



CITY OF PIEDMONT

Recreation Commission Agenda Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA

Call to Order

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.

Regular Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2019
 2. Chair's Report
 3. Director's Report
 4. Update on Recommendations from the Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball
 5. Update on Conceptual Master Plan for Improvements at Coaches Field
 6. Update on Recreation Center Tennis Court Renovations
 7. Update on Capital Improvement Projects Review Committee (CIP)
 8. Next meeting date – **Thursday, April 25th**
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Announcements, old business and consideration of future agenda items

Adjourn

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PIEDMONT RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 16, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Recreation Commission was held January 16, 2019, 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 January 11, 2019.

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 Dick Carter, Jeff Dorman and Conna McCarthy

Absent: Commissioners Glyn Burge and Vincent Fisher

Staff: Director Sara Lillevand

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for **Public Forum**.

Minutes

Resolved, that the Recreation Commission approves its Joint Park and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of November 7, 2018, as submitted.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Carter

Ayes: Carter, Dorman, Graham Lee, McCarthy, Roland

Noes: None

Absent: Burge, Fisher

Resolved, that the Recreation Commission approves its Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of December 19, 2018, as submitted.

Moved by Dorman, Seconded by Carter

Ayes: Carter, Dorman, Graham Lee, McCarthy, Roland

Noes: None

Absent: Burge, Fisher

Chair's Report

Chair Roland announced that Commissioner McCarthy will serve as the Commission's representative on the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Committee.

Tennis Court Use and Pickleball Subcommittee

Chair Roland provided background on the work of the Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball and relayed its recommendations to the Recreation Commission:

1. That the Council review existing public facilities behind the middle and high schools for Pickleball and other recreational facilities and develop a long-term plan of upgrading courts behind Piedmont Middle School with lines and surfaces for a multi-use facilities.
2. Consider a short-term trial program and make compromises with the hope for support by all. Recommendations include:
 - a. Four Pickleball courts to be painted on tennis surfaces at Linda Beach Park and Hampton Field
 - b. Have restricted times outlined and remain intact when Pickleball is allowed at the two facilities.
 - c. A timeframe of 8 months was considered for a flexible trial period. It would allow pickleball use over 3 seasons of the year with the notion that the Commission would reconvene and receive an update from the subcommittee and the public.

- d. The subcommittee will reconvene as necessary prior to the 8 month period and decide whether changes need to be made.
3. A recommendation was added for certain paddles to be used to address any noise concerns.

Commissioner Carter questioned how conflicts could be avoided on courts and how paddle use would be enforced and suggested posting signage. Chair Roland said specific timeframes and paddles are established for pickleball players and it is expected these will be honored, and signage will be posted at the two facilities.

Public Testimony was received from:

Kathleen Sunyan and David Zweig expressed concern with the introduction of pickleball. Speakers requested that a sound study be conducted and predicted an increase in pickleball demand over the course of the trial. Speakers also expressed concern with enforcement, indicating that existing field use rules were not enforced.

Richard Cohen, Lester Ellis, Mimi Felson, Elaine Penzer, Lynn Nelson, and Rick Schiller expressed support for the proposed pickleball trial period at Linda Beach Park and Hampton Field. Speakers advocated for the inclusion of Saturday play and provided information about pickleball play in other cities.

The Commission discussed the recommendations of the subcommittee, focusing on pickleball. Commissioners expressed the belief that noise rules should be observed by players and enforced by the City. They also asked pickleball players to be responsible and to follow the rules proposed for the trial period. Commissioners also expressed support for a determination as to whether a noise study would be feasible.

The Commission thanked the subcommittee and staff for their work on this issue, indicating support for moving the recommendations forward to the City Council for consideration.

Resolved, that the Recreation Commission accepts the report from the Subcommittee on Tennis Court Use and Pickleball and recommends that the City Council adopt the recommendations in the report.

Moved by Dorman, Seconded by McCarthy

Ayes: Carter, Dorman, Graham Lee, McCarthy, Roland

Noes: None

Absent: Burge, Fisher

**Coaches Field
Conceptual Master Plan**

Recreation Director Sara Lillevand provided a background of the discussions of improvements to Coaches Field dating back to 2006. She indicated that the City Council hired Callander Associates to create a conceptual master plan, which would be presented to the commission this evening. She stated that the proposed conceptual master plan addresses improvements to artificial turf, lighting, expansion of the field to accommodate under 14 soccer, as well as improved parking and access to the Kennelly Skate Park. In addition, the plan includes a pedestrian access point off of Moraga Avenue near the baseball backstop and creation of a small picnic area adjacent to the skate park.

Mark Slichter, Principal, Callander Associates, provided information on the proposed conceptual master plan, including site constraints, incorporation of access from Moraga Avenue, a 17% increase in playing surface, increase of 20 parking spaces, leveling of the field, and civil engineering assistance in addressing stormwater management.

Commissioners asked Ms. Lillevand and Mr. Slichter questions about the proposed plan, including parking and traffic, spectator seating, field use, the proposed picnic area, the possibility of inclusion of pickleball in the plan, Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, the use of the skate park, potential costs, the purpose and use of the Corporation Yard and the proposed artificial turf.

Public Testimony was received from:

Mike McConathy, Edward McNulty, Lynn Nelson, and Rich Saykally expressed support for the proposed conceptual master plan. Speakers questioned the need for field lighting and expressed concerns about the possible delay its consideration might cause. Speakers commented on the poor condition of the existing field, suggested additional accommodation for spectators, and suggested that the current skate park location might be a suitable location for pickleball.

The Commission thanked staff and the consultant for their work on this proposed plan, indicating support for additional public outreach and input.

Ms. Lillevand indicated that additional public meetings will be held, including a meeting with neighbors on February 13th at 7PM in the EOC of the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Roland adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.