

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON, NOVEMBER 25, 2019, AT  
7:05 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS, LOS ALTOS CITY HALL,  
ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PRESENT: Vice Chair Eckmann, Commissioners Dailey, Morris, Spielman and Weinberg

ABSENT: Chair Yeh, Commissioner Lindermeier

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Los Altos Resident Frank Martin discussed his opposition to Bocce Ball courts in Grant Park. (See written comments on PARC website.)

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. Item #1  
Approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2019.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Dailey, seconded by Commissioner Morris, amend Cupertino Jollyman Park pilot program hours to 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2019 with changes.

2. Item #2  
Received updated joint report from staff and Subcommittee regarding proposed pilot program for off-leash hours and fenced-in dog park. Provided input, recommend 1) off-leash hours; 2) one or two fenced-in dog parks 3) number and schedule of public workshops and 4) schedule Commission meeting prior to forwarding a recommendation to City Council

Public Comment:

- Los Altos resident Jill Reimann, voicing objection to development of pilot dog park in Lincoln Park. Would like Lincoln Park to remain the same. (See written comments on PARC website.)
- Los Altos resident, John Reimann opposes dog park in Lincoln Park due to the appearance of a dog pen and incompatible existing activities with a dog park.
- Los Altos resident, Deb Pressley spoke regarding impacted parking at McKenzie Park and the public coming to utilize a dog park once it is created.
- Los Altos resident, Michael Shafran spoke regarding how a dog park would impact the Lincoln Park environment and would like the dog park elsewhere.
- Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commissioner speaking as a Cupertino resident, Carol Stanek spoke to the importance of pilot program Winter hours (4:00p.m.-

- 6:00p.m./Sunset). Recommended to have an alternative location when park is closed for maintenance. Commented that Jolly Man Park pilot program has not seen an increase in traffic and people have not come from far away to use the dog park pilot program.
- Los Altos resident, Cori Mehring spoke regarding the community created by off-leash dog parks and looking for a safe location to let dogs run off-leash. Multiple off-leash dog parks preferred. Drives to Mountain View Dog Park each day because no dog park locally.
  - Los Altos resident, Dave Backs opposes a dog park in Lincoln Park. Dog Parks are not allowed for canine companion dogs or puppies due to potential aggressive behavior from other dogs and contagious diseases. Fencing is not currently adequate to keep balls or other items from Foothill Expressway and grass does not create a sustainable surface for a dog park. (See written comments on PARC website.)
  - Los Altos resident Steve Albin spoke opposing fenced in dog park at Mackenzie. Also spoke regarding parking lot/street congestion and the use of Mackenzie Park by convalescent hospital patients. In favor of dog parks in general.
  - Los Altos resident Frank Martin spoke regarding the importance of the operating hours, multiple off-leash dog park sites. (See written comments on PARC website.)
  - Los Altos resident Harry Guy spoke regarding the historic importance of the neighborhood near Lincoln Park and dog's participation in dog parks. (See written comments on PARC website.)
  - Los Altos resident Dana Tasic opposes fenced and off-leash dog park hours. Lincoln Park is a strip of grass and should not be considered a park. Concerned with pedestrian safety next to an off-leash dog park.
  - Los Altos resident Linda White has 41 signatures in opposition to the addition of an off-leash dog park in McKenzie Park. Sub-Acute Center patients utilize McKenzie Park for respite.
  - Los Altos resident Henry More is in favor of off-leash dog park hours and opposes fenced-in dog parks due to dirt conditions. Preserve health of McKenzie Park's oak and all trees.

Action:

Motion by Commissioner Dailey, seconded by Weinberg to accept the report pending changes...

Page 1: Amend statistic on page 1 under, *Need for a Dog Park* second paragraph, "In a recent survey conducted by the City of Los Altos in spring 2018, 78.1%...justification comes from dog park survey report, page 2.

Page 2: "A fenced-in dog park" is defined as an enclosed dedicated area...

Page 8: Remove under Pro's, "Lincoln Park is centrally located."

Page 11: Remove last sentence, "The design of the proposed facilities will meet ADA requirements.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Weinberg, seconded by Spielman to adopt staff's recommendation of having one workshop on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00p.m. and a second workshop on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:00a.m. with the recommendation that staff have one meeting in North Los Altos and one of the meetings in South Los Altos, that the PARC regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 be vacated and that instead PARC hold a special meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Motion carries unanimously.

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Policies and Procedures (December)
2. Community Foundation Presentation (December)
3. Dog Park Updates/Public Comments (December)
4. Public Workshops Regarding Off-Leash Hours for Dogs (January)
5. Bocce Ball Proposal
6. Community Garden (Vice Chair Eckmann)
7. Los Altos History Museum Tour
8. Orchard Commons Committee
9. Halsey House
10. Recreation Program Presentation – Senior Program (January)
11. Recreation Program Presentation – Summer Camp (February)
12. Jon Biggs explanation of Park-In-Lieu-Fee
13. Discussion of 745 N. Distel as a park in Los Altos
14. Grassroots Ecology

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Unanimously adjourned at 9:15p.m.