

**CITY OF CAMPBELL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
September 4, 2019
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell City Hall, Council Chambers, 70 N. First Street, Campbell CA.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC: Mitchell/Doherty to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Commission of August 7, 2019.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Oral Requests:
NONE.

New Business:

A. John D. (Budd Avenue) Improvement Project*

Mr. Capurso gave a verbal report on the improvement project at John D. Morgan Park for the improvement of the play lot to make it into an all-inclusive play lot. Before getting to a layout, there will be a community input phase which will be held on September 19 at Orchard City Banquet Hall and this will be the first in person point of contact meeting for the community. Standard post cards will be sent out as well as an email blast. The City Social-media staff person will also make sure this reaches all community members. Commissioners are invited to participate. A sample post card was attached to the report to show what it looks like and what information will be sent out to the community. Once input is gathered, they will be returning to the commission to share the outcome.

Chair Ishibashi asked if there would be a design concept/schematic at these meetings. Mr. Capurso responded that he wasn't sure but there may be samples to prompt the thinking process but it is too soon to have a layout. What types of generic features are the priority for the community is what we hope we gathered at these meetings. There will be some alternatives once the information is gathered.

Commissioner Doherty asked if it was going to stay in the same footprint or if there is a possibility of expanding outward on both sides. Mr. Capurso responded yes to both of those questions. It will be approximately the same footprint. There are possibly four alternatives but the parking lot and

restrooms will not be moved. The walkway may be questionable if necessary to create ingress and egress.

Commissioner Fidrych asked if there was a goal for the number of people to attend the meeting or take the survey. Mr. Capurso responded that there is never a goal but the more the better. Representing the needs of the community is the focus and if there is a low attendance one could question the outreach process. The more people who attend, suggest the outreach process was a success. Mr. Fidrych also asked if the Lyons Club and Kiwanis Club were approached to get the word around. Mr. Capurso responded they did not since they will be sending out postcards as the outreach process and there is a staff member who will be sending them out on the different online platforms like Twitter, NextDoor, possibly Facebook. Vice Chair Mitchell suggested possibly going out to the park on a busy day to pass out the post cards to get more people to attend. Mr. Capurso mentioned it wouldn't be the best way to start but there will be outreach. The consultant, Verde, will be working on getting different designs once there is enough feedback from the community.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Creek Trail: Mr. Fidrych apologized for showing up late. He walked Campbell Park with his wife that morning and had a question as to why there was fake grass on the par course; is something coming or being taken away? Mr. Capurso responded by saying that when the new par course went in, some old stations went out because they were conducive to stretching. Those that use the trail are runners and the stretches that they need to do have to be sitting on the ground so opposed to them sitting on wet grass, this was the next best thing for them. Instructional signs will be put in but not sure if at those locations. It was also mentioned that it was hard to find parking; it was asked if PD could patrol for parking. PD does not routinely do that unless there is a problem; PD is called up to do some monitoring. Follow up with PD is required on this issue.

Trees: Ms. Mitchell had nothing to report.

Special Events: Ms. Abraham had nothing to report only that Oktoberfest is October 19.

Staff Reports:

A. Parks – Public Works Director Capurso

- John D Morgan Park will be coned off due to soil sampling for preliminary design for soil conditions.
- By the end of the week, the trash enclosure on the Rincon side will be finalized.
- Fibar was installed at the Community Center, Stojanovich Park, Hyde Park, Virginia Park and Fischer Park and will be completed by the end of the week.
- Big volunteer project on September 21 to spread fibar at John D. Morgan Park on the Budd and Rincon side.
- Annual Litter pick up event on August 24 with Senator Beall's office staged out of Campbell Park and worked along Los Gatos Creek Trail.
- Davis Memorial bench and plaque are agenized to go October 15 to council.
- Par Course item that was brought in the August meeting was approved by Council on August 20 so the instructional signs and sponsorships to be completed by the end of the year.

- Coming to council on September 17, Campbell park design alternatives for approval and park impact fees could have some significant changes to the fees based on land value and population increase. January 1 would be the effective date for the fees to go in place. Will be returning to PRC once council direction is given as to what was approved and what was deferred.
- Future discussion item should be the dog park at the County Parks to renovate the park. County Parks department has informed us that the life of the park is coming to a renovation point within the next year or two. City of Campbell made a contribution to that park and we would provide a hand in the renovation.

B. Recreation & Community Services – Recreation Manager Bissell

- Hosting the Mayor’s State of the City on September 26 at the Community Center in the Orchard City Banquet Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the program will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Recording option not sure at this time.
- September 24, the County of Santa Clara will host an LBGTQ Listening Forum in Q-80.
 - August 23 was the recruitment closing of the Recreation Supervisor position. Interviews will be on September 18.
- Heritage Theater season show has added Melissa Etheredge coming in November.
- October 19 Annual Oktoberfest fun run
- October 18 –Oktoberfest Packet Pick Up at Sports Basement in the Prune Yard
- September 21 volunteer project at John D Morgan Park.

Good of the Game

Commissioner Beitz mentioned the geese problem at the track of the Community Center. They leave a mess on the track and asked if there is anything that could be done to clean the track. Mr. Capurso responded that it’s a tough situation out on the track. During the time he’s been here, they have tried all sorts of things to fix it but it has been decided to buy a pooper scooper which is meant for the field. Commissioner Mitchell asked if turf would ever be put in that area. It is a good spot for synthetic turf, not really the best idea for it, but it could be considered. Taking in consideration the way the turf would be treated in the spot, it could take some time but the maintenance of it could be pretty useful.

Commissioner Ishibashi suggested adding a short link fence that may work to eliminate the geese problem.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary