



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

MEETING DATE: 08/05/2024

ITEM NO: 1

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2024**

The Town of Los Gatos Parks and Sustainability Commission conducted a Regular Meeting on June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks and Sustainability Commission Meeting of April 1, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Buncic to approve Consent Items 1.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Ober.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No verbal communication.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Pickleball Update

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item. We updated the signage at La Rinconada Park which has helped the pickleball community with the understanding of when play stops. Town Council adopted the capital budget and there is funding for the resurfacing of the court at La Rinconada and converting one tennis court at Blossom Hill Park to pickleball.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item. The construction will begin within the next six months.

The Commission asked questions.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

Public Comment

Joel Korelitz

- No comment.

Teri Kent

- At the April 2024 meeting of the Parks and Sustainability Commission, Mr. Crites, a pro-pickleball community member, graciously acknowledged that there will be a need to provide sound mitigation for the noise generated by pickleball play at La Rinconada and Blossom Hill Parks. My understanding is that no funds are included in the proposed budget for reducing the noise level that is generated from pickleball paddles hitting the plastic balls. I respectfully request that the Commission be good neighbors to those living near the parks by approving additional funds for sound mitigation solutions. Also, I would like to confirm that the tennis court to be restriped at Blossom Hill is the one located on the northwest corner closest to the restroom. Also, I would like to confirm that when pickleball players are not adhering to the posted rules for the time allowed on the court, like what happened last night at Blossom Hill, neighbors should contact the Los Gatos Police Department non-emergency line or the Parks and Public Works Department. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

The Commission asked questions.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

3. Receive a Presentation on Proposed Donation from Los Gatos Rotary to Live Oak Manor Park and Recommend that Town Council Accept the Proposed Donation

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, introduced this item. Six months ago, the Rotary Club approached Parks and Public Works on a project. We explored ideas and developed the project of an Oak grove at Live Oak Manor Park.

Adam Mayar, Los Gatos Rotary Club, provided information about the project and the donation from the Los Gatos Rotary Club.

Brian Glick, HMM Senior Landscape Manager, presented a PowerPoint Presentation.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Brian Glick, HMH Senior Landscape Manager, Adam Mayar, Los Gatos Rotary Club, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

MOTION: **Motion** by Commissioner Buncic to move the project forward as is to Town Council with their final discretion and we would like to be informed of any details they propose.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Ober.

VOTE: **Motion passed 5 to 1 (Commissioner Corenson voted no)**

4. Receive a Report from Trail Ad Hoc Committee and Recommend that Town Council Prioritize Funding and Development of a Townwide Parks and Trails Master Plan to Advance the Work Outlined in the Report

Chair Gleason and Commissioner Corenson verbally reported on this item. Chair Gleason received some feedback from Joel Paulson the Community Development Department.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, gave some feedback for the direction the Commission should consider for the next steps of a Townwide Parks and Trails Master Plan.

MOTION: **Motion** by Commissioner Corenson recommend that Town Council receive a report from Trail Ad Hoc Committee and recommend that they prioritize funding and development of a Townwide Parks and Trails Master Plan to advance the work outlined in the report.

Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously**

5. Receive a Report on Park Use Agreements

Meredith Johnston, PPW Administrative Technician, verbally reported on this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, provided additional information on Use Agreements.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

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

6. Consider Remote Location for August 2024 Parks and Sustainability Commission Meeting

Chair Gleason, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission discussed this item.

MOTION: Motion by Vice-Chair Ober to hold the August meeting at Live Oak Manor Park.
Seconded by Commissioner Mapara.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

7. Parks and Public Works Report

1. Town Sponsored Events

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

- Saturday, June 22, 2024 Sounds of Summer Blue Grass Festival at Town Plaza Park.
- Wednesday, June 26, 2024 Jazz on the Plazz at Town Plaza Park.
- Friday, June 28, 2024 Special Olympics Torch Run with Los Gato Monte Sereno Police Department at Town Plaza Park.

Vice-Chair Ober, verbally reported on this item. Music in the Park Sundays from July 21, 2024, through August 25, 2024, at Civic Center Park. This is a private event, not a Town sponsored event.

2. Volunteer Programs

The Commission asked a question about the Pinehurst Community Garden project.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, gave an update on the Community Garden. We are in the process of working on the soil report.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

- The Delta Highway clean-up is starting again for the clover clean-up at Highway 17.
- National River Clean-up May 18, 2024, in the downtown area and along the creek trail. They gathered 20 gallons of trash.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Gleason gave an update on the 2024 Spring into Green event. The game engaged the residents and was a good opportunity for conversations.

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SUBJECT: PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 26, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 10, 2024, meeting as approved by the Parks and Sustainability Commission.

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