



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Avenue
Cypress Room

Board of Community Services Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 pm by Chair Pitts.

Also in attendance: Director Donte Watson, Deputy Director Jen Santos, Parks Planner Scott Wilkinson, Parks Superintendent James Castro.

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

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane DeWitt spoke about the clean up at Roseland Creek with about 18-20 staff. Thanked James Castro and Donte Watson for their participation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2024 - draft

Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2024 were approved.

5. DIRECTOR UPDATES & REPORT ON EVENTS

5.1 Upcoming & 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:

Upcoming Highlights:

September 7, 2024 Park a Month at Olive Park/Prince Memorial Greenway from 9-12 pm

Accomplishment Highlights:

Martin Luther King Jr. Park & Trail renovation project community meeting was held on Saturday August 24, 2024 from 10-12 pm at Lighthouse Christian Church.

5.2 Department Updates

Deputy Director Jen Santos provided the following updates:

Artificial turf to City Council's Climate Action Subcommittee on 9/4/24.

Will present summer updates regarding department at City Council on 9/10/24.

SE Greenway acquisition still moving forward in closing escrow.

Master Planning Grant to fund a portion of the SE Greenway planning is due tonight.

Consultants will be removing lake weeds from Francis Neilson Park pond on 08/29/24.

Board Ordinance & Bylaws processing final touches w/updates and feedback from CAO. Will bring back to the board when completed.

Recommend Action: Information

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

No public comment

6. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Pitts - visited NW Community Park and noted a person painting one of the sheds.

Vice Chair Lopez - visited Frances Nielsen Park, glad to see movement.

Castillo - visited Coffey, Strawberry & Howarth Park. Thanks to maintenance for keeping up on the parks.

Quandt - visited Julliard Park and seen the Pulsators, great thing to do. Attended the MLK planning session where Parks Planner Scott Wilkinson answered community questions. Traffic cop monitoring commercial trucks on site.

Cruz - Kudo's to the umpires that work at Comstock, they're very

polite.

Howarth park and electric bikes and their speed is a safety hazard to patrons.

Spence - Invite to the Merit Awards on September 16, 2024.

Boccaleoni - SW Park needs more parking. SW side of the parks street parking is packed, and taken up residential parking spots.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 Parks Planning Capital Project

Parks Planner, Scott Wilkinson updated the Board on upcoming Parks Capital Project including current projects and those scheduled for next Fiscal year.

BOCS discussion and questions ensued

Request made by Vice Chair Lopez to receive a spreadsheet of all the Parks Capital projects.

No public comment

8. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

No written or electronic communication received.

No public comments.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approved as submitted.

Cruz - Safety at parks.

Quandt - BOCS field trip on Rosie to visit parks, possibly in the Fall or Spring.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pitts adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - 5 P.M.

