



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/04/2025

ITEM NO: 1

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2025**

The Town of Los Gatos Parks and Sustainability Commission conducted a Regular Meeting on June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gleason, Vice-Chair Mapara, Commissioners Buncic, Corenson, Stephenson, Vrijen, and Youth Commissioner Mallugari (absent).

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks and Sustainability Commission Meeting of April 7, 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Stephenson to approve Consent Items 1 with the following corrections:

Verbal Comment – Name Correction: Basim Jaber

Commissioner Reports: Trail Sages

Seconded by Commissioner Buncic.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No verbal communications.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Introduction of New Parks and Public Works Superintendent Tyler Thomas

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, introduced Tyler Thomas to the Commission.

Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, provided a brief overview of work history.

3. Pickleball at La Rinconada

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item. The locking mechanism for the gate and sound mitigation nets will be installed prior to the resurfacing of the courts. Looking into cameras due to the occurrences of vandalism.

The Commission asked questions.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

Verbal comments-

Julie Kessler, commented in favor of Pickleball. Good for health and community.

Debbie Pinkston asked a question in favor of Pickleball. Would like to know the status of the courts at Blossom Hill Park. Do the sound mitigation nets need to be on all sides of the courts?

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

Connie Kirby, commented in favor of Pickleball. Echo what Debbie said. No sound mitigation net on the Grande side of the court.

Bill Crites, commented in favor of Pickleball. Recommend installing the sound mitigation nets as soon as possible. Then locking the gate.

Robert Lipp, commented in favor of Pickleball. Will the cameras be live with motion detection, so the police can come right away? Are there any long-term plans for a permanent home for Pickleball. What can we do to help to get things going?

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

Rachel Larrenaga, resident. Understands the importance of exercise. Neighbors are not causing vandalism. A threatening letter was received by one of the neighbors and experienced a verbal threat.

Sussie O'Neill, commented in favor of Pickleball. Joined the Pickleball community and have experienced closeness and kindness.

Philip de Lovroille, commented in favor of Pickleball. El Quito court sound mitigation nets failing apart. At El Quito early and locking mechanism was not engaged. A lot of power to engage the locking mechanism.

Donghan Ryv, resident. Was confronted and accused of vandalism.

Joseph Waldo, resident. Been a resident for 30 years. Been called names, repeated threats, and received a letter with obscenity.

Janet Wolf, commented in favor of Pickleball. Appalled if anyone is threatening neighbors. This is a public place. Sound mitigation wall first and the rest done later.

Elle Wong, resident. Heavy traffic with no sidewalks. Kids have to navigate cars while riding bikes. Have had incidents with aggressive Pickleball players. There is no court etiquette.

The Commission asked questions.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, and Meredith Johnston, Administrative Technician, responded to the questions.

MOTION: **Motion** by Commissioner Buncic to approve Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, to report to Town Council on the current conditions and issues at the court.

Seconded by Commissioner Vrijen.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously**

4. Parks and Public Works Report

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item. La Rinconada Park is an example of the vegetation management work that has been completed.

The Commission asked questions.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Tyler Thomas, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Corenson verbally commented that the Beautification Committee continues to clean up numerous areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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DATE: June 10, 2025

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 2, 2025, meeting as approved by the Parks and Sustainability Commission.

/s/ Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works