
City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 30 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Graziano called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Graziano led the Commission in the pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Graziano, Vice-Chair Koistinen, Commissioner Rios

Excused Absent: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Gomez

Also, Present: IT Director Paul Da Silva, Recreation Services Manager Tina Garza, and Recreation Coordinator Armando Medina.

VERIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING

Recreation Services Manager Garza informed the Commission that the agenda for the Tuesday, November 30, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was posted at both the Hollister Community Center and City Hall on Friday, November 26, 2021 per Government Code Section 54954.2.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation were accepted by Vice-Chair Koistinen, with a second from Commissioner Rios. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Pollard mentioned Growing Hearts received a grant from the San Benito Arts council to create a tile mosaic on the steps leading up to the community garden at Vista Park Hill. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Saturday December 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean California Local grant program- Money from the grant will be put towards beautification and litter abatement at the northern end of the River Park trail. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Chair Koistinen with a second from Chair Graziano. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gomez absent.

Prop 68 Per Capita Grant- to the Prop 68 per capita grant will provide funding for improvements to the Dunne Park Clubhouse. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Chair Koistinen with a second from Commissioner Rios. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote with Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Gomez absent.

Klauer Park- Staff to provide an update on the ADA improvements was tabled to the next meeting date of January 25, 2022

Vista Park Hill restroom project- Robin Pollard updated the commission and stated restroom project is complete.

Art and Cultural Commission- Recreation Services Manager Garza reported the ACC continues to make progress on Bylaws. There is also discussion regarding a festival for 2023. Recreation Services Manager Garza provided information from Interim Director/Planning Manager Abraham Prado regarding a tax on new commercial developments that will fund special events for the ACC.

Ad Hoc Committee for Hollister Dog Park- Vice-Chair Koistinen reported shade structures have a funding source and location of shade structures were discussed. Waiting on approval from airport staff on locations of shade structures. Recreation Coordinator Medina will work on Facebook and Instagram page for Gerry Gabe Bark Park. Toni Matthews will create etiquette classes at the dog park with registration going through the City of Hollister Recreation with a max of 15 people per class each month.

City of Hollister 150th (Sesquicentennial) Anniversary August 6, 2022- Every Saturday in the Month of July will have an event in the downtown area. Hollister recreation will have a Fun Run in the end of July to finish up the July is Parks and recreation Month. HDA will focus on a theme of 150 Years for the car show in July 2022. Recreation staff is in the beginning stages of planning events to celebrate the City of Hollister's 150th (Sesquicentennial) Anniversary. Staff There is discussion for Saturday August 6, 2022 of having a large dinner downtown with local business and restaurants providing food, sponsorships, and entertainment.

NEW BUSINESS

Giving Tree- Recreation Coordinator Medina gave an update regarding the Giving Tree program. The Giving Tree will help families in need from three agencies (Emmaus House, H.O.M.E Resource Center, and Hollister Youth Alliance) receive gift purchased by generous community members. The gifts are purchased through the Target Registry and delivered to the City of Hollister Recreation Department. Staff will wrap gifts and deliver to the three agencies on December 22, 2021.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS:

Recreation Services Manager Garza reported Christmas in the park will be held on December 18, 2021. This includes photos with Santa at the Dunne park clubhouse from 10am-1pm, and in the evening Santa’s bakery will take place from 4pm-9pm in the clubhouse. Battlefield Laser tag will be at the park from 4pm-9pm. There will also be live performances from 4-9 pm. Ice skating will be held on Dec 17 from 4pm-9pm, Dec 18 from 12pm-9pm, and Dec 19 from 12-4pm.

The Tree Decorating Contest will give 10 community clubs/agencies/businesses the chance to decorate a tree and donate the tree to a family in need.

The Lights on parade was a success. Council member Rick Perez, Rolan Resendiz and newly appointed council member Dolores Morales were in attendance.

Parks Division Review was tabled to the next regular meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022 – The Commission will receive a report on the monthly activities of the Parks Division

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Setting of the next regular meeting date is January 25, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Vice-Chair Koistinen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Second by Chair Graziano. Motion passed 3-0. Excused Absent: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Gomez

Respectfully Submitted,

Armando Medina, Recreation Coordinator
Parks and Recreation Commission