



# CITY OF PIEDMONT

Recreation Commission Agenda  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA

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## Call to Order

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### Public Forum

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to speak on an item not on the agenda. The 10 minute period will be divided evenly between those wishing to address the Commission.

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### Regular Agenda

1. Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes – October 17, 2018
  2. Chair's Report
  3. Director's Report
  4. Update on City Website
  5. Update from the Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball
  6. Update on Coaches Field Masterplan
  7. Update on Linda Beach Masterplan
  8. Update on Recreation Center Tennis Court Renovations
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### Announcements, old business and consideration of future agenda items

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### Adjourn

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**PIEDMONT RECREATION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 17, 2018

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Recreation Commission was held October 17, 2018, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 120 Vista Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on October 12, 2018.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Roland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Chair Steve Roland; Vice Chair Carrie Graham Lee; Commissioners Glyn Burge, Dick Carter, Jeff Dorman, Vincent Fisher and Conna McCarthy

Staff: Recreation Director Sara Lillevand

**PUBLIC FORUM** There were no speakers for public forum.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Minutes** **Resolved,** that the Recreation Commission approves its meeting minutes of August 15, 2018, as submitted.

Moved by Fisher, Seconded by Graham Lee  
Ayes: Dorman, Fisher, Graham Lee, McCarthy, Roland  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Burge, Carter

**East Bay Regional Parks Presentation** East Bay Regional Park District Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services Anne Kassebaum gave a presentation on Measure FF on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot. She provided an overview of the measure.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the projects included in the measure, as well as the funding it provides to the district. Ms. Kassebaum provided a list of projects and indicated that the measure provides \$3.3 million of funding out of a total budget of \$209 million.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

The Commission thanked Ms. Kassebaum for her presentation and for the EBRPD's excellent services and parks.

**Chair's Report** Chair Roland had no report.

**Director's Report** Recreation Director Sara Lillevand had no report.

**Piedmont Community Pool Condition Report** Ms. Lillevand indicated that Richard Young of Aquatics Commercial Consulting had been hired by the City to conduct a current condition assessment of the Piedmont Community Pool. She indicated that Mr. Young presented his findings to the City Council at its meeting of October 15<sup>th</sup>. She gave a brief history of what led to the condition report, including polling, as well as the City Council Aquatics Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Ms. Lillevand detailed Mr. Young's report, referencing specific mechanical issues and other work necessary to keeping the pool operational. She relayed Mr. Young's estimated cost for repairing these deficiencies. She noted the

importance of consideration on constructing a new facility or alternatively, transitioning out of aquatics programming as a City service. There were no decisions made by the Council and many community members commented on their passionate support for having an aquatics facility in Piedmont.

Ms. Lillevand reported that the Council directed staff to bring back recommendations for addressing immediate safety needs and a path to investigate funding opportunities for constructing a new aquatics facility as soon as possible.

**Public testimony** was received from:

Rick Schiller voiced concerns with stated costs which he thought were above industry norms, questioned changing the charter to implement competitive bidding, and asked if the former Olympic village plan had been considered.

In response to Commission questions, Ms. Lillevand confirmed that the Piedmont Unified School District does not contribute towards its use of the pool but both the City and District work together and support one another with many shared facilities.

The Commissioner voiced concern with the mechanical, safety, and liability issues with the current facility. It confirmed the City was already charging market rate for programs, but has seen a decline in annual and season pass holders. The Commission confirmed that the new facility envisioned in the Aquatics Master Plan should operate without a subsidy after the first 3-5 years, and the cost estimate for the aquatics facility is \$12 to \$15 million.

Ms. Lillevand stated that the Council will consider and discuss funding mechanisms that could include a municipal bond. Depending upon direction from the Council, if the City was to move towards a new facility, there will be a lot of opportunities for education about the state of the current facility, what a new facility could offer, additional engagement, as well as collaboration with the school district.

Chairperson Roland offered the Commission's assistance in the process to properly evaluate the issue and voiced his support for moving forward with a new pool and hoped for the Council's support, as well.

**Subcommittee on  
Tennis Court Use and  
Pickleball**

Commissioner Dorman provided an update, stating that the Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball, working with staff, had put out a survey to gauge interest which received over 130 replies. The subcommittee held two one-hour meetings during which forty members of the public provided input on tennis and pickleball. The subcommittee discussed interest in programming, whether the current reservation system was working well, and how the Recreation Department can better serve the community. The subcommittee should be able to make recommendations by the end of the year to the Commission.

**Public testimony** was received from:

Tom Reicher, Les Ellis, and Rick Schiller urged the Commission to support the use of City tennis courts for pickleball. Speakers discussed the April demonstration where eighty players played pickleball on four courts as well as

weekend play which followed at the middle school all-purpose courts. Speakers proposed a one-year trial by putting alternate lines on the two Piedmont Park tennis courts. Speakers also made suggestions as to how the City and school district could facilitate pickleball play on their facilities. Speakers noted the popularity of this sport with seniors and the small investment required to make this use a reality in Piedmont.

Ann Binning said the Piedmont Park tennis courts are used by the high school tennis team when it hosts tournaments and stated her belief that it would be preferable to use Linda Beach for pickleball as well as use of the basketball courts.

Commissioners thanked the subcommittee for its work. Commissioners indicated that a trial period might be a good way to go for pickleball play on tennis courts.

Chairperson Roland thanked speakers for their comments and said the subcommittee will take comments into consideration and report back.

**Subcommittee on  
Skateboarding &  
Scootering**

Vice Chair Graham Lee reported the Subcommittee on Skateboarding and Scootering has been working with Recreation Department Facilities Coordinator John Wilk. She indicated that the subcommittee has drafted a survey for interested parties which will ask questions regarding skate park usage as well as possible changes to make the skate park better. She also indicated that the subcommittee has also explored skate spot locations and has one potential location identified. Commissioner Burge indicated that the draft survey should be available within the next week.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**PRD Haunted House**

Ms. Lillevand announced that the annual Haunted House would not be held this year for only the third time in its thirty year history. She indicated that staff knows that the Haunted House is a beloved tradition in Piedmont, but that current staffing made it difficult to host this year. She indicated that previously, the Haunted House had been planned, built, and executed by Schoolmates staff which has undergone tremendous change. Ms. Lillevand stated that staff will spend time exploring other options to deliver this event or similar event in the future.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Lillevand announced that there will be another Joint meeting of the Park Commission and Recreation Commission on November 7<sup>th</sup> to review the Linda Beach Master Plan at 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 (Joint Park Commission and Recreation Commission Meeting) and, thereafter, on December 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Roland adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.