

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

NOES: None

Oral Requests:

NONE.

New Business:

**A. All-Inclusive Playground – John D. Morgan Park – Director Capurso**

Director Capurso gave an update on the All-Inclusive Playground project for the play lot at John D. Morgan Park. These playgrounds take up a lot more room; there are open turf areas, and changes in elevation for slides and climbing structures. The County initiated a grant program a couple of years ago to encourage cities and agencies to build these inclusive play lots. We applied for a \$1M grant and we were successful. Some concerns that have come up are that when you build a play lot like this it could be seen as a destination. When Jack Fischer Park first opened it was considered a destination and there were lots of bus trips there. There will be 16 more of these playgrounds built in this area so that should take away a little of the notion of being a destination. We will come back to you with more details, perhaps as early as next month. He distributed copies of the Council report that went to Council on March 5.

There was discussion about using the parking lots at the church across the street or the CSI school.

**B. Park Tour Dates**

The Commissioners agreed on March 30 for the parks tour. They will meet at City Hall at 10:30 am. Commissioner Teeter will meet the group at the Rotary playground at 1:00.

**C. Bunnies and Bonnets Parade**

Ms. Bissell said the Bunnies and Bonnets parade will be held on Saturday, April 20 at noon. If the Commissioners would like to participate in the parade they need to be there by 11 am. Commissioners

Teeter, Doherty, Beitz and Abraham said they would participate. Ms. Bissell said she would pair them with the Youth Commissioners.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Parks and Creek Trail:** Chair Fidrych said he appreciates being the Chair of this committee. He did not get out to the parks this month due to the rain. Commissioner Abraham said she noticed the rubber surface around the barrel at Stojanovich Park is coming up. Supervisor Huppe said staff does small repairs but if it's large a contractor is called in.

**Trees:** No report.

**Special Events:** Chair Abraham said the Bunnies and Bonnets parade was already discussed. She also said she enjoyed the Fun Run.

### **Staff Reports:**

#### **A. Parks: Public Works Parks Supervisor Huppe and Director Capurso**

##### **Supervisor Huppe**

- April 27 will be the Great American Litter Pickup at 9 am at Campbell Park.
- Last year we started our turf conversion on the fields at the Community Center from cool season grass to Bermuda grass. This week we've been taking down the fences at the football field... Soccer is postponed due to rain.
- We had our first coyote sighting at the Los Gatos Creek Trail.
- We have installed new parks signs that we made, they are big and reflective

##### **Director Capurso**

- Mentioned that the signs were delayed because of the new ordinance regarding dogs in the parks.
- There was a Council priority session on Feb. 22. Council reaffirmed their priorities for the remainder of this fiscal year:
  - The City may need to switch to district elections at some point.
  - How to implement Measure O.
  - Maintaining the general Plan as a priority. Preservation of parks and open space was a priority.

B. Recreation and Community Services: Recreation Manager Bissell

- Summer preview classes are now on line. The full guide will be out the end of April.
- The preschool is having an open house tonight.
- Misty Booth will be retiring in June after 35 years with the City Recreation department.
- Arbor Day celebration will be March 13 at Capri Elementary School at 9:00.

C. General Plan Update: Public Works Director Capurso

Reported above.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Fidrych said he and his daughter attended the Martin Luther King Jr. day of service and loved it. It was a great feel good event.

Commissioner Abraham was at Stojanovich Park last weekend. Her son goes to daycare in San Jose and one of his daycare friends was at the park and said Campbell has the nicest parks.

Commissioner Teeter said the basketball courts at Campbell Park were full last Saturday. Kids playing, guys on their bongos, very well used. Great to see.

Commissioner Beitz said he observed people running every night at the track, even in the rain. He likes the new kid's play area there.

Chair Ishibashi said there have been bear sightings in the Lexington area; there is even a trail cam video so it may not be that long till they are on the Creek Trail.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



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Joy Francois, Recording Secretary