

**CITY OF STOCKTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 27, 2021

5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Spencer Lockwood, Maria Mendez, Gina Calder, Joe Nava, Ashley Jones, Henry Phillips
Absent: Miguel Villapudua, Kimberly Warmesley, and Eric Duncan

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR INVITATIONS

3.1 Public Comments

Marc Brandes expressed his concern about the Weber Point hours again. He requested the Commission to vote whether they would be willing to support or not support his request to extend the hours for Weber Point Event Center.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of August 23, 2021 meeting

Moved by: Joe Nava, seconded by Maria Mendez.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0

Yes: Spencer Lockwood, Gina Calder, Maria Mendez, Joe Nava, and Ashley Jones

No: None

Absent: Miguel Villapudua, Kimberly Warmesley, and Eric Duncan

Annotation: Henry Phillips was unable to vote due to audio technical difficulties.

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5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Budget Committee Update

Commissioners Lockwood and Mendez met with city staff Stephen Jiang and Jon Wright last week and went over the Recreation budget for 2021-2022. They have provided the Recreation Budget for 2021-22, which is self-explanatory. They have encouraged the commissioners to put forward any programs that are not relevant today but are cost-effective next meeting.

Also, Mr. Jiang encouraged the commissioners to provide some of their program priorities for the next fiscal year so that staff can incorporate them into the next budgeting session next month.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Esports

Commissioners Lockwood and Calder met last week with city staff Stephen Jiang and Jon Wright and discussed the future of the Esports Program. They have decided to start from ground zero and that

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the program will begin at the community centers. There will be parent workshops, competitions within the centers, and reach out to other cities.

Commissioners Lockwood and Calder would like to know the number of Esports participants at each community center.

6.2 Proposed 2022 Annual Calendar

Moved by: Joe Nava, seconded by Henry Phillips

Vote: Motion carried 6-0

Yes: Spencer Lockwood, Joe Nava, Henry Phillips, Gina Calder, Ashley Jones, and Maria Mendez

No: None

Absent: Miguel Villapudua, Kimberly Warmesley, and Eric Duncan

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Jodi Almassy: Parks Update

Jodi Almassy, City Public Works Director, provided an update and report for the following:

- City Council approved the American Rescue Plan Spending, including eight Exeloo Restrooms in the following parks: Oak Park, Mattie Harrel Park, Victory Park, American Legion Park, Petterson Park, Paul E. Weston Park, Brotherhood Park, and Louis Park.
- We are very close to receiving equipment for four park sites. The vendor is set to ship one unit. The parks that needed new play equipment are Laughlin Park, Oak Park, Swenson Park, and American Legion Park. The installation of this equipment is between October through January.
- Repairs and refurbishment of play equipment are being done at various parks.
- The last community clean-up for this year was held at Laughlin Park.
- Brotherhood Park Improvements – the picnic tables, benches, and bar-b-que pit have arrived, and public works staff will be installing them soon. Also, the playground equipment replacement will be presented to the city council for approval in November.

Annotation:

Commissioner Nava had asked if city staff Jodi Almassy could respond to the public comment made by Mr. Marc Brandes regarding Weber Point Event Center hours.

Ms. Almassy responded why the city would not extend the hours because of excessive vandalism caused by people who do not usually use the event center recreationally. It costs the city thousands of dollars each time there's a repair due to vandalism.

7.2 Wright: Recreation Update

Jon Wright was absent. And Stephen Jiang, Deputy Director of Recreation, provided the following updates:

- The Recreation Online Activity Guide was published on September 1, 2021. City staff will send the link this week. The next publication will be in January 2022.
- The Youth Sports will commence on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

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- The Adult Softball Summer Season ends in October. Adult Basketball and Volleyball Fall Season registration will begin in October.
 - There will be two week Fall Camp starting October 4 through October 15 for 5 – 12 years old.
 - October is the busiest month for softball and soccer fields rentals.
 - Concerts in the Park: October 13 at Stribley Park. And October 14 at Van Buskirk Park.
 - Pixie Woods Monster Mash – October 23.
 - Annual Harvest Festival at each Community Centers – October 28.
 - Spooktacular Movie at the Point – October 29.

7.3 Jiang: Department Update

Stephen Jiang, Deputy Director, Recreation, provided the following update and report for Community Services Department:

- The California Conservation Corps has completed its work at the former Van Buskirk Golf Course.
- Family Resource and Referral Center vacated the Teen Impact Center on June 30, 2021. The staff was planning to move the Sports & Fields and Special Events offices to Teen Center, but it will be delayed due to the unsafe condition of the roof.
- The ribbon-cutting of the Cricket Grounds is scheduled for October 15 at Anderson Park. Also, there will be a two-day Cricket Tournament on October 16 and 17.
- The Aquatic Season ended on Labor Day weekend. There were over 10,938 admitted into the pools last summer.
- Silver Lake Camp was at risk of burning down during the caldor fire. The camp will be closed during the winter, and it will reopen in spring.

8. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

8.1 Stockton Unified School District Update

Commissioner Mendez provided the following updates for Stockton Unified School District:

- The district had signed a contract with nursing healthcare to assist staff in contact tracing and COVID-19 protocols.
- The independent study/virtual academy is increasing in numbers.
- The district is experiencing a shortage of teachers and substitute teachers. They conducted a Job Fair and offered sign-on bonuses, but still few applied.

8.2 Lincoln Unified School District Update

- Lincoln district is also struggling to find teachers, substitute teachers, and bus drivers.
- The district has a nursing staff at each Lincoln location to help with tracking and reporting COVID cases.

8.3 Lodi Unified School District Update

Commissioner Nava provided the following updates for Lodi Unified School District.

- The Lodi district gave a raise to the substitute teachers to make it more attractive to retain the teachers.

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- The district is also struggling to find bus drivers.
 - The Lodi district will have a Fall Break from October 4 through October 15.
 - The district still requires masks for all indoor activities, and outdoor activities masks are not required.
 - Lodi district is being proactive on Senate Bill 328. The bill is about the starting time of school. No high school can start earlier than 8:30 a.m. beginning in 2022. This bill presents a lot of problems because of transportation, athletics, clubs, and others. Also, middle school cannot start before 8:00 a.m.

8.4 Manteca Unified School District Update

None

8.5 San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Update

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

11. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Phillips appreciates the Parks and Recreation staff for opening the Parks and Community Centers.
- Commissioner Lockwood thanked Jodi Almassy and her staff for their hard work in maintaining the parks and event venues. He encouraged other members to join the meeting in person next month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., Moved by Joe Nava and seconded by Henry Phillips.

The next meeting of the Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chamber, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202.