



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/07/2024

ITEM NO: 1

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2024**

The Town of Los Gatos Parks and Sustainability Commission conducted a Regular Meeting on August 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gleason, Vice-Chair Ober (absent), Commissioners Buncic, Corenson, Mapara, Stephenson (absent).

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks and Sustainability Commission Meeting of June 10, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Buncic to approve Consent Items 1.
Seconded by Commissioner Corenson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No verbal communication.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Pickleball Update

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item. We continue to work at La Rinconada Park with the neighbors, fielding occasional complaints. Much has improved over where we were when we began this journey. Jim's team has been doing light enforcement.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item. We have been doing some light enforcement. We had some people out at La Rinconada Park after 7:00 p.m. We made contact with the Parks Services Officer. They were receptive to it, a new time for them. We have updated the signage. I am putting together the documents for the Blossom Hill and La Rinconada Parks resurfacing. This should be in motion within the next month.

The Commission asked questions.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

Public Comment

Bill Crites

- Member of the Los Gatos Saratoga Pickleball Club. I wanted to clarify what was said at the last meeting Jim about what is going to happen at Blossom Hill. From the recording, it sounded like you said there is going to be permanent nets. Or is it just the resurfacing and restriping and we will bring in portable nets? Portable would be pieces that you would have to put together and take it down when you are done. Is there any way we can be aware of when you will be doing the repainting because we want to make sure the orientation of the courts is lining up with how the sun goes? At 90 degrees playing one group always having the sun in their face. North and south orientation is the best like the tennis courts are. When you were interviewing a person a year ago, they wanted to change the courts 90 degrees and we do not want that. Keeping the orientation with the tennis courts works best. Tennis nets are permanent, pickleball nets would temporary, they are portable they would be assembled and disassembled.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

The Commission asked questions.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

3. Receive a Report on Park Use Agreements

Meredith Johnston, PPW Administrative Technician, verbally reported on this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, provided additional information on Use Agreements.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Meredith Johnston, PPW Administrative Technician, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

4. Parks and Public Works Report

A. Town Sponsored Events

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

Adopt a Highway is going on, one Saturday every month. The next one is scheduled for August 17th. If you know anyone interested in this program, please let us know. Last time we had four or five people. Adopt a Highway is run by the Parks Services Officer, and they clean up along the highways.

The Town holds Screen on the Green event which is a movie showing. This year it is Friday, September 20th. It is going to be a Disney film "Wish" and will be at Oak Meadow Park. A request was put out by the Town's Events team about whether the Commissions would like to table before the event. The event is starting at 6:00 p.m. with the movie starting at 7:15 p.m.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Meredith Johnston, PPW Administrative Technician, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

B. Volunteer Programs

- a. Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item. Other people are interested in volunteer programs. Someone contacted us about native plants in the parks. We will be converting the Oak Hill Play Lot. We have 13 stumps that need to be grinded, we will bring in some mulch, and plant some native pollinators. We will start at Oak Hill Play Lot and move to Live Oak Manor Park and if things go well, we will continue.

Los Gatos High School football, about 54 players are going to come to the downtown area to do some cleanup this Friday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Robotic rabbits from the high school. We are trying this out at Oak Meadow Park, see how it goes, and see how it looks. This was funded through the Town's grant program.

National Night Out at Town Park Plaza tomorrow night August 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. put on through the Los Gatos Police Department.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

- b. Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item. Chair Gleason and I did a walk with the Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship group who is interested in doing a volunteer event on the Flume trail. East bank of the Los Gatos Creek Trail, going up from Main Street to Novitiate. They have sent us some paperwork and are interested in the event taking place in September or October. There is some pretty significant work that needs to be done from a vegetation management and trail maintenance management perspective.

B. Volunteer Programs (continued)

- b. The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

The Rotary Club project is still working its way through. They sent plans that need to be reviewed by the Engineering team and a fundraising plan that needs to be reviewed by the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No commissioner reports were given.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting as approved by the Parks and Sustainability Commission.



Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works