



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/01/2024

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: March 28, 2024
TO: Parks and Sustainability Commission
FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Review, Discuss and Consider Adoption of Parks and Sustainability Commission Mission

RECOMMENDATION:

Review, discuss and consider adoption of the Parks and Sustainability Commission mission.

BACKGROUND:

On October 17, 2023 Town Council discussed the various commissions that currently exist within the Town of Los Gatos. Part of that discussion focused on creating a Sustainability Commission. A motion was made and approved to create a Parks and Sustainability Commission, with the sustainability elements focusing on parks related initiatives.

On November 7, 2023 Town Council reviewed a draft an ordinance to amend the Town Code create the Parks and Sustainability Commission and certain changes to other sections and on November 21, 2023 that ordinance was adopted.

DISCUSSION:

On March 4, 2024 the Parks and Sustainability Commission held a Special Meeting to discuss how to address the changes to its mission. The following language was developed during that meeting:

The Parks and Sustainability Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on matters pertaining to public parks, off-street trails, open space, public grounds, street trees, and creeks and waterways. The Commission shall receive public input, evaluate options, and make recommendations on policy issues including, but not limited to:

- 1. Biodiversity, landscaping, infrastructure, water usage, recycling and equitable access.*
- 2. Current and future needs of the changing Town, society and environment.*

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DISCUSSION (continued):

3. *Coordination of services and programs with other governmental agencies and voluntary organizations.*
4. *Education, outreach and research related to sustainability and parks initiatives.*

The Commission should review and discuss this language, identify and changes that might be desired, and adopt either the language presented here or revised language.

With the adopt of a mission statement staff and the commission can identify technical topics and issues for future discussion.