



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting

**Simpkins Family Swim Center  
Community Rooms**  
979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order by Chair Wiltshire at 5:11 PM.

Present: Alexis Konevich (District 1), Tricia Wiltshire (District 2), Jeremy Sanford (District 3), Elizabeth Hernandez (District 4)

Vacant: District 5

Staff: Juan Perez Alvarez, Annalise Rodriguez, Rebecca Hurley, Jeff Gaffney

**II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS** No Modifications.

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** Four members of the public.

Miko and Alisha: Spoke about the Farm Park and the bridge that is on the property but currently being used.

Brady and Wendy: From the Free Diving Association spoke about the importance of education and wanted to have a conversation about how they may be able to assist in mitigating any safety or health concerns with respect to free diving or breathing.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA** Konevich recommended amendment to correct the date listed on the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve with amendment: Wiltshire/Second: Sanford/All in favor.

a. Approve minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024..... page 2 - 3

b. Consider Reports:

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**V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

District 1: Receiving emails about the status of bathrooms, in the spirit of welcoming spaces maybe different colors for the bathrooms would look better. Thankful for the work that was done at Jose Ave Park, the volleyball court revitalization and transformation at the park are great, as well as bark around the playground. Currently an open survey for the re-stripping of East Cliff drive, hoping to have the results soon on Supervisor Koenig's website.

District 2: Farm Park constituents reached out; they are here today to speak. There is some maintenance issues with the roller slide at Chanticleer Park. Floral Park is getting a lot of praise, there is a planting event that is being rescheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. Pinto Lake skate feature, various Skate groups were interested about the design of the skate feature.

District 3: No news is good news; it has been quiet up in District 3.

District 4: First meeting, hello to everyone. She is excited to learn and contribute, make strong connections and collaborate/brainstorm.

District 5: Vacant

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Floral playground update: the path has been upgraded and is ADA compliant, new playground with pour in play, and a new water fountain.

Pinto Lake County Park updates: the new Green Valley Improvements are currently ongoing, and the skate feature is soon to come.

Update about Federal funding: FEMA reimbursement is very slow if not completely stopped, we will see what if any direct impacts there will be directly to County Parks, Federal budget for new fiscal year is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS**

### **a. Officer elections**

Motion to nominate Alexis Konevich as chair and Jeremy Sanford as Vice-Chair: Wiltshire/ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hernandez/All in favor.

### **b. Determine remaining Commission Dates for 2025**

Change to six (6) meetings with proposed dates: April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>

Motion to approve: Wiltshire/2<sup>nd</sup>: Hernandez/All in favor.

## **VIII. REGULAR AGENDA: INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Measure Q Presentation: The Santa Cruz County Safe drinking water, clean beaches, wildfire risk reduction, and wildlife protection act presentation was given by Parks Director Jeff Gaffney. He gave a brief oral presentation as to what Measure Q is (a parcel tax approved by voters in November to generate revenue to enhance and protect the environment, natural resources and wildlife), a brief explanation of the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board (which will be comprised of nine members selected by the Board of Supervisors and Local City Councils, how funding allocation and distributions work, priorities for eligible projects, and what the current proposed timeline of activities is.

## **IX. NEXT MEETING: April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM, at Simpkins Family Swim Center Community Rooms.**

## **X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING**

- a. Letter from the Calendula's – Farm Park Concerns

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 6:34 PM: Sanford/2<sup>nd</sup>: Hernandez/All in favor.**