

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2021
VARIOUS TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS
5:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guldumann called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Suzanne Guldumann; and Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb, Judy Villablanca, and Robert Wells

ABSENT: Commissioner Edward Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Guldumann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Commissioner Villablanca seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Miller absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 12, 2021.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Guldumann stated elections would be tabled until the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting due to Commissioner Miller's absence.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Mazza suggested the Commission request funding from City Council to update the Parks Master Plan.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Wells moved, and Commissioner Villablanca seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Miller absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the January 21, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting.
 - 2. Community Services Department Monthly Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report of activities, events, projects, and programs coordinated by the Community Services Department during January 2021.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Las Flores Creek Dog Park
Recommended Action: 1) Review and provide feedback regarding the development of a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park; and 2) Determine whether to recommend the project and a funding source for City Council approval.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

Lee West indicated opposition to building a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park. He stated he owned a property next to Las Flores Creek Park and was concerned about parking, litter, and dog waste issues the dog park could bring.

John Mazza stated other locations in Malibu would be more suitable for a dog park. He suggested the Commission review the City's vacant properties.

Commissioner Wells stated the dog park would enhance Las Flores Creek Park and it would be speculative to assume the dog park would increase traffic in the area.

In response to Commissioner Villablanca, Community Services Director Bobbett stated he would need to confirm if Los Angeles County Prop A funds could be used towards the City Biologist fees for the project.

Chair Guldemann stated she had researched dog park standards and the minimum size for a dog park suitable for dogs of all sizes without creating potential issues would be 20,000 square feet.

Commissioner Goldfarb stated she had concerns regarding the location of the dog park due to the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) in Las Flores Creek Park.

Commissioner Villablanca agreed with Chair Guldemann and suggested the Commission review other locations that would be more suitable for the dog park.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission determined it would review other locations that would be more suitable for a dog park.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update regarding Charmlee Wilderness Park, Charmlee Hiking Programs, Department programs, and COVID-19 vaccination assistance for Seniors.

Community Services Director Bobbett provided an update regarding the Temporary Skate Park. He stated the Permanent Skate Park Project would be presented at the February 24, 2021 Public Works Commission Special Meeting for its review and feedback.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Community Services Director Bobbett stated Parks Supervisor Drew Belter was working with Los Angeles County on weed abatement to ensure that the properties were not cleared by disking.

In response to Commissioner Wells, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the Temporary Skate Park continued to see heavy use during weekday afternoons and weekends.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review Locations for Dog Park

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:55 p.m., Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Commissioner Wells seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Miller absent.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on March 16, 2021.


Chair

ATTEST:


BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant