



MINUTES
December 4, 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 December 4, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Abumarkhieh, Souчек, Pollack-Cushing, Bridge, Esparza, Short, Alexander, Borowiak

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 11 led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Draft Meeting Minutes November Commission Meeting

Approve the draft meeting minutes of the November 6, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Motion by Jeff Short, seconded by Matthew Bridge, to approve the draft meeting minutes of the November 6, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. The Motion Passed.

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

6. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Youth Commission Member Appointment Recommendation - Kristina McKee

Approve appointment of Sofia Moreno to the Parks & Recreation Commission for the 2024 term.

Ms. McKee updated the Commission on the process to select a new Youth Commissioner. The interview panel selected Sofia Moreno, a West Park High School student, from the pool of applicants. Ms. Moreno's appointment is dependent on final approval from City Council.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Matthew Bridge, seconded by Mike Esparza, to appoint Sofia Moreno as the Park and Recreation Youth Commissioner for 2024 and forward the recommendation to City Council for approval. The Motion Passed.

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

6.2. Recognition of Youth Commissioner - Jill Geller

Recognition of Amre Abumarkhieh, Youth Commissioner, for his year of outstanding service to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Ms. Geller recognized outgoing Youth Commissioner Amre Abumarkhieh and thanked him for his contributions to the Department and the City of Roseville.

Amre Abumarkhieh served as the Youth Commissioner for the past year. Mr. Abumarkhieh was actively engaged in the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and positively contributed to each meeting by sharing thoughtful ideas and opinions. Amre participated in the dedication of three new parks, review and approval of the plan for renovations to Weber Park, the groundbreaking of the Roseville Soccer Complex, and wrote and recited a poem at the new Royer Park playground.

Public Comment: None.

6.3. 2023 Open Space Annual Report – Jana Rapetti and Russell Soares

Comprehensive overview of Open Space and 2023 recap.

Natural Resources Specialist Jana Rapetti and Parks Supervisor Russell Soares presented the 2023 Open Space Annual Report.

The team has evolved from a seasonal team to a full-time team to focus on the varying conditions of the creek systems & open space, bike trails, and unsheltered systems. Managing nearly 4,000 acres of open space, 35 miles of

bike trails, and 78 miles of creeks, the team protects the City's natural resources, coordinates the installation of fire breaks by prescribed deadlines, maintains bike trails and creeks and removes unsheltered encampments from the City's open spaces. In 2023, the team cleaned nearly 340 unsheltered camps with 80 tons of debris. Additionally, the team assisted with 2023's inaugural "Trail-a-bration" event, which provided incentives for residents to visit Roseville's many trails. The Open Space team is building a sustainable model by updating the Open Space manual that includes information about the City's preserves & open space, creeks, vegetation management, trails, unsheltered, and administrative duties.

Public Comment: Troop 11 Leader inquired about youth organizations partnering with the Open Space team for creek and watershed cleanups.

6.4. What's Happening in Park Development (Update)- Tara Gee

Overview of updates in the park planning and development division.

Park Planning and Development Manager Tara Gee reviewed completed, upcoming, and underway projects. Parks under construction include the Roseville Soccer Complex, Denio Family Park, Campus Oaks Park, Solaire Park, and Riego Creek Park. Public outreach meetings have taken place for Crimson Ridge Park as well as C-63, KT-52, and Pistachio Regional Park with public outreach for Sierra Vista and Campus Oaks Park planned for 2024. Ms. Gee reviewed how the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Park Planning and Development team determine the park priorities and presented the upcoming major rehabilitations including Maidu Skate Track, Weber Park, Johnson Pool, and Saugstad Park.

Public Comment: None.

6.5. Parks, Recreation & Libraries - Year in Review Presentation - Jill Geller

Overview of Parks, Recreation & Libraries 2023 accomplishments.

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Director Jill Geller reviewed the 2023 highlights for the department such as managing 84 parks, 4,000 acres of open space, 35 miles of trails, 21 Adventure Club Sites, 2 golf courses, 3 libraries, 3 pools, 2 community centers and the Maidu Museum & Historic Site. Roseville's parks saw approximately 3.5 million visitors in 2023, nearly 75,000 rounds of golf, over 500,000 recreation and Adventure Club program participations, and celebrated the achievement of being one of four finalists in Class II for the National Gold Medal Award.

Ms. Geller thanked the Parks, Recreation & Libraries staff, commissioners, and the community for supporting the department's efforts.

Public Comment: None.

7. BOARD MEMBER / COMMISSIONER / STAFF REPORT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Esparza, seconded by Matthew Bridge, to adjourn the December 4, 2023 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Motion Passed.

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