

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
February 6, 2019
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell City Hall, Council Chambers, 70 N. First Street, Campbell CA.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doherty, Mitchell, Ishibashi, Abraham, Teeter, Beitz (arrived at 7:10)
Absent: Fidrych (excused)
STAFF: Recreation Services Manager Bissell, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Mitchell/Ishibashi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission of January 16, 2019.

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

NOES: None

Oral Requests:

NONE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Welcome Commissioners Abraham, Beitz and Teeter

Recreation Services Manager Bissell welcomed the new Commissioners and asked them each to tell us a little about themselves.

B. Valentine Fun Run (Aaron Bueno, Recreation Supervisor)

Mr. Bueno gave details about the Fun Run coming up on Saturday, Feb. 9. He passed around a sample of the medals and a flyer showing the shirts for this year. He said if any Commissioners would like to volunteer for packet pick up or pre-registration let him know.

New Business:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MSC: Mitchell/Doherty to elect Allan Ishibashi to be Parks and Recreation Chair for 2019.

AYES: Mitchell, Beitz, Abraham, Teeter, Doherty

NOES: None

MSC: Doherty/Ishibashi to elect Tracy Mitchell to be Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair for 2019.

AYES: Ishibashi, Beitz, Abraham, Teeter, Doherty

NOES: None

B. Committee Assignments

Chair Ishibashi gave a brief description of the duties of each committee. New Committee assignments are as follows:

Parks and Creek Trail: Chair Bob Fidrych, Members, Teeter and Doherty

Trees: Chair Mitchell, Members Beitz and Ishibashi

Special Events: Chair Abraham, Members Mitchell and Beitz

C. Park Ordinance Update – Picnics

Supervisor Bissell gave an update on concerns regarding picnics at the first come first serve picnic areas at John D. Morgan Park. Last year we had visitors coming in large groups, hosting large events, bringing in tables and chairs - even a mechanical bull. It's very cumbersome to neighbors in that area. City staff have been working together to address how to handle this issue. Police have a hard time enforcing this without an ordinance so we are working on updating the ordinance. We are also looking to hire a staff person to be out there and enforce the rules especially on Saturday and Sunday, May through September. As people would come in they could help assist in enforcing the rules. We will also do some kind of educational campaign letting people know staff will be there. We hope that the educational component will help.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: No report.

Trees: No report.

Special Events: Mr. Bueno already reported on the upcoming Fun Run.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks Public Works Director Capurso

- We had a very successful Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at San Tomas Park with the City of San Jose. Commissioners Doherty and Fidrych were there. There were over 230 volunteers there from the City of Campbell and City of San Jose.
- The Parks crew has been doing improvements at the Community Center athletic fields. We've got the fences up, we've done some over seeding, getting ready for soccer season. The fences will be coming down the end of February. We are using a mix of Bermuda and our standard blue grass turf so you will notice some browning, but the Bermuda is a lot hardier turf.
- We're continuing to do some improvements at the corral area at Edith Morley Park.
- We have some ongoing repairs at John D. Morgan Park due to vandalism last month.
- We do have three upcoming Capital projects. A renovation at Campbell Park, replacing the restrooms and play area. A larger scale project will be when we renovate the playground on the Budd side of John D. Morgan Park. We received a million dollar grant to build an all-

inclusive playground. We will need some Commission input on that. We may need to have an ad hoc committee to provide input. There will be extensive community outreach as well.

- We normally do a field trip with the Commissioners to see all the Campbell parks, but this year we might want to go see an all-inclusive play lot in San Jose, off of Coleman Ave.
- The San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail project is ongoing. This is the alignment that runs along San Tomas Aquino Creek. The challenging part is that it is partially in San Jose and partially in Campbell. Both Cities are behind the project and it is joint-funded. We are working on the environmental clearance and the preliminary design. At this point we are not looking at areas that would be behind people's homes.

B. Recreation and Community Services: Recreation Manager Bissell

- This Saturday is the Fun Run. There will be an attendant in the parking lot so let them know you are a Commissioner volunteering and they will let you in.
- The Heritage Theatre presents Joe Nichols on Valentine's Day. There are a few tickets left.
- Feb 19 the Adult Center is hosting their 5th annual Chinese New Year Celebration.
- We are currently putting together the early bird summer Activity Guide.

C. General Plan Update: Public Works Director Capurso

Director Capurso explained to the new Commissioners what a General Plan is. It helps guide a City in how it grows and redevelops. For example, if you are planning on lots of growth, you need to plan on how to address traffic impacts. We can affect what happens in Campbell, such as traffic improvements and park in lieu fees. It is more difficult to address growth outside of Campbell. This effort has been going on for a couple of years now. It was last done in the early 2000's and restarted in 2016. It was put on hold in mid-2018. We are back on track now; a study session was held last week so the process will pick up momentum again.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Mitchell said welcome to the new Commissioners. It's nice to have new Commissioners with new ideas. She is looking forward to watching her daughter at the Fun Run.

Commissioner Doherty said she had a great time at the Martin Luther King Jr. day of service event. Thanks to San Jose and Campbell's Public Works staff – did a great job.

Commissioner Teeter said 3 weeks ago the bridge at Bascom – she participated with the Clean Creek Coalition to clean up the homeless camp that has been abandoned. They almost filled a dumpster. It felt good to be working together.

Commissioner Ishibashi said at the last Commission meeting it was pouring and he walked home from the meeting and there was one person running around the track. He gave him a big thumbs up and continued on his way home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy Francois". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joy Francois, Recording Secretary