



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 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
Cecelia Fairfax, Ward 2
Andrew Guerra, Jr., Ward 3
Matt Friedlander, Ward 4
Patrick Taber, Citywide, Ward 4
Joseph Feola, Citywide, Ward 4
Rakel Engles, Ward 7

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Daniel Jester, Ward 1
Arthur Santore, Ward 6

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Iverson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 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.**

To participate via ZOOM, use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92696991265>, select the "raise hand" function to request to speak. An on-screen message will prompt you to "unmute" and speak.

Shari Fleischman – Introduced to the Commissioners Purple Boat Float. Honoring those affected by Dementia. Flyer handed out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING: AUGUST 15, 2022

No discussion, motion made to approve the minutes for the August 15, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Friedlander
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

PRESENTATION

3. JANET GOESKE PRESENTATION

Executive Director, Danielle Nelson presented the PowerPoint.

4. PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST (PANS) UPDATE

Lieutenant Misenheimer presented the update.

Commissioner Friedlander inquired how many electronic bikes PANS has and how many Ford Maverick Trucks they now have.

Lieutenant Misenheimer confirmed there are 22 bikes and 5 trucks.

5. PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES END OF SUMMER REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Gallegos presented the report.

DISCUSSION

6. ARLINGTON PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS UPDATE

Deputy Director, Randy McDaniel presented the Arlington Park Pickleball Courts update to the Commission.

Public Comments

1. Chad Young – Support. Interested in building more courts throughout Riverside due to the fast-growing sport.

2. Farley Warshaw – Support. Concerned with availability of courts, would like to see more due to the growing sport.
3. Lisa Kilgore – Support. From the Pickleball Club, finding it difficult to find places to play. Hoping to find a permanent home for Recreational Pickleball.

Chair Iverson acknowledge an email supporting more pickleball courts from Resident Debi Bagley was received.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the report for file

Motion: Guerra, Jr.
Second: Fairfax
Ayes: All

7. RIVERSIDE GATEWAY PARKS MASTER PLAN

Director, Pamela Galera presented PowerPoint with updates.

Principal Project Manager, Alisa Sramala addressed concerns.

Deputy Director, Randy McDaniel provided update on Annual Maintenance Cost Projection.

Public Comments

1. Michael Jimenez – Support. Would like to see a skatepark that could accommodate Skaters, and BMXers and spread positivity of the sport so that Riverside does not just have street, but a park where all could use.
2. Chris Kimbell – Support. Has passion and it is important to him to have a local skatepark.
3. Jordon Sugden – Support. Would like to have better quality skatepark. Would like to see professionals come to Riverside.
4. S. Van Rennes – Oppose. Appreciates being a resident of Riverside. Would like to keep the area preserved.
5. Nancy Taylor – Opposed. Wants to keep the area an environmental and wild land area, does not feel we need any more projects including a skatepark.
6. Ruben Equihua – Support. Would like to see better made and bigger skate parks in the City of Riverside. Possibly somewhere that does not disturb the community members.
7. Andre Padilla Montague – Support. Wanted to express how important a new skatepark would be because of the passion their community has for the sport, keep kids in safe zones and off the streets.
8. Jeremiah Thompson/Andrew Manriquez – Supports. Having a skateboard park would keep kids off the streets and skating or riding bikes where not allowed would stop. Skateboarding is great way to exercise and good for mental health.

9. Colin McGuire – Support. Feels like Riverside is overdue for a new skateboard park. Pointed out that in 2020 Skateboarding was introduced to the Olympics. Feels the City of Riverside would have the potential to produce future Olympians if a new and bigger skate park was built.
10. Sidney Robinson – Support. It is important to support this project. This sport is diverse and a good escape and outlet. Riverside is special and would like to see the progress to go forward.

Commissioner Engles thanked everyone for the passion that has been shared this evening and for the comments and input.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the presentation.

Motion: Feola
Second: Friedlander
Ayes: All
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATES, AND COMMISSION REQUEST

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS AND/OR CITY STAFF

Chair Iverson announced to all Commissioners that this was his last meeting due to him moving into a part-time role with the Mayor's Office.

Director, Pamela Galera stated that at the next Commission meeting there will be an election for a new Chair.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Iverson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.