



County of Santa Cruz

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of December 5, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Virtual via Zoom

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Monica Martinez, Maggie Duncan-Merrell, Martha Victoria Vega, Tricia Wiltshire Potts, Katherine Lee
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Noah Ross, Jillian Ritter, Rebecca Hurley

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jean Brocklebank Subject: Discussed written correspondence for Parks Commission. Questioned policy and procedures for routing letters to commission.
2. Becky Steinbruner Subject: Reiterated Jean Brocklebank comments on written correspondence. Discussed Cabrillo Host Lions Plaque for Aptos Village. Expressed desire to see Burt Scott Estate repaired.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve Minutes of October 3, 2022 (Martinez/Wiltshire 5/0)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Lee 1st District: Reported on Floral Park Community Meeting. Discussed increased sightings of drones in county parks. Wondering if signage could be improved.

Wiltshire 2nd District: Also mentioned Floral Park Community Meeting. Aptos Skate event was great success. In communication with Lions about plaque at Aptos Village. Thanks for Parks Department for Willowbrook Park groundbreaking.

Vega 4th District: Wonderful to meet Yadira Flores from County Park Friends.

Martinez 5th District: Shoutout to volunteer groups in 5th district, specially group that cares for Felton Discovery Park. Also great group that works at Highlands Park that beautified sign area. Noted stargazing event at Quail Hollow Ranch County Parks at December 16th before dark, Sponsored by Santa Cruz Astronomy Club. Holiday market upcoming at Felon Covered Bridge County Park.

Duncan-Merrell 3rd District: Loves new plantings on West Cliff. Erosion on West Cliff very scary and a notice on the effects of climate change in our community and in our parks. Nutcracker coming to the Civic. Lots of holiday activities happening at London Nelson.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Noted signs in Parks can be brought up with Maintenance Superintendent
- Commission schedule will be addressed in this meeting. Chair/vicechair appointment to be decided in coming meetings

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- Planning sessions and special meetings are something to consider going forward
- Has resumed interim director position for the Animal Services Department. Is temporary and should end in Spring.
- Measure R success in Watsonville.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Motion: Adopt resolution approving the commission’s findings under AB 361 (Martinez/Lee, 5/0)
- b. Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws change (Wiltshire/Martinez, 5/0)
 - i. Modify language to “weekday to start no earlier than 3:00 PM but no later than 6:00 PM unless otherwise determined by commission”
 - ii. Will confirm next meeting time pending approval by Board of Supervisors
 - iii. At next meeting we will confirm a specific schedule for 2023

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Info Items

- a. Discussed cup tax subcommittee.

IX. NEXT MEETING: Monday February 6th 7:00-9:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

X. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. (Vega/Lee 5/0)