

**CITY OF FULLERTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FINAL MINUTES**

**City Council Chamber
303 W Commonwealth Avenue**

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Savage led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gretchen Cox, Commissioner Michael Savage, Commissioner Enrique Macias, Vice Chair Erik When

Absent: Commissioner Ayesha Hussaini

Staff: Director Hugo Curiel, Parks Project Specialist Douglas Pickard

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 and 2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2019
2. PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2019

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the consent items,
SECONDED by Vice Chair Wehn.

VOTE:

AYES: Chair Cox, Commissioner Savage, Commissioner Macias,
Vice Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Commissioner Hussaini

The MOTION PASSED 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS (Items 3 and 4)

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Vice Chair Wehn called for new Chair nominations.

- Chair Cox nominated Vice Chair Wehn
- Commissioner Savage nominated Vice Chair Wehn
- Commissioner Macias nominated Vice Chair Wehn

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the Election of Chair, **SECONDED** by Chair Cox.

VOTE:

AYES: Chair Cox, Commissioner Savage, Commissioner Macias, Vice Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Commissioner Hussaini

The MOTION PASSED 4-0

Chair Wehn called for new Vice Chair nominations.

- Commissioner Cox nominated Commissioner Macias
- Commissioner Savage nominated Commissioner Macias
- Chair Wehn nominated Commissioner Macias

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the Election of Vice Chair, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cox.

VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Savage, Vice Chair Macias, Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Commissioner Hussaini

The MOTION PASSED 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED.

4. PACIFIC DRIVE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Director Curiel introduced the item explaining the CIP project was approved by Council a few years ago. Parks Project Specialist Pickard gave a Power Point presentation to update Commission on the project and the process it has been going through.

In May of 2016 was when project was introduced to Commission and the school district asked to fence off park due to issues happening in the park. Commission directed staff to look for other options to address the issues with both short term and long term solutions.

In December, the first community meeting took place at Pacific Drive School. We received feedback from community in regards to what they hope to see with the renovation. The park was added to the CIP list in fiscal year 17-18 but was paused by Council due to Hunt Library visioning. They wanted to look at what future developments and the surrounding area and what could be done with the space. The Committee doing so took their findings to Council and it was determined that any plans would not affect Pacific Drive Park.

There was another community meeting in April 2019 where concepts were presented and the community weighed in, and a final concept was presented.

The restrooms will be converted to single use to help deter from any illicit uses. The playground and picnic site will be replaced. There will still be virtually the same amount of open turf area, as well as adding outdoor exercise equipment and a half basketball court. The department is looking for approval of the concept from the Commission to begin construction documents. Staff anticipates start of construction mid-year 2020 and be completed by the end of 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Cox asked if there will fencing to make it safe for kids and to keep balls from going in the street.

Parks Project Specialist Pickard: There will be four foot fence on Valencia Drive.

Commissioner Savage: Will the restroom closed?

Parks Project Specialist Pickard: Yes, the restroom is heavily used and the intent is to make it safe. Whoever needs the restroom should have access while still keeping it safe.

Director Curiel: During non-peak time we would want to keep restrooms closed and open when it is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Egleth Nuncci:

- Thank you for listening to community to make the park safer for children.
- Would like to see the sand in the playground removed to eliminate the cat issue

2. Carime Calixto

- Has three daughters that weren't able to use the park but hopes after the renovations parents feel comfortable letting their kids play.

3. Curt Johnston

- Grace Ministry uses the park picnic benches as outdoor church for homeless
- Can it be arranged for the restrooms to be open when they are there
- Restrooms seem to be far from the basketball court

Commissioner Cox: Restrooms aren't being moved to save money on building a new facility.

4. Curtis Gamble

- Homeless activist
- Homeless people live at the park
- Restrooms seem to be far from the basketball court but understands the costs
- Park looks beautiful
- Would like to see the street go straight to library since the City is making improvements

Commissioner Savage: In the construction documents, can you change sand floor to anything other than sand. Director Curiel: Confirmed the sand floor will be eliminated

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED.

Commissioner Savage MADE A MOTION to approve the Pacific Drive Park Improvements, SECONDED by Vice Chair Macias.

VOTE:

AYES: Chair Cox, Commissioner Savage, Commissioner Macias, Vice Chair Wehn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Commissioner Hussaini,

The MOTION PASSED 4-0

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Comments:

Director Curiel updated the Commission about

- First Night was successful it had great attendance and the bands were great
- Fit Club Challenge will begin in January 18th and run through March 13th
- Camp Hillcrest had 50 over winter break and there will be spring & summer camps as well
- Shopping Soiree had free gift wrapping, hot chocolate, and shopping
- Winter market & tree lighting ceremony had great attendance

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wehn MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Director Curiel, Secretary