

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON, NOVEMBER 13, 2019, AT  
7:03 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEETING CHAMBERS, LOS ALTOS CITY HALL,  
ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PRESENT: Chair Yeh, Vice Chair Eckmann, Commissioners Lindermeier, Morris, Spielman and Weinberg

ABSENT: Commissioner Dailey

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1. Recreation Supervisor, Bridget Matheson presented awards to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Window Painting contestants

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Los Altos resident Frank Martin encouraged a public process regarding the subject of installing Bocce Ball courts at Grant Park.

Los Altos resident Frank Martin recommended memorial benches be installed in perpetuity and at a subsidized rate.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

2. Item #2  
Approve minutes of the special meeting of October 16, 2019.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Spielman, seconded by Commissioner Eckmann, changes to the third page of the minutes should read, "Commissioner Lindermeier attended and spoke at the Environmental Commission..." the Commission unanimously approved the minutes with amendments to the special meeting of October 16, 2019.

3. Item #3  
Received presentation by Non-profit: GreenTown Los Altos President Gary Hedden about the *Plant 500 Trees* campaign.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Received presentation

Commissioner Weinberg seconded by Commissioner Spielman moved to reorder the Agenda so that the PARC next consider items #5 then #6 and then return to #4 before item #7. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Item #5

Receive updated staff report regarding proposed pilot program for off-leash areas and fenced-in dog park. Provide input, recommend a dog park location and schedule a public workshop prior to forwarding a recommendation to City Council.

Public Comment:

Los Altos resident Jessy Berg recommended off-leash dog park hours of 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Also brought up captains to organize clean-ups and hosting off-leash dog parks at multiple parks to offer residents multiple options.

Los Altos resident Cori Mehring spoke regarding the community (both dogs and people) that are created at off-leash dog parks. Also recommended off-leash dog parks at multiple parks.

Los Altos resident Kevin Kimball spoke regarding the community that dog parks create. Interested in helping if needed.

Los Altos resident Mitsi Kiyama spoke regarding the difficulty and necessity of finding and attending authorized off-leash dog areas.

Cupertino resident Carol Stanek spoke in favor of implementing an off-leash dog park in Los Altos and spoke regarding Cupertino's Jollyman Park 10-month off-leash dog park trial program which started on October 1, 2019. Hours set from 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Also, spoke regarding dog park Community.

Los Altos resident Yura Wang spoke about the community that dog ownership creates.

Los Altos resident Michelle Niede spoke regarding community that dog ownership creates and how landscape design has changed the opportunities dogs have to run on grass.

Los Altos resident Jim Jolly spoke in favor of implementing an off-leash dog park and how responsible dog owners are. Questioned the necessity of rigid dog laws.

Los Altos resident Roberta Phillips spoke in favor of a fair process with community input and accurate/objective staff reports. Appreciates dog park is a priority in Los Altos.

Los Altos resident Frank Martin spoke to the importance of socialization and how dog ownership creates community. Suggests off-leash dog park hours at all parks.

Los Altos resident Allison Pow indicated that reasonable hours, convenient location, number of dog parks and grass area are necessary criteria for an off-leash dog park pilot program.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Weinberg, seconded by Commissioner Morris to hold a special meeting to consider the final draft of the dog park subcommittee report on a date to be determined by a Doodle poll sent out by staff. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Item #6

Review General Plan and Zoning designations for the Los Altos Civic Center Complex

Public Comment:

Los Altos resident Roberta Phillips gave history on prior council discussions, Park Master Plan and General Plan. Roberta recommended the PARC make a recommendation to City Council

to have staff and City Attorney determine the legal ramifications and feasibility of rezoning the two Hillview Community Center grass areas from Public Institutional to Park.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Spielman, seconded by Vice-Chair Eckmann. Given previous City Council Commitment and the limited park land in Los Altos, PARC recommends that Council investigate how to convert Hillview Soccer and Baseball field from Public and Institutional to be zoned as Park. AYES: Eckmann, Lindermeier, Morris, Spielman; NOES: Weinberg, Yeh; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Dailey

6. Item #4  
Receive presentation from Recreation Coordinator, Candace Avina, regarding the 2019 Summer Concert Series.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Received staff presentation.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. Item #7  
Receive information and announcements from City Staff.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Received information and announcements from City Staff.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioners reviewed the PARC Halloween Movie Night event  
Second movie was scary and went a little long  
Night and grass got cold and wet  
Appreciated staff support

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Policies and Procedures (December)  
Dog Park (December)  
Public Workshop Regarding Off-Leash Hours for Dogs (December or January)  
Bocce Ball Proposal (December)  
Community Garden (Vice Chair Eckmann)  
Los Altos History Museum Tour  
Orchard Commons Committee  
Halsey House  
Recreation Program Presentation – Summer Camp

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yeh adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.