

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON, DECEMBER 11, 2019, AT
7:00 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, Lindermeier, Morris and Spielman

ABSENT: Chair Yeh, Commissioner Weinberg

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Los Altos resident Frank Martin spoke in opposition to the Bocce Ball Courts in Grant Park.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Item #1
Review policies and procedure approval process for budgeted and proposed City projects

Public Comment: Los Altos resident Frank Martin discussed updating the City of Los Altos donor policy.

Action: City Manager, Chris Jordan spoke regarding the approval process for budgeted and proposed projects.
2. Item #2
Receive presentation from Joe Eyre, Executive Director Los Altos Community Foundation.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Received presentation
3. Item #3
Approve minutes of the special meeting of November 25, 2019.

Public Comment: None

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Eckman, seconded by Commissioner Dailey, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes with changes to the special meeting of November 25, 2019.
4. Item #4
Receive updated joint report from staff and Subcommittee regarding proposed pilot program for off-leash hours and fenced-in dog park. Review workshop format and public outreach efforts.

Public Comment:

Los Altos resident Nancy Bremeau, in favor of a smaller fenced in dog park out of site from citizens.

Los Altos resident John Corrigan opposes a fenced in and off-leash dog park due to cost, traffic, noise, visual/safety aspects and concern over who is represented in discussions of dog park planning.

Los Altos resident Janet Corrigan opposes fenced in and off-leash dog park and is requesting to consider postponing working sessions so residents may research the issue.

Los Altos resident Sarah Shreve opposes dog park due to, “squishy” character of neighborhood. School may potentially move into neighborhood.

Los Altos resident Ray Klink opposes dog park in Lincoln Park. Park serves as welcome to neighborhood. Syrian Christians donated art piece near proposed site. Churches host programs on a regular basis and use park. (See written comments on PARC website.)

Los Altos resident Dana Tacsic, opposes off leash dog park due to its affect on her quality of life. She would have to utilize alternate route due to safety concerns.

Los Altos resident Michael Shafran opposed to converting open park with allowance for everyone for exclusive use of a dog run with a cage. Suggests dog park on Civic Center Community Center property.

Los Altos resident Daryl Shafran opposes a dog park in Lincoln park.

Los Altos resident Frank Martin on behalf of Molly (dog). Unable to allow dog run in backyard due to size. Needs a legal place that is available to allow the dog run.

Los Altos resident Steve Albin opposes a dog park in MacKenzie Park. MacKenzie Park proposed a park when the maintenance service center was built not a dog park.

Los Altos resident Derek Pitcher opposes fencing around a park for exclusive access for a dog park. Parks are open space for everyone create more open space. Implement off leash hours in all parks not fences. MacKenzie parking used by convalescent home, businesses, tennis players, park goers.

Los Altos resident Barbara Adey and oppose any and all dog parks in Los Altos. Convalescent hospital patients utilize the park. Cities own requirements of parks are not being meant by creation of dog parks in proposed locations.

Los Altos resident Linda White discussed a petition she created opposing a dog park located at MacKenzie park. (See petition summary on PARC website.)

Los Altos resident Mike Shadduck opposes a dog park at existing parks. MacKenzie Park parking lot is already congested. Off-leash dog park hours would be fine.

Los Altos resident Dave Backs opposes dog parks in Los Altos due to the environmental impact of dog parks. (See written comments on PARC website.)

Los Altos resident Harry Guy opposed dog park in Lincoln park. Opposed to fenced in and off dog parks. Reschedule study sessions so noticing may occur with more time to residents. Residents would like to communicate with neighbors, research dog park issues and provide well studied information at study sessions.

Los Altos resident Jill Reimann opposes dog park in Lincoln park (see writing in public comment). Noise of dog park will be too much for neighborhood.

Los Altos resident Corie Mehring in favor of off-leash hours and dog parks in Los Altos.

Los Altos resident Jessy Berg in favor of off-leash hours and fenced-in dog parks in Los Altos so dog owners may allow dogs to run off-leash legally. Ideal hours would be after work from 4:00p.m.-Sunset.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Spielman seconded by Vice-Chair Eckmann PARC will host two public outreach Dog Park workshops on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00p.m. and Saturday, February 29, 2020. Workshops will be held in both South and North Los Altos. Motion passes unanimously.

Commission spoke regarding workshop format.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Possible projects for parks features – (March)
2. Park-in-Lieu Funds Presentation (January City Attorney and Jon Biggs available?)
3. Grassroots Ecology Presentation
4. Los Altos History Museum Tour
5. Orchard Commons Committee Presentation
6. Halsey House Presentation
7. Community Garden (Vice Chair Eckmann)
8. Recreation Program Presentation – Senior Program (January)
9. Recreation Program Presentation – Summer Camp (February)
10. Explore creating a subcommittee on energy independence/efficiency in park (January)
11. Expand parks in Los Altos (cooperative use agreements (school district, acquisition of property) (January)
12. Review of workplan (March) (email to Commissioners)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:47p.m.