



**Board of Community Services
Meeting Minutes - Final**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Quandt 4:09 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Carole Quandt, Board Member Madonna Cruz, Board Member Terri Griffin, Board Member Logan Pitts, Board Member Carolina Spence, and Board Member Steven Spillman

Also Present: Deputy Director of Parks Jen Santos, Interim Deputy Director of Recreation Jeff Tibbetts, Parks Superintendent James Castro.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 22, 2021 DRAFT Minutes](#)

Approved as Submitted

5. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

5.1 Upcoming and Accomplished Events

Attachments: [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 Santos highlighted the upcoming Handmade Holiday Crafts Fair to be held on December 4 and 5 at the Finley Community Center. She also acknowledged the return of more recreation special events including the successful Halloween at Howarth and Floating Pumpkin Patch and noted these events are being held with COVID safety protocols. Additionally, the City activated the Emergency Operations Center for the recent rain event. City staff from parks and facilities worked the emergency helping put up signage and ensure safety at City facilities affected by flooding

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6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Deputy Director Santos announced the retirement of MaryLou Nichols and thanked her for her service. The Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Committee replanted the planters at the southwest corner of City Hall and will fund the ongoing maintenance. The City has launched Cityworks; an internal city-wide maintenance work order system. This system will help create a cohesive way to track the work staff are accomplishing and provide valuable data for evaluation of maintenance issues and staff allocations. There will be no November BOCS meeting because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next meeting will be December 8, 2021. All City staff will be returning to campus on Monday, November 1, 2021. Some staff will be working a hybrid model with approval of their supervisor.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 PICKLEBALL AT FINLEY TENNIS COURTS

Interim Recreation Deputy Director, Jeff Tibbetts, will lead the presentation by USA Pickleball representatives Kathy Kerst and Linda Hoffman regarding a local request to utilize additional tennis court space at Finley Community Park for pickleball.

Recommended Action: Discussion and recommendation

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Attachment A - Kathy Kerst Letter](#)
[Attachment B - Fastest Growing US Sport](#)
[Attachment C - Estimated Pickleball Players in the US](#)
[Attachment D - BOCS Proposal Letter](#)
[Correspondence- Public Comment](#)
[Late Correspondence- Public Comment \(Uploaded 10/26/21\)](#)
[Late Correspondence- Public Comments \(Uploaded 11-2-21\)](#)

Deputy Director Santos announced over 142 emails were received prior to the meeting regarding this agenda item. 121 of the emails were in support of the proposal.

Jeff Tibbetts introduced the Santa Rosa pickleball committee and characterized their proposal as feasible from a park planning, park maintenance and recreation standpoint if that is the direction the board recommends.

Kathy Kerst, Linda Hoffman, Pat Crabtree and Jo Anne Cohn from Santa Rosa pickleball presented a proposal to cross-line six pickleball courts on the two west tennis courts (Courts 1 and 2) at Finley Park as well as suggested storage of portable nets along the west fence. The proposal included a “tennis first” policy which would prioritize tennis on the cross-lined courts. The total estimated cost of the cross-lining and temporary nets is \$15k and the temporary courts would allow access to 24 more players.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

Public Comment:

Johnny Sarraf spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Dzung Huynh spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Nancy Ferrick spoke in favor of the proposal.

Marty Cassity spoke in favor of the proposal.

Anna Hoang spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Philip Stepanek spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Ken Kerst spoke in favor of the proposal.

Peter Tran spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Billy Andre spoke in favor of the proposal.

Tim spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Christopher Williams spoke in opposition of the proposal.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

Vice Chair Terri Griffin, Board Members Madonna Cruz, Steven Spillman and Carolina Spence recommended cross-lining the west tennis courts at Finley Park as proposed by the USA Pickleball group. Chair Quant and Board Member Pitts dissented from the majority.

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7.2 DUTCH FLOHR PARK MASTER PLAN

Assistant Park Planner, Tim Bernard, will lead the presentation by design consultant Plural regarding Dutch Flohr Park Master Plan.

Recommended Action: Recommendation to Council for approval of Master Plan

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Revised Presentation \(Uploaded 10/26/21\)](#)
[Attachment 1-Dutch Flohr Master Plan \(Uploaded 10/26/21\)](#)

Haley Waterson from Plural reported on the history and background of the existing park and public engagement process for the Master Plan Amendment for Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park. Results from each public meeting and survey were presented which informed the final Park Master Plan Amendment design elements. The major amenities featured in the plan include two new playground areas, picnic tables, pedestrian pathways, fitness equipment and games areas.

Public Comment

Kyle Klinck spoke in support of the community process used to create the master plan amendment.

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Yes: 5 - Chair Quandt, Board Member Cruz, Board Member Griffin, Board Member Pitts, and Board Member Spence

Absent: 1 - Board Member Spillman

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt reported there was discussion regarding affordable housing in the downtown core.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee
Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt reported that no meeting was held.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Quandt at 7:39 pm.

Approved on December 8, 2021

/s/ Shelley McClure, Recording Secretary