motion made to approve the minutes for the April 18, 2022, meeting as presented.

Motion: Iverson
Second: Guerra, Jr.
Ayes: All except Friedlander, and Santore
Abstained: Friedlander
Santore

PRESENTATIONS

3. RECOGNITION OF CASTLEVIEW ARROYO PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD ADOPT-A-PARK GROUP PRESENTED BY PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIRECTOR PAMELA GALERA

Director Pamela Galera recognized the Castlevue Arroyo Project Neighborhood Adopt-A-Park Group and showed them the new sign that will be going up at the park.

4. VERBAL UPDATE ON RECREATION DIVISION'S SUMMER PROGRAMMING, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES

Recreation Supervisor Jessica Ochoa presented the report and video.

DISCUSSION

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5. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Director, Pamela Galera reported that at the end of July of each year the boards and commissions agendaize and discuss the Code of Ethics and Conduct. If Commission has any recommendations for consideration, they will be submitted to the Board of Ethics. All recommendations discussed today will be heard by the Board of Ethics on Thursday, August 4th at 5 p.m.

Vice Chair Jester stated no recommendations or concerns at this time and motioned to accept and move forward.

Motion: Jester
Second: Friedlander
Ayes: All

6. VERBAL UPDATE ON REVENUE GENERATION AND VOLUNTEER POLICIES TO ASSIST WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF PARKS

Administrative Services Manager, Gabriella Garcia presented an update on revenue generation and volunteer policies to assist with the maintenance of parks.

Vice Chair Jester had a few questions regarding donations and volunteers:

1. Asked if the Commission has the right to recommend how money from Adopt-a-Park groups is spent? Can commission recommend using the money for maintenance as opposed to something else?
2. Asked if park maintenance is considered just mowing, emptying trash, and clean-up or is it also fixing issues with equipment and resurfacing playground, and resurfacing parking lots?
3. Asked how long the arrangement lasts for Adopt-A-Park. How is the decision made on how the groups are found? Is this going to be a future presentation?

Administrative Services Manager, Gabriella Garcia stated the following:

1. It depends on the group. If Adopt-a-Park group is going to donate a large amount of money, they will want to dictate how it will be utilized and negotiate it. If money is donated for construction of a park or park maintenance, they would dictate that they are going to donate this money on those conditions. Department can make recommendations and let group know the area(s) of need.
2. It would be all of those things. We will be having that presentation in the future to discuss more in-depth.
3. This is going to be future presentation. It will renew on an annual basis. We are working on an outreach program.

Commissioner Friedlander had a question regarding Adopt-A-Park:

1. Asked if the Adopt-A-Park program is similar to Adopt-A-Street program as far as cost and on its annual base, how does it differ?

Administrative Services Manager, Gabriella Garcia stated the following:

1. Not familiar with the Adopt-A-Street program but can reach out to Public Works Department and will get back with a response. It will be added to the Adopt-A-Park

presentation.

Commissioner Santore asked:

1. Will the monies that will be collected through the Adopt-A-Park program be sufficient to take care of the park and will it offset the parks budget?

Administrative Services Manager, Gabriella Garcia stated the following:

1. The money would be set aside and be used for park maintenance needs.

After update and review, motion was made to accept the report for file.

Motion: Friedlander

Second: Jester

Ayes: All

7. RIVERSIDE GATEWAY PARKS MASTER PLANS

Director, Pamela Galera introduced the project by explaining the funding for the master plan for these parks is grant funded through the Coastal Conservancy. Director Galera introduced Eden Ferry and Megan Horn who were online and presented PowerPoint.

Public comments:

1. Ellen Baer-Ward 1 – Need to focus on maintaining as much green space as possible.

Vice Chair Jester clarified that project is developing currently undeveloped areas and not making any changes to existing parks.

2. Rosie, San Manuel Band of Indians, supports the plans and is thankful for including them into this plan.
3. Shirley Van Rennes-Ward 1 – Opposed. More concerned with current maintenance and animal habitat.
4. Kevin Rossow-Ward 1 – Opposed – Funds are nothing for maintenance now. Maintenance is not kept up with current parks.
5. Michael Frank-Ward 1 – Supports – It will enhance his neighborhood but keep the new plans simple.
6. Natalie Komuro-Ward 1 – Opposed – Loring Park is neglected. Parking- Ladera Lane so small no street cleaner. It will be too busy.
7. Richard McPeak-Ward 1 – Supports and Opposed – Is thrilled for community efforts it is amazing. Wants to meet with Director Galera and Deputy Director Randy McDaniel. Has issue with large new structure going in the middle of pastureland.
8. Spencer Boles-Ward 1 – Neutral – Concerned with parking. Would like to see entrance to City restored.
9. Nancy Taylor-Ward 1 – Opposed – Is angry of the rollout of this project. Feels City projects have destroyed wildlife. Concerned with fire and off-road vehicles on the bike trails.
10. Marilyn Ravanal-Ward 1 – Concerned with fire danger. Dedicated to historic preservation, concerned with parking. Does support with more ideas.
11. Terry Wallings-Ward 1 – Opposed – Parks stretched thin. Stated what we have needs now in our parks for more security and maintenance.
12. Marek Kasprzyk-Ward 1 – Neutral – Pleased with what was put together but feels it is a pipe

dream. Concerned with traffic flow at Ryan Bonaminio Park. Too much parking development reduced the plan and what is the priority schedule.

13. Cliff Duncan-Ward 1 – Neutral – Concerned with part-time park rangers and parking concerns.
14. Abram Foyerstein-Ward 1 – Opposed - Ladera Lane increase traffic is not good. Rethink the ADA entry at Loring Park.
15. Caller (no name provided), long time resident of Camp Evans-Ward 1 – Opposed - Landscape barrier to close to home. Concerned with motorcycles on bike trail.

Director Pamela Galera recommended that the Park and Recreation Commission provide feedback and receive the report to file.

Chair Iverson asked Commissioners for feedback on the report.

Vice Chair Jester

1. Parking - Looking for parking proposals for city parks. Reconsider parking at Camp Evans and Tequesquite.
2. Loring Park - Would like to see it developed and maintained.
3. Safety – Would like to revisit PANS and get a follow-up from Lt. Misenheimer.
4. Skatepark – feels positive for kids to have them.

Commissioner Santore

1. ADA Parking - locations
2. Safety
3. Homeless
4. Parking in private areas, Wood streets, along parks, narrow streets. Motion for a study of these streets.
 - a. Deputy Director, Randy McDaniel – Studies were done and required by the California Environmental Quality Act on traffic, security plan, parking study, fire risk, and nature preservation which is all part of the plan. It has been done and can be brought back.
 - b. Vice Chair Jester would also request Commission be provided specifications and calculations on parking for each of the Gateway parks that have parking development.

Chair Iverson

1. Requests a report or study on the Santa Ana River.
 - a. Director, Pamela Galera – Santa Ana River Conservancy completed a report on the entire Santa Ana River – will make available to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Friedlander

1. Concerned with Dog park
2. Questioned Outdoor Roller rink

After Commissioner feedback a motion to request current reports on parking determination of Gateway parks and reports of the Santa Ana River to be shared with Commission.

Motion: Iverson
 Second: Santore
 Ayes: All

Motion to accept the Presentation of Item #7

Motion: Friedlander
Second: Jester
Ayes: All

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Vice Chair Jester requests to bring back Lt. Misenheimer for an update on PANS program.

Chair Iverson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.