

**CITY OF GILROY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**



**City Council Chambers  
7351 Rosanna Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Pat Bentson	Commissioner	Present
Robert Miller	Commissioner	Present
Theresa Graham	Vice Chair	Present
Ermelindo Puente	Commissioner	Present (late)
Michelle Wexler	Chair	Present
Angela Reinert	Commissioner	Present
VACANT	Commissioner	N/A

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. FLAG SALUTE**

**IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - The Parks and Recreation Commission agenda was posted online on and posted in the City Hall kiosk on April 15, 2021.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Commissioner Miller motioned to approve. Commissioner Graham seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**- Commissioner Miller motioned to approve. Commissioner Graham seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**VII. INTRODUCTIONS** – none. Puente arrived.

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**VIII. STAFF COMMENTS:** Greg Troy is no longer on the commission due to residency requirements. Council voted on Monday to approve recruitment for Troy's seat.

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**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - none

**X. NEW BUSINESS** - none

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance (“SCVUFA”) Follow-up**

**Presentation:** SCVUFA went over a presentation to the Commission that was also delivered in March 2021. Their goal is to expand the County’s urban canopy, an effective tool to combat the negative impacts of climate change, especially in areas where historically vulnerable populations suffer disproportionately.

The Alliance requested the Commission motion to approve and recommend the commission a) form a committee to promote their work; b) and a recommendation to deliver an informational presentation to the City Council at a future meeting. Chair Wexler and commissioners Puente and Miller will serve on the committee.

Commissioner Wexler motioned to approve. Commissioner Puente seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

### **B. Review of 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan –** Henig reviewed the work plan with the commission. The following topics were discussed:

- Parks tour led by Parks Supervisor Bill Headley will be delayed due to Covid-19.
- For Arbor Day, Wexler inquired about tying in sustainable tree efforts to the annual event. Headley stated due to limited resources, it would be difficult to expand the event beyond one venue.
- For Mile Makers, Miller informed the commission that he has completed 20 of 34 markers. Hopes to have it completed before the next commission meeting.
- For public trails maps, Commissioner Reinert updated the commission about the work that has been completed since the last meeting. A welcome message has been created and she shared more information about the maps (including the placement of amenities). She also submitted an inquiry to the Museum about the history of each Gilroy park.
- The Sustainable Tree Program formed a committee (Wexler, Puente, Miller).
- Pickleball will be deleted from the work plan.
- Friends of Parks and Recreation will resume meetings.

## **XII. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **A. Recreation Division Updates -** Henig reviewed the report.

**B. Status of City Parks (report attached) –** Headley review the parks report. Henig inquired about what to do if dog is unleashed in the park. Headley recommended contact Communications, who will send an Animal Service officer.

### **XIII. COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

#### **Park Assignments**

- **Commissioner Bentson:** Hop scotch paint is fading from Cydney Casper. Stop sign in parking lot at Christmas Hill Park needs to be moved, so oncoming traffic is not interrupted.
  - **Vice Chair Graham** – Still wasn't sure where Hecker Pass Park is located. Got further direction from Headley.
  - **Commissioner Miller** – Speed bumps have been removed. Noticed that the designated smoking signs have been removed.
  - **Commissioner Puente** – Butcher is fine. Renz is in good shape. San Ysidro is busy but looks good. Noticed the slide was removed from Forest Street.
  - **Commissioner Reinert** - Gilroy Sports Park looks busy.
  - **VACANT** - Puente offered to absorb these parks (i.e., Las Animas, Miller) until the seat is filled.
  - **Chair Wexler** – Noticed excessive garbage at Del Rey and off-leash dog at Carriage Hills.
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### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 7:49 p.m.**

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Adam Henig  
Recording Secretary  
Recreation Division