



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Pitts.

2. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance: Recreation & Parks Director, Donte Watson, Parks Deputy Director, Jen Santos, Recreation Deputy Director, Jeff Tibbets, IT, Bryson McNally, and interim ASO, Jacqui Hamann.

Present: 6 - Chair Logan Pitts, Vice Chair Omar Lopez, Board Member Guido Boccaleoni, Board Member Paul Castillo, Board Member Madonna Cruz, and Board Member Carolina Spence

Absent: 1 - Board Member Carole Quandt

3. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

To consider and act on any request from a Board Member to participate in a meeting remotely due to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances pursuant to AB 2449 (Government Code Section 549539(f)).

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No public comments

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

6. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

6.1 Upcoming & Accomplished Events

A list of accomplished and upcoming events was distributed to the board and made available prior to the public prior to the meeting.

Upcoming & Accomplished Events

- SW Community Park a month had a good turnout
- Sunday Live has returned at Juilliard Park.

7. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Deputy Director Santos provided the following updates:

- Going to Council on 8/6/24 for Aquatic Contract renewal consent
- Submitted preliminary grant request to apply for SF Bay Area Conservation Grant for SE Greenway. Granting agency approved the preliminary request and requested a full grant application be submitted.
- 2nd MLK Master Plan discussion on 8/24/24 from 10-12 pm at Light House Church located at 920 Bennett Valley Rd.
- Mechanical issues with spray ground at Prince Memorial Gateway, closed today.
- The Board of Community Services requested an update regarding Fremont Park status at their regular June meeting. Update: staff received the Fremont Park updated designs from consultants on historical analysis and feedback from community. Provided consultant with additional feedback to further refine the design concepts and will schedule a public meeting for community input once conceptual designs are available later this fall.
- The Board of Community Services requested an update regarding the SW Community Hub project status at their regular June meeting. SW Community Hub funding approved for Fire Station and Library, on southside of Hearn at intersection of Dutton. There's room for future Community Center but it is not part of the plan right now. Currently demolishing existing buildings.
- SE Greenway delay in closing final escrow until September or thereafter. The delay is due to the ongoing final negotiations required to be complete prior to close of escrow with the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. All agencies involved are working diligently to finalize negotiations and escrow; staff will keep the Board updated on progress
- The Board of Community Services (BOCS) requested an update

regarding the status of all Parks Capital Projects at their regular June meeting. Update: the BOCS received a Capital Project update in March and another Capital Projects Update is planned for the August BOCS meeting.

- The Board of Community Services (BOCS) requested an update regarding the status of sports programs at their regular June meeting. Update: Sports Programs will be a future Agenda topic at the BOCS once the Recreation Supervisor position is filled, which is currently being recruited. The update is likely in early 2025 or before if possible.
- Board Ordinance Update: Received feedback from City Attorney. Once updates are reviewed by the Board Ordinance Subcommittee the item will be added to a future agenda for full Board review of the Ordinance and Bylaws.
- Finley Aquatic Center completion date sometime in September or thereafter. Negotiating with the construction contractor regarding accelerating the pace, however, delays persist due to allowable rain delays the contractor received earlier in the year.

8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopez - attended Mayors Lunch and visited Nagasawa Park.

Board Member Castillo - Commend staff on the Aquatic Center.

Board Member Cruz - nothing to report

Board Member Spence - nothing to report

Board Member Boccaleoni - noting to report

Chair Pitts - on vacation, nothing to report.

9. SCHEDULED ITEMS

9.1 Fire Memorial Art Project

Parks Deputy Director Jen Santos introduced Tara Thomson, Director of Sonoma County's Creative Sonoma & Karin Demarest, a County Consultant with Demarest Strategy Group who provided a Fire Memorial Art Project

presentation. The presentation reviewed the steps thus far and future

projected schedule for installation of art at Nagasawa Community Park. The art would focus on acknowledgement, remembering and gathering reflections for those that experienced and will process grief because of the fires since 2017. Creative Sonoma is seeking feedback from the Board of Community Services and for future collaboration with the city.

Recommendation: Information & Feedback

BOCS discussion and questions ensued.

Public Comments:

Pamela Van Halsema - A public call went out to anyone interested in getting involved with the art task force for the project which is how she got involved. Invited anyone interested to attend the task force public meetings, they embrace suggestions.

9.2 Recreation Fee Waiver

Recreation Deputy Director Jeff Tibbetts provided the Board with an overview of a potential policy to delegate authority to the Director of Recreation & Parks to waive or reduce certain recreation fees.

Recommendation: Information & Feedback

BOCS discussion ensued

Public Comment

None to report

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR'S LUNCH FOR COMMITTEE/BOARD CHAIRS

Lopez - attended Mayor's luncheon where budget was discussed, not doing well and there might be some major steps. Talked about Rosenberg's Rules of Order and having study session to understand Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

10.2 SANTA ROSA WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

10.3 BOCS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

The BOCS Governing Documents Subcommittee will reconvene at a future date to be determined to review updates recommended by the City Attorney's office regarding the Ordinances and Bylaws.

11. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

None to report

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Scholarship fund either quarterly or annually.

This schedule is tentative and subject to change pending final publication and posting of the Meeting Agenda. This time is reserved for discussion to place matters on a future agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 5 pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Approved on August 28, 2024

/s/ Ursula Swan, Recording Secretary