



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance: Acting Director, Recreation and Parks, Jen Santos, Deputy Director of Recreation, Jeff Tibbetts and Parks Superintendent, James Castro

Present: 7 - Chair Logan Pitts, Vice Chair Paul Castillo, Board Member Guido Boccaleoni, Board Member Madonna Cruz, Board Member Carole Quandt, Board Member Carolina Spence, and Board Member Omar Lopez

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane De Witt:
Appreciation to Parks Supervisors for efforts to maintain the Parks.

Would like to attend the next City Council Meeting and express his opinion for park naming when park renaming is discussed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2023

Attachments: [Regular Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2023 - draft](#)
[Regular Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2023 - approved](#)

Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the Board

Chair Pitts and Board Member Cruz abstained from comment as they were not present during the July 26, 2023, meeting.

5. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS 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. Acting Director, Jen Santos highlighted the following:

*Acting Director Jen Santos recommended and Chair Pitts moved item #8.2 to be heard in advance of agenda item's 5 - 8.1 due to schedule conflicts for the presenter.

Upcoming Highlights:

Sept 2: Park-A-Month volunteer Clean Up at Olive Park & Prince Memorial Greenway. 9am-12pm. www.srcity.org/1028 <<http://www.srcity.org/1028>>

Accomplishment Highlights:

August 4: Over 300 participants at the Neighborhood Services annual SPLASH BASH at Ridgway Pool, which is a free swim night for Neighborhood Services members along with a hot-dog dinner, pool games and a free raffle. [Family Fun Times | Santa Rosa, CA \(srcity.org\)](https://www.srcity.org/2108/Family-Fun-Times) <<https://www.srcity.org/2108/Family-Fun-Times>>

5.1 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

Attachments: [UPCOMING AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS August 23 2023](#)

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Acting Director Santos provided the following updates:

BOCS scheduled presentation items for October - Day Camps and Work Experience will move to September and September's presentation - Howarth Park Recreation and Maintenance, will move to October.

The Parks Department is monitoring the invasive beetle attacking oak trees. Staff was able to attend education training and is developing a plan of action.

City Council approved a \$2mil transfer of unassigned General Funds to the Bennett Valley Golf Course for the updating of the irrigation supply system.

The Iron and Vine Restaurant at the BVGC has received new carpets.

Sherinne Wilson, Recreation Supervisor of Neighborhood Services has retired after 30 years of service. Joanne Moore has been promoted to this position.

September 12: The Finley Aquatic Project "award of construction" bid will be on the City Council agenda for approval.

September 12: The BVGC golf cart lease will be on the City Council agenda for approval.

Southeast Greenway approved by Council for purchase is being cooperatively coordinated between the City of Santa Rosa and the Ag and Open Space. There will be a tour of the Greenway, hosted by the Sonoma Land Trust and open to the public, on August 28th at 6pm.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair and Board Members may provide brief updates relevant to their district, Recreation and Parks, or updates relevant to the subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Community Services

Chair Pitts: Met with Sonoma Land Trust regarding the SE Greenway. Attended the Juilliard Park music in the park. Visited: Jennings, Eastside, and Brendon Park.

Vice Chair Castillo: Attended a child's birthday party at Howarth Park. Enjoyed the carousel and amenities at the park.

Member Quandt: Attended Juilliard Park music in the park. Visited Rincon Ridge native park. Will be attending the UC Davis Board Beetle Seminar.

Member Cruz: Reminder, 9/16 at 3:00pm, Dry Creeks Big Time at the Dry Creek Redwood Arbor 3288 Skaggs Springs Rd.

Member Boccaleoni: Southwest Community Park (SWCP) looks good and has some ideas about SWCP to share at a later date. Also, wanted to comment for the record that the SE Greenway should be a freeway/highway and not a park.

Member Lopez: Thanks to Julie Guzy for her hosting the Board.

Member Spence: Reminder, 9/18 at 7:00pm, Merit Awards at the Finley Center. Visited Galvin Park and the BVGC Iron and Vine Restaurant.

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

8.1 GENERAL PLAN 2050 DRAFT UPDATE

Senior Planner, Shari Meads introduced the draft General Plan 2050.

Recommended Action: Information

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

Attachments: [GENERAL PLAN 2050 DRAFT PRESENTATION](#)

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

8.2 VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM PRESENTATION
(Heard in advance of agenda Item #5)

Deputy Director of Recreation, Jeff Tibbetts and VPP Program Manager, Danielle Garduno, provided an update on the Violence Prevention Program.

Recommended Action: Information

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

Attachments: [VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM PRESENTATION](#)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 MAYOR'S LUNCH FOR COMMITTEE/BOARD CHAIRS

Recommended Action: Information

No update was available. Next meeting 8/24/2023

9.2 SANTA ROSA WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Information

Board Member Quandt -July 27 field trip went to Colgan Creek Reach. Land is being secured by Parks and focus on flood mitigation.

9.3 BOCS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommended Action: Information

City Manager would like the language to be a little cleaner. Meeting next week.

10. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

No written or electronic communications received

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Send more information to Board Members about the SE Greenway

Would like to have more information for the VPP November event

Would like to know how to report graffiti to Public Works

Would like printed information from the General Plan presentation

Would like an update to homelessness in parks as per City Council Camping Ordinance

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pitts adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 27th, 2023, at 5:00pm.

Approved: September 27, 2023

/s/ Julie Schulz
Administrative Secretary