



Approved 8/14/2019

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
JULY 10, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT GRANT PARK CENTER,
1575 HOLT AVE., MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM – 7:05pm

PRESENT: Eckman, Dailey, Lindermeier, Weinberg, Yeh, Morris, Spielman

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Christine Keller, Greentown Los Altos introduced new Tree 500 initiative.
(greentownlosaltos.org/500-trees/)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ CONSIDERATION

1. Commission Minutes
Approve May 8, 2019 Commission meeting minutes.

Action

Motion made by Commissioner Weinberg to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Dailey with the correction that, “Community Garden” under Potential Future Agenda Items should state, “next meeting.” The motion passed 7-0.

2. Update on Off-leash Pilot Program
Staff presentation of the working document that will be the off-leash pilot program proposal for PARC feedback.

PARC feedback:

- Potential ordinance change.
- Review place liability/risk factors in final report.
- Review and place park rules in final report.
- Review cost of pilot program place in final report.
- Contact neighborhoods near pilot program before start date.
- Contact cities with similar programs for reference.
- Mountain View City website did a good job explaining off leash dog park information.
- Review bench marks from other cities (neighbors, police calls, no response).
- Review noise mitigation study from Beverly Hills.
- Designate area in Heritage Oaks for off leash dog park.
- Heritage Oaks creek and street concerns.
- Look into seasonal McKenzie Park pilot program use.
- Advertise how to receive code enforcement concerning violating off leash law.
- Understand animal control protocol once a violation occurs.
- Recommending animal control patrol/response in contract.

- Receive information on animal control staff hours so Palo Alto police won't need to respond when animal control is off hours.
- What are bench marks for pilot program success?
- Is current pilot program season and timing enough? Very limited. Do better.
- Provide statistics on dog bites, dog attacks.
- Recommend requiring dogs to be licensed on signage.
- Include warnings of flu influenza on signage.
- Survey residents for location of those interested in utilizing off-leash dog park.
- Survey how many residents want a dog park in city?

Public comment:

Susan Kearney, Los Altos resident supports pilot program to overlap with after school hours, would like pilot program success criteria and would like to know where the funding is coming from and if it influences the creation of a dog park.

Chris Higgins, Los Altos resident spoke to the history of potential dog park, recommends legal is involved from the start.

Action

None. Feedback on the unfinished report was provided and staff outlined a tentative schedule for this item going forward.

3. PARC Summer/Fall event participation

Events that the PARC usually participates in during the Summer/Fall seasons will be discussed and participation dates will be selected where applicable.

Public comment: None

Action

None. Dates were selected for Farmer's Market attendance and Halloween Movie in the Park event.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Monthly staff report

Downtown Green
 On Demand Ride Program extended
 Summer Concerts
 Public Art Commission info

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Weinberg – Parks & Recreation month - July

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community Garden (next meeting)
- Chemical use in parks
- Surveys for Recreation
- Re-designation of City land

- Dog park and off-leash
- Greentown effort
- Community pool
- Halsey House

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yeh adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.