

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 8, 2020
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for a special session on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell City Hall, Council Chambers, 70 N. First Street, Campbell CA.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Ishibashi, Abraham, Fidrych, Teeter, Beitz, Doherty and Mitchell

ABSENT None

STAFF: Recreation Services Manager Natasha Bissell, Community Services Director Regina Maurantonio, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, JDM Park Project Manager, Michael DeLeon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Doherty/Teeter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission of November 6, 2019.

AYES: Ishibashi, Beitz, Abraham, Teeter, Doherty, Fidrych

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mitchell

Oral Requests: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Valentine Fun Run

Recreation Services Manager Bissell announced that the 43rd Annual Fun Run will be held on Saturday, February 8, and she welcomed any Commissioners wishing to volunteer.

B. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Project

Director Capurso reported that this year's event will be held on Monday, January 20, and is a joint effort with the City of San Jose. The location is at Mary Jane Hammon Park located at Central Ave in San Jose. Commissioners were welcomed to attend and volunteer. The park improvements include fibar installation, replacing sand where needed, tree planting, shrub trimming, and weather permitting, painting. This is a rain or shine event.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MSC: Ishibashi/Doherty to elect Tracy Mitchell to be Parks and Recreation Chair for 2020.

AYES: Ishibashi, Beitz, Abraham, Teeter, Doherty, Fidrych

NOES: None

MSC: Teeter/Ishibashi to elect Bob Fidrych to be Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair for 2020.

AYES: Ishibashi, Beitz, Abraham, Teeter, Doherty, Mitchell

NOES: None

B. Committee Assignments

Parks and Creek Trail: Chair, Sherrie Doherty; Members, Teeter and Fidrych

Trees: Chair, Liraz Abraham; Members, Beitz and Ishibashi

Special Events: Chair, Traci Mitchell; Members, Abraham and Beitz

C. John D. Morgan Park (Budd Ave. side) – All Inclusive Playground Update

Michael Deleon, Project Manager of the John D. Morgan Park Improvement Project and the design consultant for the park, Corbin Schneider of Verde Design, Inc., gave a presentation on the two main concepts proposed for the park, Alternative One and Alternative Two. First, Mr. DeLeon reviewed the City's outreach efforts to better understand the communities' preferences for the park by holding neighborhood meetings, pop-up meetings at the park and on-line surveys.

Mr. Schneider gave a presentation of each concept in detail. He presented the types of play equipment being considered for each concept based on the outreach feedback; all of which are designed to accommodate children and adults with disabilities. The consensus was to go with Alternative One with the "Fun in the Forest" theme. The Tower was a popular choice of play equipment and is included in this concept. The option of combining some of the concepts from Alternative Two could be considered. The need for additional ADA parking spaces was also discussed. Mr. DeLeon explained that there is a diseased tree at the western edge of the parking lot that could be removed to make room for the additional parking spaces. In regard to the restroom renovation, Mr. DeLeon explained that renovating the restrooms is not in the scope of this project. Director Capurso added that he does anticipate restroom renovations being done in the near future, especially as the other parks are being renovated.

After the presentation, Mr. Deleon and Mr. Schneider answered questions and heard comments from the Commission.

A study session will be held on February 4 at 6:15 P.M. at City Hall.

D. Public Art Policy

Director Capurso reviewed the Public Art Policy with the Committee and staff.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: No Report.

Trees: No report.

Special Events: The Valentine's Day Run and MLK Service Day were reported in the Announcements Section above.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks, Public Works Director Capurso

- Director Capurso reported that the holiday decorations are in the process of being taken down.
- There are some trees being removed at Campbell Park around the play area, including a large eucalyptus tree that has been determined to be diseased by our Arborist. The removed trees will be replaced as appropriate.
- The ADA improvements at the stadium near the grandstand at the Community Center are complete.
- The safety surface repairs at Stojanovich Park are complete.
- The Turf Sweeper, which will be used to remove geese droppings at the parks, will be delivered this month.
- This year's Arbor Day celebration this year will be held on Friday April 24th. The festivities will be held at the Community Center, at the south area of the track in the area where some trees are being replanted.

B. Recreation and Community Services: Recreation Manager Bissell

- Jenny Bybee, Recreation Specialist is resigning. Recruitment for her replacement will open on January 13.
- Youth basketball started January 4 and is in full swing.
- The Heritage Theatre presents Foghat on February 20 and Leann Rhimes on March 13.
- The Campbell Museum reported a successful holiday season.
- Applications are available until January 31 for local artists to participate in Art Show 2020. This year's theme is "Joy." Anyone interested can look on the museum's website for more information.
- The deadline for the Parks Make Life Better jackets order is Friday, January 10.
- Recreation Manager Bissell thanked Building Maintenance and Public Works for the new lighting on the flag poles and for installing the new speed bumps at the Community Center by the Winchester Boulevard entrance.
- Recreation Manager Bissell wished everyone a Happy New Year, and said she hoped to see everyone at the Valentine's Day Fun Run.

Good of the Game

Happy 2020!

Commissioner Fidrych, who coaches the youth basketball team, thanked Aaron Bueno and Carlo Rizzo for organizing the first game of the season. He said they did an excellent job.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

JoAnna Thomason, Executive Assistant