

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.
REMOTELY, WITH ACCESS VIA RINGCENTRAL**

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Yeh, who has communicated plans to join late

1. Request to Change the Order of the Agenda

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Spielman, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the Commission voted to move the Discussion of the Grant Park Master Plan to take place immediately after Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda by the following vote:

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, and Morris.

Oppose: Weinberg and Dailey.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed: 3-2-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roberta Phillips spoke about GreenTown. She praised their good works in town but protested the slide regarding advocacy about reach codes.

Frank Martin protested the amount of time allotted for speakers given that GreenTown would have a potentially unlimited amount of time to speak. He does not support their reach code support.

Zahra Ardehali spoke with concerns about the way that the virtual meetings are run, and she requested a way to view the meetings in the future. She went on to echo the sentiments of the previous two speakers regarding GreenTown.

2. Grant Park Master Plan

Receive a report by staff and forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve hiring a consultant to complete a Grant Park Master Plan, including a public engagement process.

Public Comment: Roberta Phillips relayed her conversation with the City's Community Development Director, Jon Biggs, regarding park in Lieu fees and how they can benefit the Parks & Recreation

Commission. She expressed the desire to keep Grant Park as green space. She also strongly recommended that the Grant Multi-purpose Room Kitchen needs a drastic upgrade.

COMMISSIONER YEH JOINED THE MEETING AT 7:43 P.M.

Continued Public Comment: Eleanor Tung spoke against a Bocce Ball court at Grant Park due to tree-cutting and the possibility of losing green space.

Zahra Ardehali spoke in opposition to a potential addition of a Bocce Ball court at Grant Park. She cited limited parking space and inconvenience to local residents as her primary concerns.

Frank Martin spoke in opposition to Bocce Ball at Grant Park as well, primarily due to the size of Grant Park. He advocated for a Fitness Center instead.

Robert Malley spoke to express concerns regarding potential placement of a Bocce Ball court at Grant due to the size of the park and the loss of open space for neighbors. He has concerns about an increase in noise, traffic, alcohol, and litter at the park.

Action: Vice Chair Spielman moved to establish a Grant Park subcommittee to evaluate Grant Park and conduct a Preliminary Needs Assessment, working with Staff if/when a recommendation for a consultant is deemed appropriate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morris. The motion passed by the following vote:

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Morris, and Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: Weinberg and Yeh.

Motion passed: 4-0-2.

2a. Grant Park Subcommittee Established:

Commission Dailey

Commissioner Morris

Commissioner Yeh

CHAIR LINDERMEIER INITIATED A 5-MINUTE BREAK AT 9:05 P.M.

3. GreenTown Los Altos Presentation by Margie Suozzo and Gary Hedden

4. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Spielman, seconded by Commissioner Weinberg, the Commission approved the minutes (with changes) for the meeting of June 17, 2020 by the following vote:

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Morris, Weinberg, and Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 6-0-0.

5. Subcommittee Appointment

Consider the appointment of one Commissioner to the existing Halsey House Subcommittee.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Spielman, seconded by Commissioner Dailey, the Commission approved adding Commissioner Weinberg to the Halsey House Subcommittee:
Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Morris, Weinberg, and Dailey.
Oppose: None.
Abstention: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 6-0-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Receive information and announcements from City staff

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Work Plan Subcommittee Updates

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Social Justice Role for Parks & Recreation Commission
- B. Dog Park Subcommittee (September)
- C. Bocce Ball (August)
- D. Joint Meeting with Historical Commission regarding Halsey House

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lindermeier adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.