

**CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

- Minutes:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission.
- Date of Meeting:** February 6, 2023
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room.
- I. Call to Order:** Chair Strauss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- II. Flag Salute:** Chair Strauss led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Davis, Ehardt, Strauss, Jackson, Thomas and Montemayor
Commissioners Absent: Illescas
City Council Liaison Present: Hon Lien
City Staff Present: Renee Lorentzen - Director of Recreation and Community Services
Daniel Clark - Special Events Program Coordinator
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** None
- V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the agenda for February 6, 2023 as submitted.
M/S: Montemayor/Jackson Ayes: All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023 as submitted.
M/S: Ehardt/Davis Ayes: All
- VII. Public Forum:** None

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Director of Recreation and Community Services, Renee Lorentzen welcomed the new PRCRC City Council liaison, Hon Lien, and then spoke about the upcoming Holi Festival on March 4, 2023 at Cardoza Park.

IX. Business Items

a. Community Garden Program Presentation

At the request of the Commission, Director of Recreation and Community Services, Renee Lorentzen gave a presentation on the Cesar Chavez Community Garden Program. Staff Lorentzen presented an overview of research done on the location of residents who have a garden plot, how long they have had a plot, those who are on the waiting list and various options for term limits if the commission wished to make recommendation to City Council regarding time limits to how long a resident could use a garden plot. Staff Lorentzen also gave a follow up presentation on the upcoming McCandless Park Community Garden and program rules for that site.

Citizens of Milpitas voiced their opinions and concerns on the Community Garden Program.

Darren Mark- Nieves Street
Patrick Yung– Tramway Drive
Harvey Fruzen - Levin Street
Enedina Navarro Valmy Street
Elba Chagolla – Fountainbleu Avenue
Joann DeHerrera - Greathouse Drive
Agustin Romero- Valmy Street
Jesus Chagolla - Fountainbleu Avenue

MOTION to recommend final City Council approval of updating Cesar Chavez Community Garden Rules and Regulations to include a 1) 5-year term limit, 2) eligible resident type include those that live in a non-SFR, with no private yard, including terrace, 3) Grandfathering of all SFR and non-SFR residents who have plots now to the term-limit, and 4) a plot transition plan with longest-standing SFR users to be relinquish their plots at the conclusion of the 2024 growing season to those eligible on the wait list.

M/S: Davis/Thomas

Ayes: Thomas, Davis, Montemayor
Nayes: Jackson, Ehardt, Strauss
MOTION did not pass.

MOTION to recommend City Council direct staff to look into subdividing the plot sizes at the Cesar Chavez Garden to make more available plots at the program site

M/S Ehardt/Jackson

Ayes: Ehardt, Jackson, Montemayor, Thomas
Nayes: Strauss, Davis

MOTION to recommend final City Council approval of updating Cesar Chavez Community Garden Rules and Regulations to include 1) 7-year term limit, 2) eligible resident type include those that live in a non-SFR, with no private yard, including terrace, 3) Grandfathering of all SFR and non-SFR residents who have plots now to the term-limit, and 4) a plot transition plan with longest-standing SFR users to be relinquish their plots at the conclusion of the 2024 growing season to those eligible on the wait list.

M/S Davis/Strauss

Ayes: Davis, Strauss, Jackson, Montemayor
Nayes: Ehardt, Thomas

MOTION to recommend Approval of the McCandless Community Garden Rules and Regulations by City Council with future administrative changes to the document to be executed at the administrative level.

M/S: Davis/Jackson

Ayes: All

MOTION to recommend the approval of updates to the Cesar Chaves Garden Rules and Regulations to City Council with any future administrative changes to the document be executed at the

administrative level. The new Cesar Chaves Garden Rules and Regulations include the change of number one to now state an annual plot fee that will be charged to all plot holders based on rates approved in the City of Milpitas Master Fee Schedule. Number 2 has now been added to state, Plot assignment priority will be given to qualifying Milpitas residents living in non-SFR housing. Number three has been changed to reflect the cost; Recycled water plots are assessed an annual fee of \$0.15 - \$0.55 per square foot. Number 31 has been added to state: To reduce the breeding of mosquitos and the spreading of West Nile Virus, no stagnant/standing water is allowed, including but not limited to water left in containers, buckets and on coverings such as plastic ground covers and tarps.

M/S Davis/Strauss

Ayes: Davis, Jackson, Strauss, Montemeyor,
Thomas
Nayes: Ehardt

b. Bike to Wherever Day Presentation – Recreation and Community Services

Special Events Coordinator, Daniel Clark gave a presentation on Bike to Wherever Day. Committee Members Davis, Thomas, Strauss and Ehardt have volunteered to work this event.

MOTION to recommend Thursday, May 18, 2023, as the day to host the Bike to Wherever Day.

M/S: Davis/Thomas

Ayes: All

X. Staff Liaison Reports

Staff provided updates on Recreation and Community Services programs, services and upcoming events.

XI. Council Liaison Reports

N/A

XII. Future Agenda Items

None

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm to the next scheduled meeting on March 6, 2023.