

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
August 1, 2018
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in special session on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Campbell Community Center play lot.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Doherty, Walker, Gibson, Mitchell, Ishibashi
Absent: Fidrych, Santor (all excused)
STAFF: Recreation and Community Services Director Maurantonio, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Public Works Superintendent Alex Mordwinow, Recording Secretary Joy Francois

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the June minutes was postponed until the September meeting.

Oral Requests:
NONE.

New Business:

A. Application from Campbell High School Alumni Requesting a Tree Planting and Commemorative Plaques

Superintendent Mordwinow highlighted a few items from the memo regarding the application requesting a tree planting and commemorative plaque.

He stated that of the four requests, three have been recommended to the Commission:

1. Planting of a Cork Oak tree at the Community Center
2. A commemorative plaque honoring all Campbell High Alumni
3. A Ceremony to dedicate the tree and plaque.

The request for a plaque in remembrance of alumni Debbie Cargill was not recommended as outlined in the City Council Policy Manual Section 10.

The question was asked who would pay for this plaque. Ms. Faz said the group would take up donations to pay for it.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Theresa Faz, Delta Fine (not sure of her last name) and Joe Miller.

Theresa Faz, Campbell High graduate of 1976 spoke of the 70's, saying it was an exciting time, Campbell High School was a very conservative high school; her class was the bicentennial class and buried a time capsule by the principal's office. All the alumni have their memories. She thanked

everyone for this opportunity, and invited all of the Commissioners to attend the dedication in early October.

The public comment was closed.

MSC: Walker/Mitchell to follow the City's recommendation to approve the planting of the tree, placing a commemorative plaque for the Campbell High School alumni, and a ceremony to dedicate the tree and plaque.

AYES: Walker, Mitchell, Gibson, Doherty, Ishibashi

NOES: None

ABSTAINS: None

Taken out of order:

E. Walking Tour of Playground and New Outdoor Exercise Station Equipment

Director Capurso turned the meeting over to Fletch Parsons and Vince Huppe to talk about the new playground and the outdoor exercise equipment. Superintendent Mordwinow said the play lot has been very well used since it opened in July. People love that there is plenty of shade.

The schools have had nothing but wonderful comments, they are very appreciative.

Commissioner Ishibashi asked what the total cost was for both components. Mr. Parsons responded that the total cost was on the order of \$340,000 for the play lot. The exercise area was \$131,000.

The Commissioners walked over to the new exercise station. Some of the equipment is ADA compatible and the rubber surface is new.

B. Resident Request – Creating Artwork from Dead Trees

Director Maurantonio spoke about the letter from Charlie Wilson regarding making art from dead trees. Mr. Wilson could not be at the meeting tonight but she let him know that the Commission would discuss it. Comments included:

- who would do the carving and who would pay for it
- how long will a dead tree last once it's carved – Superintendent Huppe said it depends on the type of the tree
- sounds like a great idea if you find the right tree
- this should be treated like a public art proposal
- the tree should be relevant to the site
- staff should identify the tree
- totem poles last forever

Director Maurantonio thanked everyone for their comments.

C. Agents of Discovery App

Tyler Freitas, Recreation Intern, read portions of his report regarding the Agents of Discovery App. This app was similar to Pokémon Go. The goal was to get children into parks and outdoor spaces to learn about nature and the environment. There were 279 downloads of the Campbell locations. This was a promotion through the CPRS and Agents of Discovery and there is a cost to continue the program.

Director Maurantonio said it was a fun experiment but did not have the popularity of Pokémon Go. Staff was happy to be part of the experiment.

D. Playground Dedication Update

The Play Lot dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. The schools have been invited. Frisbees will be handed out at the dedication.

Director Capurso said we will have a bronze plaque for the dedication and install it on the seat wall.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Commissioner Walker did not get out to the Creek Trail but said her nephew had rave reviews about the new Community Center play lot and he loves all the Campbell parks. Commissioner Gibson asked how the over seeding went. Supervisor Huppe said it went very well; all is green and no bare spots.

Trees: No report.

Special Events: No report.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks: Public Superintendent Mordwinow

- Bermuda grass seeding went well; the fences at the Community Center came down July 8.
- Staff was involved in a project replacing and tightening the boards on the Cantilever bridge.
- Staff completed the pedestrian bridge over the Creek Trail a few months ago.
- August 18 will be Senator Beall's LGCT cleanup.
- Paving of JDM was completed in June; we've had a lot of compliments especially from Seniors. Some of the picnic pads were also replaced.
- Phase 2 will start in the fall behind the concession building replacing asphalt with either asphalt or concrete.
- There is a tree planting project on Dunster Drive coming up; the goal is to do the planting on Sept. 15. A notice will be going out to residents shortly.

Director Capurso reported on The San Tomas Creek Trail. This will be going to Council again on Tuesday, August 21. He will make sure we send the notice to the Commissioners regarding the meeting. We will be presenting a realigned Creek Trail plan and will have a variety of alignments.

Regarding the All Inclusive Playground at John D. Morgan Park (JDM) - when we put together our CIP we increased the allocation for JDM from \$820K to about \$1M. There was some effort made to seek additional funds through a county managed grant program. District 4 (which is our district) has been the last district to allocate funds. We did apply in time but have not heard any official word yet but I think it will be on the County Board of Supervisors agenda either August 14 or August 28. We will report back when we find out.

B. Recreation and Community Services: Director Maurantonio

- New staff at the Community Center. Congratulations to Tiffany Causey, who has been selected as our new full-time Recreation Specialist for Preschool. Tiffany has worked in our preschool program and summer camps for over 16 years. Her program knowledge will be a huge asset to our department. We also welcomed Gayathri Balasubramanian, our new Sr. Nutrition Manager, on July 16th. Gayathri has a degree in nutrition and she is doing a wonderful job!
- Summer Concerts are going well. We have two more shows—The Houserockers on August 2 and the Johnny Neri Band on August 9.
- Summer day camps and swim lessons are going strong. We are in week 7 of the 8 week program.
- The movie nights, which are offered in cooperation with Community Christian Church, are going great. Finding Dory was shown on July 13th and Coco was shown on July 27th. Our last movie, Paddington 2, will be premiered on August 10th.
- The City of San Jose has offered to set up a grant of \$5,000 for children who attend Rosemary school to take part in Campbell Recreation programs. This will be an ongoing grant. The DCBA donated \$1,000 toward scholarships and the Parks and Recreation foundation is also donating \$1,000 toward scholarships.
- The new season of the Heritage Theatre has been announced:

I Am King- The Michael Jackson Experience: Saturday, October 20, 2018

The Ten Tenors- "Wish You Were Here": Friday, November 16, 2018

Cherry Poppin' Daddies: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Joe Nichols: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Blue Oyster Cult: Friday, March 15, 2019

Billy Ocean: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

- Also an event promoter will bring Country music artist Travis Tritt to Campbell on January 24th. Presale tickets will be available on August 15th.
- Quick reminder that our September meeting will be held at Q80 at 7:30 following the State of the City in OCBH.
- E wing is undergoing renovations.

Commissioner Ishibashi asked about dogs in parks going to Council. Director Capurso said the Council had made an inquiry regarding dogs in parks and it was prompted largely by our discussions about Jack Fischer Park. The question was about allowing dogs on leash in all parks. As part of those discussions we agreed to go back to Council in this current calendar year with a proposal to allow dogs on leash in more facilities than we do now. We will probably take this to Council in the fall.

Director Maurantonio asked if Director Capurso could touch on the Civic Center. Director Capurso stated that two weeks ago Council had a first reading regarding the language for the ordinance for the ballot measure for the Civic Center. Last night was the second reading and it was approved so the bond measure will be on the November ballot.

Police Report

No report due to Police changing their RMS system. Director Maurantonio will put it on the next agenda as its own item to go over the new format.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Mitchell said she likes hearing and seeing all the kids playing while we are having our meeting here at the play lot. Staff did a fantastic job.

Commissioner Walker echoed the same sentiments. It's really positive.

Commissioner Ishibashi said he used the exercise equipment, so did his kids, and they all liked it. Some of his neighbors called Public Works regarding the slide at Campbell Park and were impressed they were called back right away.

Commissioner Gibson said the Recreation Program is great – his grandson is a bull frog. Congratulations on the reseeded here at the Community Center – all looks good.

Commissioner Doherty said “ditto” to everyone’s comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Joy Francois, Recording Secretary