

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
April 4, 2018
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chambers, 70 N. First St., Campbell, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doherty, Gibson, Ishibashi, Mitchell, Santor, Walker
Absent: Fidrych
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Recreation Supervisor Misty Booth, Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Ishibashi/Mitchell to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 Parks and Recreation meeting.

AYES: Mitchell, Doherty, Ishibashi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Walker, Gibson

MSC: Mitchell/Ishibashi to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 Parks and Recreation meeting.

AYES: Ishibashi, Mitchell, Gibson, Doherty, Walker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Santor, Walker

Old Business:

A. Approval of 2018-19 Work Plan

Director Maurantonio stated if the Commission approves the work plan it will be forwarded to Council.

MSC: Ishibashi/Mitchell to approve the work plan for 2018/19.

AYES: Doherty, Gibson, Ishibashi, Mitchell, Santor, Walker

NOES: None

Abstain: None

Oral Requests:

None.

New Business:

A. Presentation on Preschool, Day Camp and Classes

Recreation Supervisor Misty Booth gave a presentation on her recreation division 532. Her division is made up of:

- Pre-School
- Day Camps

- Classes

Pre-School stats:

- 200 student spaces in the program (95% capacity)
- 50% are Campbell residents
- High staff retention and quality staff is the key to the success
- 3 Classrooms:
- Tiny Tots (3 years)
- Kinder Kids (4 years)
- Super Kinders (4-4.5 years)
- Kindergarten Prep (4.5-5 years)
- Friday Parent & Me classes feed the pre-school program

Campbell Day Camp stats:

- 2400 day camp spaces available each summer @ 95% capacity annually
- 880 spaces in Extended Care (7 am to 6 pm) @ 95% capacity annually
- 55+ part time positions held by teens during the summer
- 24 Leader In Training participants 14-15 yrs; some return for a job next year
- Responsible, caring, safe and fun leaders are the key to the success of the program. Many leaders were former campers and many are Campbell residents.
- Sing a longs on Fridays at J. D. Morgan park

Campbell Class stats:

- Varied schedule of classes: afterschool, evening, & Saturday offerings
- Parent / Me programs
- Classes for babies, children, teens, adults and seniors
- Classes make up 1/3 of the budget for the division
- An annual Dance Recital is held in the Heritage Theatre in Spring – May 5th! 10 or 11:30 am
- High quality instructors are the heart of our success

Revenue Projections for Department 532:

- Class revenues \$407,130 (2500 participants)
- Preschool revenues \$363,455 (200 participants)
- Day Camp revenue \$387,070 (2400 participants)
- TOTAL 532 REVENUES: \$1,157,655

Program fees recover direct expenses for part-time staff or contractor fees, and supplies. In addition, class/camp fees offset to cost of providing facility space and administration support.

Director Maurantonio spoke about the scholarship program. The maximum each child can get per year is \$200 with a max of \$400 per family. Last year we received a grant so we extended the scholarship program to students at Rosemary School who actually live in San Jose but use the Community Center. We also used the concert money donated last year towards scholarships. The DCBA contributed money last year as well as the Parks Foundation.

B. Dogs in Parks – April 3 City Council Meeting Update

Director Capurso said this went to Council last night. Staff found that most cities allow dogs on leash in parks. Our policy has been not to allow dogs in parks except where we have chosen. There seemed to be a lot of support for crafting a new ordinance. There will need to be a public process. Council would like to see this item back before them probably within the next few months. The feedback provided by the Council was kind of universally supportive of the notion of a 6' leash and dogs under control but being aware of children's play areas, special events, etc.

C. Community Center Pool Closure Update

Director Maurantonio said the pool has been closed since March 18. This has been a huge impact on our users. We are focused now on what do we do with our swim team and aerobic classes. This week we provided a cabana club in Santa Clara for the swim team. For water aerobics we've offered a modified dry land work out at no cost. On the repair side there's been a lot of effort addressing the boiler and what is not working. We've tried a few different things and now San Jose Boiler is scheduled to come in on Friday to check some gaskets. We've ordered a new heat exchanger so if changing the gaskets fixes the problem we will have a spare heat exchanger on hand. We could rent a temporary boiler but it's very expensive.

Former Mayor and Council Member Jane Kennedy spoke. She has seen what everyone is going through with the pool issue. She started swimming at the Community Center in 2007. It's very hard on the participants not to have the pool. They started with 7 in their group and now have 28 people depending on using the pool. The numbers are decreasing because people can find a better pool elsewhere. We don't want to see that happen. They all want a new pool. She would like to volunteer to assist with fundraising for the new pool

Cheryl Bowlie, Campbell resident has been here 3 ½ years. First thing she did was go to the pool. In the summertime there are 40 in the group so the pool is very well used. The aquatic program brings in more money than any other recreation program. There are very few outdoor pools available.

Commissioner Ishibashi asked if there are funds for a new boiler. Director Capurso responded we do not have that budgeted but would consider that an emergency repair. We would have to talk to the Finance Dept.

D. Community Center Water Testing Update

Director Maurantonio said the last time she was before the Commission was the first day of testing for lead. There has been continual testing, San Jose Water Co. has isolated the problem to the backflow device and that is being replaced on April 10 unless the part comes in earlier. Staff has been providing bottled water to all the rentals, schools and people at the track. She will keep the Commission posted. They have been in constant communication with the schools and staff and everyone is very positive and patient.

Commissioner Ishibashi asked how this testing came about. Director Maurantonio responded that one of the schools asked if the water could be tested because of new laws that were passed.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Santor walked around the trail last week; he's never seen the Campbell Park Basketball courts so packed. His favorite park is becoming Edith Morley, it's beautiful. He has not been to John D. Morgan this month or Fischer. Commissioner Gibson added that he has been to Edith Morley and he wants to commend staff for doing their irrigation checks already and raising the irrigation heads and maximizing the coverage at the parks. It's a sign of a really excellent program.

Trees: Chair Walker had no tree updates.

Special Events: Chair Ishibashi did not attend the Bunnies and Bonnets event. Commissioner Mitchell said it was a really warm day and Campbell was absolutely jam packed. She is always impressed with the energy, community, staff and families and the spirit out there. She passed out candy with the group and they had plenty of candy this year. It was a lot of fun. Commissioner Gibson added that the float that Public Works did was outstanding; it included artificial turf, park benches and traffic signals. Great job.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks: Public Works Director Todd Capurso

- Alex Mordwinow is not here tonight but he gave me some notes and the first note is to thank our new Commissioners for participating in the Bunnies and Bonnets parade. There was a lot of favorable press that came out of this event.
- We have a few things coming up: We will be part of the Great American Litter Pickup on April 21. It will begin at Campbell Park, 9 a.m. to noon. We will also do another phase of tree planting in the Nido neighborhood.
- Also on April 21, there will be a volunteer project at the Civic Center. It will be a combination of landscaping and the next phase of the Veteran's Memorial. The line of brick will be expanded. The big work will be the following weekend when there will be a lot of turf removal and landscaping.
- At John D. Morgan we will be updating the playground on the Rincon side. We will also be re-paving the pathway in the park that goes from the Rincon side to the Budd side.
- We will be installing the Peralta ranch historical plaque probably in May.
- We are planning on celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 27 in the Nido neighborhood. We will make sure the Commission gets the information regarding the time for the celebration.
- In early May staff will begin overseeding the fields at the Community Center.
- The slide at Campbell Park has been replaced. The play lot is half closed.
- The pedestrian bridge at Campbell Park is under renovation by the Building Maintenance staff. It's quite an effort and they are around 40% complete.
- We have applied for a CalFire grant to help us inventory our urban forest.
- We also applied for and were successful in obtaining a grant from the SCVWD to install some educational signage and introduce trash and recycle containers at strategic locations along the trail. This was in conjunction with the Town of Los Gatos.
- Regarding the budget process we hope to get a scope defined for the Campbell Park improvements. We've got our consultant on board to help us define what the improvements

will be, however we do not have a budget for construction. That will be in about the \$1.5M range.

- The JDM Budd side we will be applying for the \$1M all-inclusive grant from the County of Santa Clara. This is a 50/50 match.
- A couple of questions that have come up:
 - What do we plan on doing for the Orchard City green during the concert season. We are looking for ways to fund that project.
 - We had a closed session last night regarding the triangular piece of property that the City, under the guise of the Redevelopment Agency, decided to sell. It has not been sold yet and we are now being required by the County to put that property out for public bid.

Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- We are happy that we've hired two new people for the office specialist positions – Katie Baldasano and Neisha Jones. Laura Smith is retiring and will be honored at City Council on May 1.
- The Meet Me at the Park campaign is an effort through the National Parks and Recreation Association. It's difficult but if Campbell is nominated more than anyone else we could receive some funding. We are toying with some new wording for the Parks Make Life Better t-shirts this year,
- There is a budget study session at 3:00 on April 23, at OCBH that will focus on work plans. The next budget study session will be on April 30, 1 to 5, at OCBH and will be regarding the budget for the whole City.

Police Report

Commissioner Walker asked about the arrest for possession of marijuana. How does that work in the park system. Director Maurantonio said smoking in the park would not be allowed. Commissioner Gibson said it's not permitted in public places.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Walker said she really appreciated Misty coming tonight. Her kids were part of the preschool kids that Misty was talking about and they are now in high school. She has fond memories of the program.

Commissioner Santor thanked everyone for their support for his personal loss this month.

Commissioner Mitchell said when Misty was speaking it brought back a lot of memories. Her daughter met one of her very best friends at Music Together. Also, thank you to Alex for letting the Commission participate with his troops at the parade.

Chair Doherty said her two older grandsons went through the recreation program and loved it and her youngest will be in the summer camps this summer so she will be at the Friday sing-alongs.

Commissioner Ishibashi said his daughter has been in the summer camp program the past two summers and his son will be there this year. He added that he totally appreciates the before and after

care program. He was at John D. Morgan on Monday; there was a lot going on, lots of people there, it's just the perfect scene.

Commissioner Gibson said he took the liberty to visit some parks on Easter. It was incredibly crowded. Amazing how many people are in the parks. They are very well used. At Fischer Park the water is on already. He said the parade was great. Superintendent Mordwinow said yes the water is on early this year, he thinks it was by special request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Joy Francois, Recording Secretary