



## **PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**6:30 PM - Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

***Los Altos Community Center, Sequoia Room,  
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94087***

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**AGENDA**

## ESTABLISH QUORUM

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes**: Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting
2. **Dog Park Survey Results**: Former Dog Park Subcommittee will present findings from their surveys and observations at the McKenzie Dog Park
3. **Farmers' Market Booth**: Discuss what the PARC Commission will do/share at the upcoming Farmers' Market booth
4. **2025 Public Art Budget**: Discuss the 2025/2026 budget needs for art projects and programs

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

## STAFF REPORTS

- Family Fun Day Recap
- Upcoming Events
  - Spring Egg Hunt: April 19, 2025

## COMMISSION/SUB-COMMITTEE

- Cultural partnerships
- Spring Egg Hunt Event
- Arts Los Altos partnership

## REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Redwood Grove pathway

- Art Tours
- Park in Lieu/Art Fund Presentation: Finance/PW

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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## **PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

**6:30 PM - Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

*Los Altos Community Center, Sequoia Room,  
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, 94022*

### **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**Present:** Chair Corrigan, Vice Chair Couture, Commissioners Morris, Young, and Valadez

**Absent:** None

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Corrigan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of February 18, 2025 meeting

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Based on a motion by Vice Chair Couture, seconded by Commissioner Valadez, the Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Cultural Commission (PARC) voted to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting with minor corrections.

**Approve:** Corrigan, Couture, Morris, Young, Valadez

**Oppose:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion passed, unanimously:** 5-0-0

2. **Art Inventory and Brochure:** Former Committee will present information on updated to the City public art inventory and the PARC Commission will discuss the plan for the art brochure

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** None

- 3. Selection of 2025 Community Center Gallery Themes:** Discuss and select the two 2025 themes for the Community Center Art Gallery calls for art

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Vice Chair Couture moved that PARC request two calls for art (to be displayed in the Community Center Art Gallery), with the first being “My Illustrated Poem” and second being “Around the World in Los Altos: My Cultural Heritage.” Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

**Approve:** Corrigan, Couture, Morris, Young, Valadez

**Oppose:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Motion passed, unanimously:** 5-0-0

- 4. Review Proposed Art Installation (Replacement):** Review and discuss potential art installation at Edith Avenue and Los Altos Avenue

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Vice Chair Couture moved that PARC accept the replacement sculpture (Encircled in Cycles for Seasonal Rotation, both by Jennifer Kapnek) at the corner of Edith Avenue and Los Altos Avenue.

**Approve:** Corrigan, Couture, Morris, Valadez

**Oppose:** None

**Abstain:** Young

**Motion passed:** 4-0-1

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 5. Commission Meeting Schedule for Remaining 2025 Council Meetings**
- 6. Upcoming Parks & Recreation Department Events**
- Spring Egg Hunt - April 19, 2025
  - Family Fun Day – April 5, 2025

## COMMISSION/SUB-COMMITTEE/STAFF ORAL REPORTS

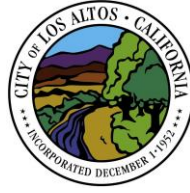
- Commissioner Young, Farmers’ Market
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- Commissioner Valadez, Pickleball

## **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Dog Park Report (tbd)
- PARC Participation in Family Fun Days
- Redwood Grove pathway
- Art Tours
- Park in Lieu/Art Fund Presentation: Finance/PW

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Corrigan adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm



**TO:** Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture Commission

**FROM:** Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** **McKenzie Dog Park Survey Results**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Former Dog Park Sub-Committee will present findings from their surveys and observations at the McKenzie Dog Park

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**BACKGROUND**

The former Dog Park Subcommittee that was created out of the Parks & Recreation Commission was tasked with gathering input and observational information from the McKenzie Dog Park.

The sub-committee will present their information and summarization of the data and observations that were gathered at McKenzie. The Commission will receive this report and ask clarifying questions if needed.

**Attachments:**

- A. McKenzie Dog Park sub-committee report

# Final 2024 Dog Park Observations and Recommendations

By Teresa Morris and Jeanine Valadez

4/15/2025



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS**  
**PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION,**  
**AND CULTURAL COMMISSION**



# Project Objectives

- 🐾 Observe and record usage of Hillview and McKenzie fenced dog park installations; include usage outside fences
- 🐾 Use intake forms to :
  - Quantitatively and qualitatively observe and rate dog and human behavior
  - Record environmental and situational factors to assess their impact on utilization.
- 🐾 Engage community members at parks to garner opinions, issues, and perspective.
- 🐾 Observe other parks as possible
- 🐾 Tabulate Data, Summarize Trends, Findings, and make Recommendations

# Parks Assessed

## 🐾 McKenzie

- Scope included observation at West and East sections of the park
- Dog park is in West section along with courts and parking lot
- 43 Observations made December 2022 through September 2023

## 🐾 Hillview

- Scope included observation in dog park, soccer field, and adjacent sidewalks/paths
- 40 Observations made January 2024 through December 2024

## 🐾 Lincoln

- Scope included North park span between 168 and 108 University Ave
- 26 Observations made February 2024 through December 2024

## 🐾 Heritage Oaks

- Scope included entire park
- 11 Observations made March 2023 to July 2023

# McKenzie Findings

- 🐾 McKenzie had a few hiccups as it got started
- 🐾 Dog Park is indeed utilized
- 🐾 Dog park did not alter behavior of off leash dog owners at East End
- 🐾 Increased usage during adverse weather compared to Hillview
- 🐾 Dog Noise is a non-issue at McKenzie
- 🐾 Community

# Hillview Findings

- 🐾 Dog Park unusable for much of the year --lost grass and much mud
- 🐾 Hillview exhibited generally higher dog counts when aggregating all segments (lots of foot traffic with onleash dogs outside the park)
- 🐾 Minimal dog reactivity observed, despite many triggers outside the park; there were no sustained noise/fight incidents.
- 🐾 Observed a large amount of dog waste not being picked up.
- 🐾 Offleash activity on the soccer field was light, yet present.
- 🐾 There was after-curfew use of the dog park at a substantial 10% rate. Reason given by visitors was consistent work hours conflict.
- 🐾 There were some professional dog handlers that visited, but they stopped once the mud to grass ratio was about 25-30%. Interviews with dog owners was the felt a community benefit from handlers.

# Heritage Oaks and Lincoln North Findings

## 🐾 Heritage Oaks

- Behavior consistent with observations made during 2021-2022 Hillview Baseball Pilot program

## 🐾 Lincoln North

- Substantial On- and Off-Leash behavior; mostly solitary or paired humans, only 3 groups (2 training and 1 social) ever observed
- Never saw any parking issue; never saw an owner leave a poop behind
- Did not gather specific data for Lincoln South, but casual observation confirmed that area remains popular with on- and off-leash walkers, more often sunny and turf less wet.

# Aggregated Data for All Parks

Violations by Type		94
All Parks	After Curfew	4
All Parks	NOISE	6
All Parks	poop	25
All Parks	offleash outside dogpark	58
All Parks	lack of voice control	1

Violation Types By Park					
Park	After Curfew	NOISE	poop	Offleash outside dogpark	Lack of voice control
McK	0	6	8	9	1
Hv	4	0	17	23	0
Linc	0	0	0	22	0
HO	0	0	0	4	0
94	4	6	25	58	1

Number of Dogs in Dogpark by Day of Week								
Park	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Totals
McK Dogs	13	5	12	16	9	8	18	81
McK Observ	4	5	6	11	6	5	6	43
Dogs/Observ	3	1	2	1	2	2	3	
Hv Dogs	20	12	19	12	14	5	7	89
Hv Observ	6	7	9	4	5	5	4	40
Dogs/Observ	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	

Total Observations	
McKenzie	43
Hillview	40
Lincoln	26
Heritage Oaks	11

# Influence of Weather

Usage Per Weather Condition								
Park	Dogs inside DP when Clear	Dogs Outside DP Onleash when Clear	Dogs inside DP when Overcast	Dogs Outside DP Onleash when Overcast	Dogs inside DP when Windy	Dogs Outside DP Onleash when Windy	Dogs inside DP when Rainy	Dogs Outside DP Onleash when Rainy
McKenzie	54	14	11	0	16	21	0	0
Hillview	76	94	4	4	4	4	5	11
Lincoln	n/a	45	n/a	0	n/a	18	n/a	0
Heritage Oaks	n/a	2	n/a	2	n/a	0	n/a	1

# Population totals

43	1755	911	0	0	35	41	81	90	18	20	1	12
Total McK visits	total prkg spaces avail during observ period	total cars present at McK on days counted	total dogs onleash inside fence		total dogs onleash outside fence		total dogs offleash inside fence		total dogs offleash outside fence			unattended poops inside fence
		52%	0%		26%		60%		13%			15%
		utilization of parking capacity for days observer counted	of total dog hdcount are onleash inside fence		of total dog hdcount are onleash outside fence		of total dog hdcount are offleash inside fence		of total dog hdcount are offleash outside fence			of dogs inside fence who left a poop (approx)
40	1800	811	2	2	113	120	87	79	37	41	0	51
Total Hv visits	total prkg spaces avail during observ period	total cars present at Hv on days counted	total dogs onleash inside fence		total dogs onleash outside fence		total dogs offleash inside fence		total dogs offleash outside fence			poops left inside fence
		45%	1%		47%		36%		15%			89
		utilization of parking capacity for days observer counted	of total dog hdcount are onleash inside fence		of total dog hdcount are onleash outside fence		of total dog hdcount are offleash inside fence		of total dog hdcount are offleash outside fence			dogs were observed inside the fence during the data collection period

🐾 Hillview had higher headcounts than McKenzie

🐾 McKenzie had substantially more dogs inside fence than onleash outside.

🐾 Hillview had fewer dogs inside the fence and more dogs onleash outside.

🐾 Interviews cited turf damage or mud as reasons at Hillview



# Parking Utilization Indicator

Parking Usage by Day of Week -- McK 45 spaces, Hv 50 spaces, Linc 20 spaces								cksum
Park	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
# McK days when cars counted	3	5	6	11	5	4	5	39
# McK Cars	43	188	120	312	118	35	95	<b>911</b>
# days McK Obsrvd on this DOTW	4	5	6	11	6	5	6	43
Pkg utilization	32%	84%	44%	63%	52%	19%	42%	
#Hv Days when cars countd	5	6	9	4	4	4	4	36
#Hv Cars	101	135	177	54	132	62	150	<b>811</b>
# Days Hv Obsrvd on this DOTW	6	7	9	4	5	5	4	40
Pkg utilization	40%	45%	39%	27%	66%	31%	75%	
#Linc Days where cars countd	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	98
#Linc Cars	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	<b>98</b>
#days Linc Obsrvd on this DOTW	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
Pkg utilization	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	19%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
#HO days when cars countd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#HO Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#days HO Obsrvd on this DOTW	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	11
utilization	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	

🐾 Utilization varied widely.

🐾 No correlation between dog park usage and community events or court sports

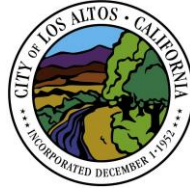
🐾 No correlation between dog park usage and court sport schedules

🐾 If parking was not available, people walked in.

🐾 Did not assess parking at Heritage Oaks

# Overall Commentary

- 🐾 Natural turf cannot tolerate year around usage, even during fair weather usage. Grass lasted less than a quarter.
- 🐾 Full parking lots do not deter use of dog parks. Mud does.
- 🐾 After-hours use at Hv supports enabling evening usage there
- 🐾 There was a community benefit observed at Hillview from the presence of knowledgeable dog handlers in the park.
- 🐾 Interviews showed there is a subset of users that seek isolated, off-leash space for very specific reasons, including:
  - 🐾 Dog reactive
  - 🐾 Desire for isolated training
  - 🐾 Owner's/handler's disability
- 🐾 While the occurrence of noise and dog reactivity was low, there is opportunity to explore programming the dog parks to address offleash use.



**TO:** Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture Commission

**FROM:** Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** **Commission Booth at the Farmer's Market**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss what the PARC Commission will do at the upcoming Farmer's Market booth

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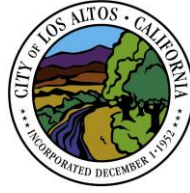
**BACKGROUND**

The PARC Commission representative for the Farmer's Market booth has reached out and secured two dates to host a table at the Farmer's Market in 2025. It is typical that city commissions provide information to the public or receive input from the public on parks or arts focused topics when hosting these booths.

The commission will discuss what strategies will be used to draw people to the booth and work with staff on the focused topic(s) for the first date, June 12, hosting.

Attachments:

A. None



**TO:** Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture Commission

**FROM:** Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** **2025 Public Art Budget**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the 2025/2026 budget needs for art projects and programs

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**BACKGROUND**

Each fiscal year the City creates a budget for all its operating and capital functions that covers July 1 – June 30. The Public Art Fund is included in that annual budget. Currently, the Public Art Fund exists to fund public art programs and acquisition on City property. At the start of fiscal year 2024/2025 the City had \$433,631 in the Public Art Fund and budgeted \$128,000. Expenditures to date for the current fiscal year are \$82,070. This was used for call for art services, sculpture purchase and sculpture cleaning.

Staff will provide a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and the commission will discuss and provide input.

Attachments:

A. None