
City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Graziano called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Graziano led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Graziano, Commissioner Buddy Barraza, Commissioner Julio Rodriguez. Also, present: IT Director Paul DiSilva, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza and Recreation Coordinator Armando Medina.

Excused Absence Commissioner Vicky Montoya and Commissioner Michael Castro.

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Coordinator Armando Medina informed the Commission that the agenda for the Tuesday, January 30, 2024, meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted at both the Pauline Valdivia Memorial Community Center and City Hall, and the City of Hollister Website per Government Code Section 54954.2.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, January 30, 2024, PRC meeting was passed by the Parks and Recreation Commission 3-0. First motion Chair Graziano, commission all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza responded there was no public comment.

STAFF ITEMS

1. **Prop 68 Dunne Park Grant Project** – Approval of the Architectural design is scheduled on the Council agenda for February 5, 2024. If approved the council will follow the Architectural Design timeline with a final end date of 11/17/2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Graziano, opened to public comment.

Council Member Rick Perez mentioned the history of Dunne Park the fault line that runs through the park is the Hayward Fault line. Perez like to see a Water Park, Basketball

Courts, Pictures along the Walkway, and the Walkway, and Playground. Perez would like to talk about a Master Plan.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza made no other public comments. Chair Graziano asked if there were any comments on Prop 68? Commissioner Castro, comment on Dunne Parks History, Tour Buses and to make Dunne Park more usable. Commissioner Barraza stated he has been around Dunne Park a long time. Commissioner Barraza would like to see more family events, such as family & kids, Christmas in the Park, Yard Sales. Chair Graziano commented on roadblocks, she informed the commission the department hosts movies under the stars, concerts and more events.

2. **Prop 68 Round 4 SPP Grant – Fire Station #2 Update.** Approval of the Architectural design is scheduled on the Council agenda for February 5, 2024. If approved the council will follow the Architectural Design timeline with a final end date of 11/17/2025. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza had no comments. Chair Graziano, no others.
3. **Various Parks and Recreation Capital Improvements Projects:** Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza informed the commission the Capital Improvement is divided into 3 areas: 1) Dunne Park, 2) Club House is Separate from Dunne Park, and 3) Vista Park Hill. Chair Graziano stated the ClubHouse repairs is a funding from Prop 68-Per Capita Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza, opened to public comment. Robin Pollard thanked staff for removing the Graffiti - at Vista Park Hill. Robin Pollard recommended cleaning up Park Hill and then Dunne Park.

- a. (Pauline Valdivia Memorial Community Center) On November 20, 2023, the City Council approved a Donation Policy that was brought forth by the City manager. The policy will allow the private donor to begin the renovations. Rick Perez asked if the Pauline Valdivia Community Center project has started. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza stated February 2, 2024. Garza stated Staff and the City Manager met with the private Donor, and the project should be done by year. end.
Commissioner Castro, asked about cost of tire shredding? The reason for removal from Parks. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza said with heat, the tire shredding creates an odor, and the residue from the tire shredding causes the children hands to become dirty . Commissioner Rodriguez said he has worked with Children. What would be the cost to train our Staff or do it ourselves?
Commissioner Barraza, kids get hurt with tire shredding, and insurance can play a factor.

Chair Graziano asked if there were any questions on Vista Park Hill. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza said the project should be done by May 2024.

4. **UPDATE ON APRICOT PARK-** No update, no public comment.
5. **HOLLISTER BARK PARK BENCH-** The city council will vote on approval of the naming of a new park bench at the Hollister Bark Park to “Sandy Gabe, Dedicated 2024” in the February 5th Agenda. Chair Graziano, no comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Hollister Skate Park-** Recreation Coordinator Armando Medina, stated there was one field trip to the Skate Park. Commissioner Rodriguez went to check out Skate Park. Commissioner Rodriguez took a couple of trips to the Skate Park.

Public Comments

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza – opened to public comment. Alex Chavez moved to Hollister 10 years ago. Alex stated he visits Skate Park quite often. Alex would like to see the graffiti removed, more Police Patrol, Shade Towers, maybe a Mural to refrain from tagging. The Skate Park is being left behind. Another Public Comment from Hannah Rodriguez, who knew Alex Chavez from Skate Park. Hannah stated she has been going to the Skate Park for 2 ½ years. Hannah would like to see a Mural at the Skate Park, and more lights. She stated safety hazard. Hannah suggested more benches to sit on, currently there is only one table. Hannah also suggested putting restrooms near Skate Park. Hannah stated the Softball Fields have lights so why doesn't the Skate Park?

Chair Graziano asked Commissioners if they had any comments. Commissioner Barraza stated maybe a Mural, shade, trash cans, seating, lights, and more Police patrol. What is the time frame? Chair Graziano asked Interim Parks and Recreation Director, who maintains Vet's Park? Garza stated San Benito Co owns the park, there are various non profit groups that have a separate MOU with the county. the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation maintains the two Vets softball fields and the skate park. Garza stated that the City Staff attends the Vet's Park Commission. Chair Graziano asked for motion. Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza, asked to bring it back to the next meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez stated lights and shade are doable. Rodriguez requested a solid idea for the cost of lights. Chair Graziano asked Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza, if the Cameras at the Park work? Garza stated “yes”. Recreation Coordinator motioned for Staff Time to check with Vet's Commission or Ad hoc Committee. Vet's Commission, City of Hollister Parks & Recreation. Go as Staff with Ad hoc Committee. Chair Graziano – Ad hoc Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **KB HOMES EVERGLEN PARK –** Charlie from KB Homes introduced himself to the Commissioners. KB Homes is building a new park on Chappell Road and Everglen St. Commissioner Rodriguez asked who will oversee Frontage Road. The road is called Everglen, and the HOA keeps it up. The exact acreage was

not provided. Charlie supplied a map of the location of Everglen Park. Chair Graziano – suggested it could be a good place for a Dog Park. Commissioner Barraza suggested future workout stations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Pollard - Developer asked for an opinion. KB homes has very few parks. No other comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

REPORTS ON RECREATION PROGRAM:

Recreation Coordinator Medina informed the commission -the 3rd year for Cupid Express opened January 12th – February 9th, 2024; able to register online and purchase a Mylar Balloon with 2 colored balloons, with a lighted Rose or candy for \$12.00. Deliveries will be made on February 14th. March 15th Leprechaun Leap – Downtown from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, there will be food and activities. Leap starts at 7:00 pm. Jr. Warriors Basketball starts March 9th. 49er Flag Football starts April 20th. Adult Men's and Women Softball opens for registration on February 1, 2024. Medina also mentioned there was still availability in the Jr. Warrior 5 – 6-year-old age group.

REPORTS ON PARKS PROGRAM:

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tina Garza informed the commission Photos w/Easter Bunny will take place at Dunne Park on March 23rd.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Graziano made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a Second by Commissioner Castro. All in favor 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Armando Medina, Recreation Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Commission