



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chair Pitts.

Also in attendance: Director Donte Watson, Deputy Director Jen Santos, Recreation Supervisor Kim Hatch, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Lorenzo Paran.

Present: 5 - Chair Logan Pitts, Vice Chair Omar Lopez, Board Member Guido Boccaleoni, Board Member Paul Castillo, and Board Member Carole Quandt

Absent: 2 - Board Member Madonna Cruz, and Board Member Carolina Spence

2. 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)).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane DeWitt spoke about Andy's Park and the upkeep, more parkland in Roseland, and Roseland Creek.

Barbin Babin with Kiwanis would like to entertain with the assistance of Joe Salinas in the possibility of renaming Flat Rock Park something in the Pomo language. Will be meeting with Jen Santos in a couple of weeks.

Joe Salinas a Sonoma County Pomo Dancer is interested in renaming Flat Rock Park to honor & acknowledge the Indigenous People and their culture.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2024 - DRAFT

Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2024, were approved as submitted.

5. DIRECTOR UPDATES & REPORT ON EVENTS

5.1 Upcoming and Accomplished Events

A list of accomplished and upcoming events was distributed to the Board and made available to the public prior to the meeting. Deputy Director, Jen Santos highlighted the following:

Howarth Park's K-land closing after this weekend.

Park of the Month scheduled for 11/9/24 at A Place to Play Community Park.

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt - Roseland volunteers are not recognized as other volunteers in Santa Rosa.

5.2 Director Updates

Deputy Director Jen Santos provided the following updates:

On October 17, 2024, the Southeast Greenway was officially acquired as new vacant park land for the City of Santa Rosa from Caltrans. Next steps include kicking off a master planning effort in early 2025 and improvements as funding becomes available.

On October 29, 2024, Vice Chair Lopez attended the Boards and Commissions orientation meeting and provided insight into serving on the Board of Community Services.

On October 22, 2024, the Finance Department presented budget reduction options that included reductions of 5-8% from city departments, including the Recreation & Parks Department.

Finance received feedback and will develop a plan and return to Council at a future date regarding any mid-year budget adjustments.

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt - Southwest Community Park has parking issues in addition to other park amenities.

Joe Salinas - When renaming the parks can he educate the board on the names, to help them understand the names.

Board Comments:

Vice Chair Lopez - Questions regarding the Adopt-A- Green space Process.

6. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Pitts attended the merit awards ceremony. Visited the following parks; Brush Creek, Tanglewood, North Park - cleanup, and Humboldt.

The Recreation and Parks Department is forming a comprehensive Renaming Policy which includes memorials and plaques. Currently the BOCS is not moving forward with renaming requests until the Renaming Policy is complete. Updating the plaque at Flat Rock Park has been discussed at the BOCS previously and we have advocated for that to be removed or updated following completion of the Policy.

Board Member Boccaleoni - Southwest Community Park, busy and has parking issues.

Board Member Quandt - Park cleanup @ Rural Cemetery and Lamplight tours in September. Mayor attended

Board Member Castillo - Visited Brush Creek and Coffey Park. Purchased tickets for Halloween @ Howarth.

Vice Chair Lopez - Attended the 9/24/24 Council meeting regarding Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan and EIR. Attended an event at Bayer Park.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 Volunteer Program Update

Recreation Supervisor Kim Hatch and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Lorenzo Paran will provide a brief update on the Recreation & Parks Department Volunteer Program.

Board Discussion and questions ensued.

Public Comment:

Toni Holland - Kiwanis club celebrated 100th birthday. Working with Joe Salinas with the plaque that was put up in 1936 at Flat Rock Park and to help and assist in an update, dedicated to the Indigenous Community.

Duane DeWitt - Discussed the possibility of an Adopt- A - Greenspace at Roseland Creek Park and discussed Earth Day at Roseland Creek Community Park.

Joe Salinas - Volunteered at Olive Park/Prince Memorial Greenway, commented on bad shape of these parks. Discussed Pomo Village & Talking Circle for Roseland Creek Community Park or other parks.

8. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

No written or electronic communication received.
No public comments.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rosie Trolley in the Springtime 2025.
Fremont Park
Measure M funding

Public Comment:

Duane DeWitt - opportunity for community drive effort for volunteers at Roseland Creek Park and DeWitt is circulating a petition. Commented that there's lots of dollars being saved due to volunteer efforts.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pitts adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.
Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday
December 11, 2024 - 5 P.M.