



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/05/2021

ITEM NO: 1

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

The Parks Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Stephenson, Commissioners Alves, Buncic, Corenson, Gordon, Ober.

Absent: Youth Commissioner Emami (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks Commission Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Corenson to approve Consent Item 1.
Seconded by Commissioner Ober.

VOTE: Motion passed 5/1. Commissioner Alves abstained.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None reported.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Nominations/Appointment of Parks Commission Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Corenson to nominate Vice-Chair Stephenson as Chair of the Parks Commission. **Seconded** by Commissioner Ober. Vice-Chair Stephenson accepted the nomination.

No discussion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5/1. Vice-Chair Stephenson abstained.

MOTION: Motion by Chair Stephenson to nominate Commissioner Ober as Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission. **Seconded** by Commissioner Buncic. Commissioner Ober accepted the nomination.

No discussion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Nominations/Appointment of Beautification Committee Member

MOTION: Motion by Chair Stephenson to nominate Commissioner Corenson as Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission. **Seconded** by Commissioner Ober. Commissioner Corenson accepted the nomination.

No discussion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Park Stewardship Program

Commissioner Gordon verbally reported on the item.

5. Union Ave Community Garden Concept

Matt Morley, PPW Director, introduced the item and welcomed Kevin Arroyo to provide an update.

Kevin Arroyo provided a PowerPoint presentation as a follow-up on details from the December Parks Commission meeting regarding the Pinehurst Community Garden proposal.

The Commission discussed and asked questions. Mr. Arroyo provided clarification.

6:38 p.m. - Youth Commissioner Emami joined the meeting.

The item was opened up for Verbal Communication.

Amy, member of the Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition, advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion in Los Gatos. Asked for consideration for a native land acknowledgement at the community garden, i.e., sign or plaque within a bench.

Heidi Owens, resident, spoke in support of the proposed community garden project. commented on the benefits a community garden brings, which include a social element and security. Ms. Owens commented on the importance of thinking about equity in terms of how funds should be spent across the whole of Los Gatos, including the east side which is where this is proposed.

Matt Morley, PPW Director, provided information on the next steps, which would include identifying this as a Capital Project, asking for Commission input/feedback and staff would bring forward to Town Council for consideration.

The Commission discussed.

6. Los Gatos in Lights

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the downtown lights.

7. PPW Director's Report

A) General Plan Update – Review of the 2020 General Plan Document

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the item.

B) Review Prop 68 - https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30095

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the item.

C) Park Operations – Open/Closure Status due to Covid-19

Jim Harbin, Superintendent, and Jerett Blaskey, Park Service Officer, verbally reported on the item.

D) Vegetation Management – Roadside, Open Space, and Kennedy Meadows

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the item.

E) Capital Improvement Projects – FY 20/21 – Projects

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the item.

F) Events

Matt Morley, PPW Director, verbally reported on the item

8. Youth Commission Report

Commissioner Emami provided an update on the item.

9. Beautification Committee Liaison Report

No report given.

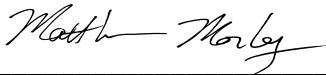
COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting as approved by the Parks Commission.



Matt Morley, Director of Parks and Public Works