



Monday, July 22, 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 5:33 PM by Chair Miraglia and the roll call was taken by Administrative Specialist Rylee Bates.

II. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Donald Admire	X	
Daniel Ballister	X	
Johnny Coladonato		X
Rod Davis	X	
Jody Diaz	X	
Nancy Ferguson	X	
Meredith Fine	X	
Michael Finland	X	
John Miraglia	X	
Jase Nagaia	X	
Charlie Roddy		X

City Staff Present:

Scott Stiles, City Manager; Teresa Gallavan, Assistant City Manager; David McAbee, Public Works Director; Aaron Bergeson, Public Works Project Manager; Alberto Gradilla, Engineering Project Manager.

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, July 17, 2024, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF June 24, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Davis

Second: Commissioner Admire

Motion Carried: Yes

Noting the absence of Vice Chair Coladonato and Commissioner Roddy.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Correspondence was emailed to Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Public Comments:

1. Robert McCann, board member for Oswit Land Trust presented the three initiatives the OLT board has on their Measure J application and would like to be added to the September 2024 Parks & Recreation Commission agenda to present more in detail their goals for their project.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Assistant City Manager Teresa Gallavan provided an overview on items that have recently gone to City Council as well as items that are coming up on Council Agendas. ACM Gallavan also highlighted routine maintenance, clean up, projects, and restroom repairs performed by the Public Works Department. ACM Gallavan lastly presented highlights from the various activities and special events that happened throughout the month of July in the Parks and Recreation Department.

VII. **PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. ACTION: Election of Commission Chair

Chair Miraglia was nominated to serve for another year.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

Second: Commissioner Nagaia

Motion Carried: Yes 9

Noting the absence of Vice Chair Coladonato and Commissioner Roddy

B. ACTION: Election of Commission Vice-Chair

Vice Chair Coladonato was nominated to serve for another year.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

Second: Commissioner Nagaia

Motion Carried: Yes 9

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C. ACTION: Ruth Hardy Park Playground Equipment

Bryce Lawrence of Miracle Playground presented the Ruth Hardy Park Playground Equipment renderings. Chair Miraglia made a motion to move the project forward.

Motion: Commissioner Nagaia

Second: Chair Miraglia

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. ACTION: Desert Highland Park Fencing Project

Public Works Project Manager Aaron Bergeson stated that staff is recommending a perimeter fence due to motor vehicle activity on the ball fields. The commission agreed that the Community Association should be involved in the conversation before any decisions are made. Therefore, there was a motion to direct the concept to the Ad-Hoc for further discussion.

Motion: Chair Miraglia

Second: Commissioner Fine

Motion Carried: Yes 9

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E. ACTION: Baristo Park Fencing Project

Public Works Project Manager Aaron Bergeson stated that staff is recommending building a fence to have an aesthetically pleasing fence that secures and hides the channel fencing maintained by the County of Riverside.

Motion: Commissioner Diaz

Second: Commissioner Admire

Motion Carried: Yes 9

F. PRESENTATION: Demuth Park Project Updates

Michael Madsen and Frank from Kimley-Horn gave a thorough update on the Demuth Park project updates, including the Pickleball Court Expansion Project.

G. PRESENTATION: Parks & Recreation Project Updates

Engineering Project Manager Alberto Gradilla and Public Works Project Manager Aaron Bergeson gave an update on the ongoing Measure J and Capital Improvement Projects.

H. DISCUSSION: FY 25 Ad-Hoc Committees

Chair Miraglia led the conversation regarding assigning Commissioners to any Ad-Hoc Committees.

VIII. **AD-HOC UPDATES:**

Dog Park: Chair Miraglia stated that there are no updates.

Master Plan: Commissioner Davis stated that there have been 6 additional outreach events with the Master Plan team. He also stated that the survey has been tabulated and the amount of people reached had exceeded their goal. Commissioner Davis also expressed that the Ad-Hoc is hopeful to be more involved in the review process of the document.

Park Enhancements: Commissioner Nagaia stated that there are no additional updates.

Pickleball: Commissioner Finland stated that the Ad-Hoc had a very positive meeting with Measure J and the concept will be presented on 7/25/24 to City Council. The project has a tentative projected completion by November 2025.

Swim Center: Commissioner Admire discussed the subject of operational changes that are to be discussed with the Ad-Hoc. Assistant City Manager Teresa Gallavan stated that staff would follow up on any potential changes and report back to the Ad-Hoc.

IX. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Nagaia welcomed the new Commissioners and wished our former Director Wise well.

Commissioner Fine expressed that it is an exciting time to be a part of the Commission due to all of the big things happening.

Commissioner Diaz asked for an update on the James O. Jessie exercise equipment. Director of Public Works David McAbee stated that staff would like to complete the fencing project before the exercise equipment project moves forward. Commissioner Diaz also expressed that she was impressed by the fireworks show that the City provided for the 4th of July.

Commissioner Ballister echoed Commissioner Diaz with being very happy with the fireworks display.

Chair Miraglia welcomed our new Commissioners and explained that they would like to offer a mentor program for any new Commissioners interested. He also thanked former Director Wise for her successful two years of service and commended the amount of work that got done.

Commissioner Ferguson expressed that she is happy to have joined and is pleased with how far the Commission has come since her time as a Commissioner years ago.

Commissioner Finland welcomed the new Commissioners and wished former Director Wise well in future endeavors.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion: Commissioner Davis

Second: Commissioner Admire

Motion carried unanimously noting the absence of Vice Chair Coladonato and Commissioner Roddy.

The Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:23 PM with the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, via teleconference and in-person.

Respectfully submitted,

Rylee Bates _____

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