

CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

- Minutes:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission.
- Date of Meeting:** February 7, 2022
- Place of Meeting:** Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting).
- I. Call to Order:** Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- II. Flag Salute:** Chair Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Davis, Ehardt, Strauss, Jackson, Current and Thomas
- Commissioners Absent: Montemayor, Gill and Caidoy
- City Staff Present: Josh Clevenger – Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
Justin Yount – Public Services Assistant
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** Jackson and Thomas
- V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the agenda for February 7, 2022 as submitted.
- M/S: Jackson/Current Ayes: All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve the minutes from January 3, 2022 as submitted.
- M/S: Strauss/Jackson Ayes: Davis, Ehardt, Strauss and Jackson
Abstain: Current and Thomas
- VII. Public Forum:** None
- VIII. Announcements and Correspondence**
- None
- IX. Business Items**
- a. Quarterly Report: Update on Recreation Trends – City Staff**
- Recreation Assistant Director, Tegan McLane presented a series of slides to Commission which outlined various Recreation trends. Presentation began with the 2020 initial pandemic response and its effect on City building closures/services and outdoor facility closures with resources shifting towards more Emergency-related tasks. Virtual classes were established as well as a Virtual Community Center. A gradual reopening occurred in 2021 as outdoor facilities reopened, outdoor camps/classes resumed, as well as outdoor events/facility rentals resumed. Trends for 2022 show a demand for virtual classes for youth/adults as declining, however, there is still some demand for senior virtual programs. The demand remains high for outdoor sports programs, indoor programs and picnic reservations. The demand for classes remains consistent with

the need for more art, stem, and family classes with more availability on weekends as well more morning/lunch offerings for adults who are not working. Other trends noted were volunteerism, events and grants and sponsorships. Commission received report and participated in brief discussion on items presented.

b. Update on Historical Society Historical Tour – Commissioner Ehardt

Commissioner Ehardt, who is also a current Historical Society member, presented slides on the 2019 Historical Tour as a guide to what was offered previously. As part of the current Work Plan, the Commission is tasked with supporting the upcoming June tour with advertising tools to help create awareness. Commission has been asked to share information regarding event amongst peers and personal circles. Commissioner Ehardt has asked for tour to be advertised on the Recreation Facebook page as well. A mailing list has also been established and is used for promotion by the Historical Society. Commissioner Davis has suggested a video recording of tour for future.

c. Presentation and Discussion on Work Goal Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails – City Staff

As part of Bicycle and Pedestrian trails Work Plan goal, volunteers are needed from the Commission for a series of Bike events that will take place this year. The Bicycle Repair event is run by the Recreation and Community Services Department, however, volunteers are needed from Commission to help assist in various capacities – assisting staff with calls, check-in, etc. Volunteers include Commissioners Davis, Thomas, Jackson and Ehardt. More details to come regarding event. The Bike to Anywhere Day will take place on May 20th from 7am-9pm and will consist of a table set-up in front of City Hall for snacks and hydration for the event participants. Volunteers include Commissioners Current and Ehardt with Jackson as back-up. The Family Bike event is still in discussion. Commission will need to determine date/time as well as specifics. Discussion included a possible designated trail in Milpitas for families to bike through. Ideas included the Hetch Hetchy trail as well as the Coyote Creek trail. An Ad Hoc was formed and includes Commissioners Strauss, Davis and Thomas who will then work with staff in fine tuning scope of event. Timeline for event is set for around August or early September for which allows time for marketing, final dates and specific trail selection. Moving forward, this Ad Hoc group will assist in brainstorming future bike events, something possibly more large scale and bring those ideas to a future meeting.

X. Council Liaison Reports

None

XI. Liaison Reports

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

XII. Future Agenda Items

June Park Tour Discussion
CIP Priority Recommendation Presentation
Sister Cities Discussion
Update on Alviso Adobe Renovation Project
Family Bike Event
Future Bike Events

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm to the next scheduled meeting on March 7, 2022.