



Monday, February 26, 2024
City of Palm Springs
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was conducted by teleconference and in-person public access to the meeting location.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the City of Palm Springs Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:37 PM by Chair Miraglia and the roll call was taken by Director Yvonne Wise.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Donald Admire	X	
Johnny Coladonato	X	
Rod Davis	X	
Jody Diaz	X	
Michael Finland	X	
Margaret Keung		X
Susan Meyer		X
John Miraglia	X	
Jase Nagaia		X

City staff present: Yvonne Wise, Director of Parks & Recreation. Additionally, staff from the Engineering and Public Works Departments were present: David McAbee; Aaron Bergeson; and Alberto Gradilla.

III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

The Agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way; the Palm Springs Leisure Center, 401 S. Pavilion Way; and the City of Palm Springs' website prior to 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF January 22, 2024 (previous month)

Motion: Commissioner Davis

Second: Commissioner Diaz

Motion Carried: Yes 5 Abstain 1

Noting the absence of Commissioners Meyer, Keung, Nagaia

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Correspondence was emailed to Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Public Comments:

1. Jane Garrison – Commented on proposed tree removal to accommodate the proposed new Demuth Pickleball Courts and urged City to design around the trees.
2. David Feltman – Commented on the 235 signatures endorsing the expansion of the Pickleball courts, as well as the announcement of a new professional team for the Coachella Valley.
3. Jane Dodd – Expressed support of the Pickleball courts at Demuth and Tennis courts at Ruth Hardy.
4. Mary Barsaleau – Thanked staff and commented on making Palm Springs a premier destination by getting the Demuth Pickleball expansion project approved.
5. T. Santora – Commented on the work done by staff and the design team for Demuth Pickleball Court project.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Wise provided an overview of the Parks & Recreation department's projects and programs in progress and highlighted ones coming up in the future. Additionally, Director Wise introduced interim and new staff. Reported on City Council approvals and two commissioner resignations.

VII. **PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. PRESENTATION: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

Director Wise reported on KDI engagement plan, including the engagement principles, project introduction, goals, and timeline. Director Wise reviewed different phases and stated that we are still in phase one, and shared plans for upcoming community workshops, focus groups, working groups, and survey.

B. PRESENTATION: Demuth Pickleball Court Expansion Project Update

Kimley Horn representative, Michael Madsen, presented an overview of the updated conceptual phase. Two community outreach meetings have been held with plans to have another one on February 27, 2024.

C. PRESENTATION: Demuth Park Capital Improvement Projects

Engineering Project Manager Alberto Gradilla shared updates on the components of the seven Demuth Park Capital Improvement Projects underway.

D. PRESENTATION: PARKS & RECREATION PROJECT UPDATES

Director Wise and Public Works Project Manager Aaron Bergeson provided an overview on the status of Parks & Recreation Department projects.

VIII. **AD-HOC UPDATES:**

Dog Park: None

Master Plan: None

Park Enhancements: None

Pickleball: Commissioner Finland stated he is looking forward to Community Outreach meeting on February 27, 2024.

Swim Center: Director Wise reported that an upcoming Community Outreach meeting would be announced at a later date.

IX. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Finland announced an event at Hansen house and the public was invited.

Commissioner Davis congratulated Chair Miraglia on contributions to Modernism Week.

Chair Miraglia thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business Chair Miraglia asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Davis

Second: Vice Chair Coladonato

Motion carried unanimously noting the absence of Commissioners Meyer, Keung, Nagaia.

The Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:42 PM with the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, via teleconference and in-person.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Burns, Administrative Specialist
Department of Parks & Recreation