



MINUTES

November 6, 2023

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pollack-Cushing called the November 6, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Soucek, Pollack-Cushing, Bridge, Esparza, Short, Alexander, Borowiak

Absent: Abumarkhieh

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Soucek led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Draft Meeting Minutes October Commission Meeting

Approve the draft meeting minutes of the October 2, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Motion by Renee Borowiak, seconded by Regina Soucek, to approve the draft meeting minutes of the October 2, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. The Motion Passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Borowiak, Bridge, Esparza, Pollack-Cushing, Short, Soucek

Absent: Abumarkhieh

Abstain: Alexander

6. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Youth Commissioner Recruitment- Kristina McKee

Requesting one Commissioner to participate on the interview panel for a Youth Commissioner.

Kristina McKee, the Administrative Assistant in Parks, Recreation & Libraries, asked for one volunteer from the Commission to sit on the interview panel for Youth Commissioners for the Library Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission at the end of November 2023. Nick Alexander volunteered to be on the interview panel.

Public Comment: None.

6.2. Proposal to Consolidate Parks, Recreation & Libraries Commissions and Boards – Jill Geller

Discuss proposal to consolidate the Parks & Recreation Commission, Library Board, and Senior Commission.

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director Jill Geller presented a consolidation plan for the Parks & Recreation Commission, The Library Board, and the Senior Commission. Jill highlighted the benefits including creating a more meaningful experience for Commissioners/Board members, fewer meeting cancelations, one united department, create a wider City perspective for Commissioners/Board members, and ensure city funds are used more efficiently.

Commissioners stated that, in short, they thought this was a great idea. They offered the following comments for consideration:

- This would result in the loss of a 2nd Youth Commissioner, and perhaps there could be two 6-month terms for Youth Commissioners
- A suggestion to start with a larger commission initially, and shrink it down in future years
- Have all current terms end in 2026 and begin the PRL Commission 1/1/2027

Public Comment: None.

6.3. Parks Operations Overview - Brian Castelluccio

Introduction and overview of Park Operations.

Parks Superintendent Brian Castelluccio provided an overview on the Park Operations division including the management of land and maintenance responsibilities. The Park Operations team manages over eight hundred and eighty acres of park land, services eighty-four parks, three aquatics facilities, and twenty-one adventure clubs. The team supports events within Parks, Recreation

& Libraries, assists with special events, partners with youth sports and school districts, and supports other City of Roseville divisions such as Fire, the Police Department, and many others. The Parks division is performing an annual assessment of park amenities in addition to monitoring equipment lifecycles to monitor the condition of park equipment.

Public Comment: None.

6.4. Youth Development Overview – Kate Rebello

Introduction and overview of Youth Development programs.

The three Youth Development Supervisors Melanie Nett, Dylan Davis, and Chantal Udasco provided information regarding the Youth Development division.

Supervisor Melanie Nett shared that Adventure Club has been operating since 1987 as a state licensed before and afterschool program across three school districts with twenty Adventure Club sites across Roseville. As an enterprise fund, the Youth Development division provides goods and services for a fee in order to be a self-sufficient operation. There are two grant programs to provide subsidized care with the assistance of the Department of Social Services for free or reduced rates.

Supervisor Chantal Udasco reviewed the Youth Development preschool program that is based upon guidelines from the California Department of Education. Pre-kindergarten is offered at ten Adventure Club sites with preschool being taught at nine Adventure Club sites. Ms. Udasco shared the challenges for staffing which include employing staff with a high-school degree or equivalent and many positions requiring at least twelve-units of childhood education college credits, state required ratios of 14:1 in all Adventure Clubs creating limitations for enrollment numbers, and aging facilities.

Supervisor Dylan Davis highlighted the success of the Youth Development including staff development opportunities, the new extensive onboarding program, and the Junior Leader Program at the Adventure Club sites. After learning conflict resolution and how to lead activities, the fourth and fifth graders take a leadership role and lead arts and crafts, small groupwork, and assist with homework time.

Public Comment: None.

7. **BOARD MEMBER / COMMISSIONER / STAFF REPORT**

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director Jill Geller shared a new method of counting visitations to parks and facilities starting in 2024. Upcoming events include: Honoring Veterans and a dedication of the "Remembrance" art

sculpture at Veterans Park North. Turkey Trot is on Thanksgiving, followed by Downtown Holiday Celebration with gingerbread house contest, Tree Grove, Christmas Tree Lighting, North Pole Tavern, and the Mahany Fitness Center will host Breakfast with Santa and Milk and Cookies with Santa. Neighborhood Santa follows on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays through December 14, 2023 with routes posted online.

Commissioner Bridge shared an update from the Youth Sports Coalition about next steps since Council approved the dissolution of this group as a Council appointed body. At the group's October Meeting, the youth sports organizations expressed their desire to continue meeting with one another and city staff on a regular basis.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Matthew Bridge, seconded by Mike Esparza, to adjourn the November 6, 2023 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Motion Passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alexander, Borowiak, Bridge, Esparza, Pollack-Cushing, Short, Soucek

Absent: Abumarkhieh