



**Recreation and Park Commission
City Hall – Community Chambers
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Cheri Harrington – Chair, Emily Griswold – Vice Chair, Timm Herdt (6:34 pm), Tyson Hubbard, Robert Ono, Darci Silbaugh and Erik Vink (Alternate 6:33 pm)

Commission Members Absent: Bruce Harland

Council Liaison Present: Dan Carson

Public Present: Leslie Hunter, Janet Krovoza, Lorraine Wong, Cyril Juanitas, Charlotte Krovoza, Andrew Minsk, John Provost, David Johnson, Cindy Kanes, Mary Grafton, Alan Hirsch, Joe Krovoza, Katarina Paraloo, Chaldoff Paraloo, Chris Granger.

Staff Present: Heather Everett, Ginger Hashimoto, Christine Helweg, Martin Jones, Anne Marquez and Dale Summersille

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harrington at 6:31 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of the Agenda

Item 3b was requested to be added to the agenda for the introductions of three new commissioners. A motion was made by R. Ono to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by E. Griswold. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard, Ono, Silbaugh and Vink.

NOES: None

Absent: Harland

Abstentions: None

3. Brief Announcements from Commissioners, Liaisons and Staff

- C. Helweg introduced three new Commissioners to the Recreation & Parks Commission.
 - Robert Ono – A retired 17-year resident of Davis that currently has a seat on the board of a non-profit organization.
 - Darci Silbaugh – A Davis resident and Psychologist with the State of California.
 - Erik Vink – An alternate on the Commission that is a 25-year resident of Davis.
- Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez introduced Heather Everett, Alternative Recreation & Reasonable Accommodations Program Coordinator. Heather comes to the City with a vast background in recreation therapy and the development of new programs. Heather also holds a degree in Recreation Administration, and is a certified Recreation Therapist.

- E. Griswold briefly discussed how she has been working with City Staff on the Prop 68 Grant. A meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm to discuss improvements to N Street Park, and along the pathway at the Community Gardens.
- D. Sumersille made the following announcements:
 - Grand Re-Opening of five new play structures are being held July 20, 2019 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Commissioners are invited to participate.
 - Pickleball surveys have been distributed for Redwood Park at a 500-foot radius and Slide Hill Park at a 1,000-foot radius.
 - Noise test will be conducted at Arroyo Park and Slide Hill Park.
 - Expression Swings that are being utilized in some of the Davis parks were featured on “Good Morning America”.

4. Public Comment

- Leslie Hunter expressed concerns related to excessive noise from the Skytrack at Arroyo Park and the City’s public noticing practices.
- Janet Krovoza discussed the impact that the Skytrack at Arroyo Park is having on her household. She requested that the structure be removed from the park, and placed in an alternate location away from neighboring residents.
- Lorraine Hwang, a former President of Arroyo Neighborhood Park stated the area has had numerous issues over the years. The main complaints have been dogs, bathrooms, noise nuisance and inadequate noticing.
- Cyril Juanitas has served on previous Commissions and has previous experience with Parks & Recreation as a Superintendent in Seattle, WA. Commended staff on their professionalism, though the noticing requirements were at a minimum. Questioned if objectives were met before the project commenced as noise impacts should have been considered.
- Charlotte Krovoza stated that the sound of the scraping metal on the track ride at Arroyo causes her great distress, the modifications for noise reduction were not sufficient.
- Andrew Minsk, a Slide Hill Park neighbor is not pleased with the Pickleball conversion. The concerns are parking and noise, sound mitigation does not work. Suggests that a Pickleball Committee should be established.
- John Provost, a Slide Hill Park resident who would not like to see the Pickleball conversion go through. It’s a loud activity that is disruptive to others. Also stated that the lack of process and notification is a problem as seen less than two years ago when Davis Youth Softball Association (DYSA) wanted to install red clay in an additional infield. This was mitigated where both sides benefited.
- David Johnson informed the Commission that he has a copy of the notification policy approved by City Council in 2014, stating that mailers should be sent out to residents 500 feet from the modified area. Would like to see the City remove the skytrack from Arroyo Park.
- Another resident questioned whether the designer completed a site analysis before installing the trackride at Arroyo Park, as there is a conflict with noise and nature.
- Cindy Kanen stated that the notification for the installation of the trackride at Arroyo Park was blatantly ignored. This ride is significantly different from swings.

- Mary Grafton has had numerous meetings with staff and councilmembers regarding the proposed Pickleball courts at Slide Hill. The main issue is noise, traffic and parking, she hopes that staff will address these issues.
- Alan Hirsch listened to the sound of the trackride from the Krovozas residence and stated that the sound is significant. At night small sounds make a big difference and this equipment is causing a disturbance. The ride should be relocated to a different location.
- Joe Krovoza stated that staff should notice residents to changes to parks. This was an expansion of the play area that was represented as a renovation. The City noise ordinance prohibits noise that is unnecessary and this equipment cannot be in a park like Arroyo due to noise and safety. A different location for the equipment should be found.
- Katarina Paraloo stated that tennis was a positive impact on her life and Pickleball at Slide Hill will replace her childhood tennis courts where she played with her father.
- Challdoff Paraloo played tennis at Slide Hill for many years. The consultation for the Pickleball project was handled very poorly as was the survey. Inexpensive adjustments can be made to temporarily convert the tennis courts to Pickleball Courts as there are currently five times more tennis players than pickleball.
- Chris Granger encouraged new commissioners to ask staff for all information provided on Slide Hill. The current radius of 500 feet for notifications does not encompass all neighbors that have a voice.

5. Consent Calendar

- A motion was made by E. Griswold to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by T. Hubbard. The motion passed with a 4-0-1-3 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harrington, Herdt and Hubbard.

NOES: None

Absent: Harland

Abstentions: Ono, Silbaugh and Vink

- A motion was made by T. Hubbard to accept the Director's Project Update, seconded by T. Herdt. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard, Ono, Silbaugh and Vink.

NOES: None

Absent: Harland

Abstentions: None

6. Regular Agenda Items

A. Presentation on Proposition 68 – Revitalization Grant Proposal

The Commission received a presentation on the proposed Playfields Sports Park Renovation grant project by Management Analyst, Ginger Hashimoto. The Proposition 68 presentation included:

- An overview of the proposed improvements to Playfield Sports Park.
- Eight community meetings have been held to solicit community feedback.
- Mailers were sent to residents that are within a 1,000 foot radius of Playfields Sports Park.

- Have not yet received total estimated costs for the renovation.
- Maximum amount of the grant award is \$8.5 million.
- N Street Park and Community Gardens are also being considered for submission.

Public Comment:

- Chris Granger appreciates the additions to the storm water capture though the City should be planning for more shade. Also recommends planning for the future by increasing solar locations.

Commissioner comments:

- The City should also consider the addition of LED lighting if at all possible.

B. Selection of Meeting Date in August 2019

The Commission discussed the addition of a meeting date in 2019, specifically to receive and provide recommendations on the potential renovation of pickleball and tennis courts.

A motion was made by E. Griswold to schedule a meeting on August 14, 2019, seconded by E. Vink. The motion passed with a 5-2-1-0 vote.

AYES: Harrington, Herdt, Ono, Silbaugh and Vink.

NOES: Griswold, Hubbard

Absent: Harland

Abstentions: None

C. Review and Discussion of Playfields Park

The Commission selects a park location each month to review and discuss existing amenities and potential maintenance related issues. This is an informational item – no specific action was required.

Commissioner comments are as follows:

- R. Ono mentioned that the water fountain is out of order.
- E. Griswold mentioned that there is a lot of activity in the recreation spaces.
- D. Silbaugh expressed that she likes the enclosed playground area.
- T. Hubbard stated that it's an interesting park with lots of activities.
- C. Harrington stated that the complex needs more soccer fields.

7. Commission Comments and Staff Communications

A. City Council Liaison (D. Carson)

Stated that he is very impressed with the new Commissioners that have joined the Recreation & Parks Commission.

B. Aquatic Economic Analysis (C. Harrington, T. Hubbard)

No information was provided.

C. Art in Public Spaces (B. Harland, C. Harrington, E. Griswold)

No information was provided.

D. Parks Maintenance Standards (Vacant)

No information was provided.

E. Volunteer Engagement Sub-committee (E. Griswold, T. Herdt)

Meeting with staff shortly to discuss noticing procedures.

8. Future Agenda Items

- T. Hubbard would like to see a staff report of weed abatement statistics for the season.
- R. Ono would like to discuss the future of the Farmhouse at the Cannery, Tracie Reynolds will need to be present.
- Recognition of Commissioners I. Bray and T. Westlund for their service in August or September.

Commissioner T. Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Griswold at 8:51 pm. The motion passed with a 7-0-1-0 vote.

AYES: Griswold, Harrington, Herdt, Hubbard, Ono, Silbaugh and Vink.

NOES: None

Absent: Harland

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted:

Martin Jones

Parks Superintendent