



CITY OF PIEDMONT

Recreation Commission Agenda Thursday, April 25, 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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 2. Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes – March 20, 2019
 3. Chair's Report
 4. Director's Report
 5. Update from the Skateboard and Scooter Subcommittee
 6. Update on Pickleball Trial
 7. Introduction of new Recreation Supervisor – Jackson Stearns
 8. Update on Piedmont Community Pool Closures, Repairs and Staffing
 9. Consideration of the Betty C. Howard Award for 2018
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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, March 20, 2019

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Recreation Commission was held March 20, 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 March 15, 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 Glyn Burge, Dick Carter, Jeff Dorman and Vincent Fisher

Absent: Commissioner Conna McCarthy

Staff: Recreation Director Sara Lillevand

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Minutes

Commissioner Fisher requested the following amendment be made on the last page:

“Mike McConathy, Edward McNulty, Lynn Nelson, and Rich Saykally expressed general support for the proposed conceptual master plan, but some speakers questioned the need for field lighting....”

Resolved, that the Recreation Commission approves its Park and Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of January 16, 2019, as amended.

Moved by Dorman, Seconded by Carter

Ayes: Burge, Carter, Dorman, Fisher, Graham Lee, Roland

Noes: None

Absent: McCarthy

Chair’s Report

Chair Roland had no report.

Director’s Report

Recreation Director Sara Lillevand provided staffing updates: 1) Jackson Stearns joined the City as the new Recreation Supervisor; 2) Michael Murphy, Interim Recreation Supervisor will retire on April 23rd after 36 years and a City-wide celebration for him will be held on Sunday, May 5th at Hampton Field; and 3) Aquatics Coordinator Victor Rivas has resigned from his position and his last day was today. The vacant position is posted in various locations and an existing staff member will provide 21 hours a week to serve as a short-term backup until the full-time position is filled.

Tennis Court Use and Pickleball Subcommittee

Ms. Lillevand reported that at its March 4th meeting, the City Council adopted subcommittee recommendations with a couple of additions relating to noise and said progress has been made in partnering with the school district for use of the middle school PE courts to serve community pickleball outside of school hours.

The secondary recommendation was to institute an 8-month trial period at Hampton and Beach tennis courts and they are working to get the courts striped in the next couple of weeks. Equipment has arrived and dependent upon the striping of courts, neighborhood notification and signage, the courts could open as early as April 1st.

In response to concerns, all neighbors within 350 feet of each of the tennis courts will be surveyed directly after four weeks of the trial period. Staff will suspend the trial period at affected sites if noise is of significant concern and will consider engagement of an acoustical consultant.

Chair Roland reported on his presentation to the City Council, stating there was engaged discussion with residents and the Council carefully reviewed all issues before unanimously moving forward.

Public Testimony was received from:

Jen Cavanaugh, City Council liaison, thanked Ms. Lillevand and the Commission for their great work that went into the recommendation and she recognized all challenges in balancing existing resources.

Commissioners recognized the subcommittee for their work, confirmed the City envisions holding pickleball clinics and creating additional opportunities over the long-term, and that lines for tennis and pickleball are planned to be the least impactful to players in terms of color and location.

Ms. Lillevand thanked Commissioners McCarthy, Dorman and Roland for their work and announced that the Recreation Department in April will start a Saturday drop-in pickleball program at the middle school courts from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. which will require registration and a nominal fee.

**Coaches Field
Conceptual Master Plan**

Ms. Lillevand announced that the City hosted a meeting for neighbors of Coaches Field on February 13, 2019. At that meeting, she provided an in-depth presentation of the conceptual master plan, along with the City Administrator and Public Works Director. The meeting was well-attended and most all speakers were appreciative of the process, generally supportive of artificial turf and expansion and creating a pedestrian access point off of Moraga, but were concerned about the negative impact of lights on their homes.

An RFP for environmental review is the next step in the process during the summer and lighting will be part of that.

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

Commissioners questioned the timeline for the environmental study, and Director Lillevand stated the conceptual design will be initially reviewed to identify areas which need further study. A determination will then be made of what level of review or additional review is needed. Commissioners recognized significant historic data showing the matter has been on-going for some time.

**Recreation Center
Tennis Court
Renovations**

Ms. Lillevand reported staff remains on track to complete major renovations at the Recreation Center tennis courts on Vista Avenue during the summer break and remain confident it will be completed in the summer. Efforts are underway to raise funds in support of renaming the facility along with those renovations the Corey Reich Tennis Center. Anyone interested in learning more can visit the PRFO website at www.prfo.org/Corey.

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

Commissioners commented it was exciting to see the outpouring of support for the project.

**CIP Review
Committee**

Ms. Lillevand stated Commissioner McCarthy is the Recreation Commission’s representative on the CIP Review Committee. She indicated that the annual CIP process is under way and that the committee is meeting regularly to develop its report which will be presented at the City Council budget work session in May. Ms. Lillevand indicated that she presented recreation-related projects which included 1) the pickleball renovations behind the middle school; 2) updates on the Beach Master Plan and phasing work; and 3) update on the tennis renovations. The committee also answered questions and received resident proposals.

Ms. Lillevand announced that the next CIP Review Committee meeting will be April 9, 2019 and the site visit tour will be the first Saturday in May. Anyone can attend the entire tour or meet at various stops along the way given their particular interest.

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

Announcements

Commissioners requested the following agenda items: 1) Update on the Aquatics Center (Graham Lee); 2) Update of the City’s website (Carter); 3) Information on expanded practice hours at Coaches Field as to what would be gained from lights (Fisher); and 4) Skate Subcommittee’s report (Burge). Commissioner Carter announced that Councilmember Cavanaugh recruited himself and others to be involved in an outreach survey which is currently underway on residents’ use of recreational facilities.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Roland adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.