

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
February 7, 2018
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in special session on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers, 70 N. First St., Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doherty, Fidrych, Davidson, Ishibashi, Santor, Mitchell
Absent: Walker
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Public Works Superintendent Alex Mordwinow, Recreation Services Manager Natasha Bissell, Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Mitchell/Davidson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 Parks and Recreation meeting.

AYES: Mitchell, Davidson, Doherty, Fidrych

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ishibashi

MSC: Ishibashi/Davidson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting with one correction: Commissioner Mitchell was not in attendance at that meeting.

AYES: Ishibashi, Davidson, Doherty, Fidrych

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mitchell

Oral Requests:

Recreation Supervisor Aaron Bueno shared details on the Valentine Fun Run that is coming up on Feb. 10 including the packet pick up at Sports Basement, medals, and kids dash.

Announcements:

Chair Doherty thanked Commissioner Davidson not only for her time on the Parks and Recreation Commission but also on the Civic Improvement Commission and said she has been a great asset to the community. She will be missed.

Director Maurantonio said that at the Council meeting last night both Charlie and Jacquie were recognized for their service and she shared that next month Charlie will be back on the Commission to finish Jacquie's term. They were recognized for their work on many important policies including updates to the Parks, Field and Athletic Use policy, development of the Park Asset Inventory Management Plan, the establishment of the Parkland Dedication Policy, and consideration of tree appeals and recommending facility improvements at the Community Center and throughout the City.

The Mayor recognized Jacquie's professional expertise in the fields of technology and education, combined with her effective leadership style, excellent communication skills and fun sense of humor made her an outstanding Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Jacquie asked key questions during

deliberations and voiced appreciation to community members who attended Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to share their views. Jacquie was part of the first Leadership Campbell class and in 2013 she was acknowledged as a Woman of Distinction for the City of Campbell. It was also noted that Jacquie had a very long tenure on the Civic Improvement Commission as well. Congratulations Jacquie.

The Mayor said that Charlie Gibson's professional expertise and municipal management related to park, open space and recreation was particularly helpful to all the Commissioners and staff. He often clarified discussions and helped focus the group on pivotal issues. He is a strong proponent of preserving and increasing open space in Campbell. His experience in park planning, playground renovations and recreation programming combined with his vision, sense of humor and willingness to look at issues with a big picture lens made him a very effective Commissioner. Charlie took pride in visiting parks regularly as the chair of the Parks and Creek Trail subcommittee. Charlie's beautiful photography of sites around the city including Edith Morley Park and the Ainsley House have been enjoyed by many through the museum photo contest and as part of the City's website and Activity Guide. The City of Campbell is truly grateful to Charlie Gibson for his 8 years and 10 months of service.

Commissioner Davidson said thank you to the City of Campbell for allowing her to participate for so long and letting her be on the Commissions for as long as she has. She's made a lot of friends, met some great people. She loves Campbell and being a part of Campbell. It's been a great joy serving the City. Charlie has been so great on the PRC as well. She is excited that he is coming back. If anybody can take her place it would be Charlie.

New Business:

A. Review and Approve Historical Plaque at John D. Morgan Park

Assistant City Manager Al Bito gave a presentation on the request to place an interpretive plaque at John D. Morgan Park to recognize the significance of the Sebastian Peralta ranch and adobe that were once in that location.

Joanna Herz, former member of the City's Historic Preservation Board and member of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County spoke and said she believes that it is important for the community to know and understand the heritage of the land of which John D. Morgan Park is part. She took the Commission through a timeline of events leading up to this request for an interpretive plaque.

MSC: Davidson/Fidrych recommending approval and installation of the plaque at John D. Morgan Park.

AYES: Davidson, Fidrych, Mitchell, Doherty, Ishibashi, Santor

ABSTAIN: None

B. Parkland Dedication Fund Annual Review

Recreation Services Manager Bissell presented background information on the Parkland Dedication Fund.

Director Capurso said acquisition/providing open space is really why these funds were created. The Parkland fee is to offset the impact of new residents. We are continuing to go through this exercise. We will very likely do a proposal this year to reset our fee based on the actual value of real estate.

There was discussion about the City actually being able to purchase land for a new park and are we doing enough to keep up our current parks. Director Capurso said we could have developers dedicate park land when they come in with their plans. The likelihood of this happening is decreasing, especially with the smaller developments.

Superintendent Mordwinow stated that the number of users per park and the wear and tear on the parks goes up. With this in mind, more funds will be necessary for maintenance.

Commissioner Fidrych said we should be using some of this money for maintenance. Ms. Bissell responded that the Parkland Dedication funds cannot be used for maintenance.

Director Capurso said we could also have shared facilities, such as John D. Morgan Park a portion is owned by the school district. A portion of Campbell Park is owned by the County. Other potential sites would be school sites, or sites owned by private utilities.

Commissioner Santor asked if the money has to be spent in five years. Director Capurso responded that it has to be allocated in five years.

Ms. Bissell clarified that they went through this process of trying to understand what the balance of the fund actually was, going back to 1989, and it was very stressful. The one good thing that came out of this process is that going forward they can clearly identify where the funds came from and where they should be allocated. This is now a great tracking document.

Open for Public comment: No Comments.

MSC: Ishibashi/Mitchell to approve the recommendation of the allocations presented tonight and forward the recommendation to the City Council.

AYES: Davidson, Fidrych, Mitchell, Doherty, Ishibashi, Santor

ABSTAIN: None

C. Dogs on leash in Campbell parks

Director Capurso presented his report regarding dogs in Campbell parks. At the November 7, 2017 Council meeting the Council voted to place an item on an upcoming Council agenda to review the option of allowing dogs on leash in City of Campbell parks. The Council also voted to refer the vetting of possible locations for an off-leash dog park to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There's an expectation that staff will go out and do some research and come back to Council. Staff is taking this opportunity to have a touch point with the Commission. In general, most of our neighboring cities allow dogs on leash in most of their parks.

Commissioner Doherty asked if there could be a requirement that the leash must be a certain length. Director Capurso, said yes, on leash, and under control.

Commissioner Ishibashi is strongly in favor.

Commissioner Santor asked what the impact on parks in general would be. Director Capurso responded it will increase maintenance resources.

Commissioner Fidrych asked who would enforce the rules. Director Capurso said chances are the police would not be out looking for things, unless someone reported something. They typically respond to complaints or people calling in. A change in an ordinance would give them something to cite.

Director Capurso said he was remiss in that after their in-house discussions, even if this is a good idea, it shouldn't be carte blanche. We have thought about some reasonable exceptions to dogs in parks. They would not be allowed on athletic fields when in use, children's playgrounds, water features, and the track.

Public Comment:

Charlie Gibson stated this is going in the right direction. Enforcement would really thank you for this because it's clear and obvious that dogs must be on leash.

Straw Poll: Mitchell, Davidson, Doherty, Ishibashi and Santor are for it.

Commissioner Fidrych is not against it but is concerned about kids (dogs in play areas).

Director Capurso said he's hearing that most people are comfortable with this. He is not going to Council yet so will touch on this subject again at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Santor said this was his first time at the parks with a different eye. He visited each park and they were amazing, clean, great maintenance. He's looking forward to a new restroom at Campbell Park.

Trees: Commissioner Fidrych had no report but said we need more rain.

Special Events: Commissioner Ishibashi said Aaron Bueno did a good job letting everyone know about the upcoming Fun Run tonight.

Staff Reports:

A. General Plan Monthly Update

Director Capurso said he's hoping that everyone is familiar with the open meetings going on around the community. It's a nice opportunity to get people to some of these meetings that we don't really recognize. We do see a lot of the same faces over and over. At the end of the sessions you're given a

map of the city and colored markers and you mark up the map with what you would like to see. There are two more meetings left, February 12 and March 5.

Parks: Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Mordwinow

- Staff is busy with early spring projects. Lots of people at the parks; we are having to spend more time on litter pickup. He gave a shout out to Vince and his staff; they are doing a great job.
- One of the spring projects is turf renovations.
- Community Center staff are involved in planning and preparing plant replacement projects in the medians in the parking lot.
- Staff just completed tree trimming at Edith Morley Park. They will be re-establishing some plant material there in the coming weeks.
- We are scheduled to do a parking lot pavement resurfacing and overkoting at the Community Center. That will begin in early April concluding in mid May. This will be completed by our Streets crew with help by our Parks crew.
- The fields are scheduled to re-open. We plan to introduce Bermuda grass to the sports fields in May. This will give us a hardier turf to play on and a little softer cushion.
- March 3 there will be a tree planting on Nido Drive at 9:00 am. This will be the last event of the Measure Q grant. You are all invited to participate if you would like to attend.
- Bunnies and Bonnets parade is coming up March 31. Public Works will be entering a float again.
- We had a great volunteer event in January at Marijane Hamann Park on Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. We had a number of Parks Commissioners out there, Council members and Assemblyman Evan Low.
- Alex read the weekly update to Council regarding the Community Garden.

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- The Campbell Youth Basketball League is underway, with 260 youngsters learning the game of basketball, building friendships, developing social skills, and being active. On Friday, January 26th the Campbell Adult Center along with the Campbell Youth Commission hosted a "Teens Teach Tech" event at the Community Center.
- The Campbell Youth Commission hosted a Resume Workshop on February 2, 2018 from 4:30-5:45pm at the Campbell Library. College and career specialists from the Campbell Union High School District presented information regarding employment interview techniques.
- The Campbell Youth Commission and Civic Improvement Commission will be hosting a job fair for high school students on February 9, 2018 from 3:30-5:30pm in the Orchard City Banquet Hall.
- Office Specialist position open now. Closes on February 12th. (2 openings—one in Reservations and one in Registration/Activity Guide)
- The Adult Center will be hosting a Chinese New Year celebration on February 23rd.

Police Report

Information only.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Fidrych will be working the Fun Run Saturday and he is looking forward to it. He's glad that 6 year olds and under can participate.

Commissioner Santor is looking forward to the Fun Run. He's dragging his 13 year old daughter in to help.

Commissioner Ishibashi said he enjoyed the year he spent with Jacquie on the Commission and appreciates her limited filter.

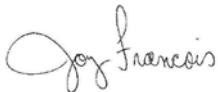
Chair Doherty thanked the Public Works and Recreation Staff. She's been attending the basketball games, the clean-up days, and all the hard work has been noticed.

Commissioner Davidson said it's been a privilege to be on the Commission. Being involved in the City has been a part of her identity.

Commissioner Mitchell is looking forward to helping at the Fun Run and will volunteer now to help Jacquie run for City Council when she gets back.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy Francois".

Joy Francois, Recording Secretary