

CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
June 7, 2023
MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for its special meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 5:35 pm, John D Morgan Budd Side.

ROLL CALL

Due to the absence of Chair and Vice Chair, Clerk Rodriguez called for a motion to have a commissioner chair the meeting

MSC: Teeter/Fidrych to approve Commissioner Doherty to chair at this special meeting of June 7, 2023.

AYES: Beitz, Doherty, Fidrych, Lee, Teeter

ABSTAIN:

NOES: None

PRESENT: Beitz, Doherty, Fidrych, Lee, Teeter

ABSENT: Ishibashi, Mitchell

STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Recording Secretary Rebekah Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Doherty/Fidrych to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of May 3, 2023.

AYES: Beitz, Doherty, Fidrych, Lee

ABSTAIN: Teeter

NOES: None

Presentations:

NONE.

Oral Requests:

Douglas King was present and talked about possibly establishing another community garden at the park where there is no use of the land. He proposed that it would be at a central location in Campbell.

Unfinished Business:

NONE.

New Business:

A. Park Tour

Todd Capurso brought this item forward to the Commission as it was agreed at a previous meeting to have a meeting at a park. It was observed that many park users were present that evening. The (vehicle) parking was an issue that was brought to the attention of all present as it appears that residents from across the street may be parking there overnight. A walking tour of the playground was done at the end of the meeting.

B. Park & Recreation Month

Natasha Bissell declared that July 1 kicks off Park and Recreation Month and there will be a proclamation from the Council on June 20. There will be 31 days of events, and some are staff intensive while others are more passive community engagement. Each commissioner was asked to commit to two events at least and have the opportunity for them to attend. Natasha went around asking for dates from the commissioners to attend an event.

C. July 5 PRC Meeting

Natasha Bissell asked if the commissioners would like to cancel the next meeting since it is after the 4th of July holiday and the next regular meeting would be in August back in the Council Chambers at its regular time.

MSC: Fidrych/Beitz to cancel the July 5 Parks and Recreation meeting.

AYES: Beitz, Doherty, Fidrych, Lee, Teeter

ABSTAIN:

NOES: None

Committee Reports:

A. Parks and Creek Trail

Commissioner Teeter did not get to any parks this past month. Commissioner Doherty has walked JDM and says it's beautiful. Commissioner Beitz has been at JDM and Edith Morely and both are beautiful with the grass.

B. Trees

Commissioner Fidrych had a concern about a tree that is going to be cut down on his street and would like to know if it was done the correct way. He also wants to know if they will be replanted. Bob was able to respond that they are both private trees and they were able to obtain the necessary permit from the Planning Department.

C. Special Events

Commissioner Lee had nothing to report.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks –Parks Supervisor Bob Siudzinski

- Bob Siudzinski started off by sharing that the vehicle barrier on the Budd side of the park was painted by Bob Carlson and his group.
- Staff have been on top of the maintenance of the parks.
- Todd Capurso added that if you go to the Community Center, the turf renovation project is looking great.
- The Operating and Capital budgets were taken to Council the night before and no changes were made to them.
- There have been natural gas leaks at the Community Center for some time now and the staff are trying to figure out where they are coming from. The service has been turned off until repairs can be made. The pool was also affected but hopefully it will be operational soon.

- There was an update on the Virginia Park renovation plan. They will be adding new fiber and the new park structure will be arriving shortly to get that installed.
- May 26 was the 2-year anniversary of the VTA Shooting and staff planted new trees in front of their labor union headquarters building which is located in Campbell – on La Pradera Drive.
- Todd concluded by leading all attendees in singing happy birthday to Natasha.

B. Recreation & Community Services –Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell

- Natural gas service has been off for about a month and there are lots of trenching on the campus.
- Grass strips look amazing with the new drought tolerant landscaping that has replaced the turf.
- Summer programming starts on June 12.
- Swim classes start Monday and there are 50 kids on the waiting list.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Fidrych saw a picture on Facebook of Lauren Merriman holding an award. Natasha shared that Lauren was nominated by her peers for a Distinguished Professional Award.

Commissioner Lee is happy its summer.

Commissioner Beitz agrees that putting a garden here is a good idea.

Commissioner Doherty adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebekah Rodriguez

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary