

## RESOLUTION 2023-062

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2016-057 AND ADOPTING AN ENABLING RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, Town Code Section 19.20.010 of the Los Gatos Town Code provides that the Town Council shall establish a Parks Commission for the Town by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2002, The Town Council established a Park Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2023, the Town Council approved changing to the name of the Parks Commission to the "Parks and Sustainability Commission;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, that the Town Council does hereby approve:

1. Changing the name of the Parks Commission to the "Parks and Sustainability Commission;" and
2. Establishing the terms and conditions for appointment to and conduct of the Parks and Sustainability Commission as follows:

#### Membership/Organization

- a. The Parks and Sustainability Commission shall consist of seven (7) members: six (6) adult voting members appointed by Council, whose terms of office shall be three (3) years and until their successors are appointed by Council and one (1) Youth Commissioner as a voting member, appointed by the Youth Commission, whose term of office shall be for one (1) year with no limitations on reappointment.
- b. All adult members of the Commission shall reside within the incorporated municipal limits of the Town of Los Gatos, California.
- c. Commission members shall serve without compensation, provided that, with advance budgetary approval of the Town Council, the actual and necessary expenses (if any) incurred by the members in the conduct of Town business shall be reimbursable pursuant to the provisions of the current Administrative Policy.
- d. The Commission shall establish a regular time and location for its meetings and shall otherwise call and conduct its meetings in compliance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 and following).
- e. A majority of members of the Parks Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Commission.

- f. The Parks Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair, both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Terms of office shall be for one (1) year.
  - g. Staff services as required shall be provided to the Parks Commission by the Parks and Public Works Director, or his/her designee.
  - h. Meeting attendance requirements will conform with all current Town Resolutions and Policies.
  - i. A record of all minutes and resolutions of the Commission shall be kept and shall be a public record.
3. Establishing the Commission as an advisory body to the Town Council which operates in the manner hereinafter prescribed as follows:

**Powers and Duties**

- a. The function of the Commission shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council regarding Town policies within its scope of expertise; specifically, on matters pertaining to public parks, off-street trails, open space, grounds, street trees and sustainability topics pertaining to the natural environment that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- b. With the prior approval of, and/or at the direction of, the Town Council or its delegate, the Commission shall receive public input, evaluate options, and make recommendations on policy issues including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Policies and procedures on park, trail, open space, and street tree programs.
  - 2. Policies and procedures relating to sustainability of the natural environment, such as landscape maintenance, water usage, ecosystem protection, and educational programs on these topics.
  - 3. Inventories of park, trail, open space, and street tree services that exist or may be needed, and of the needs of the public regarding these services.
  - 4. Coordination of park, trail, open space, street tree and sustainability services with the programs of other governmental agencies and voluntary organizations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2016-057 is hereby rescinded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

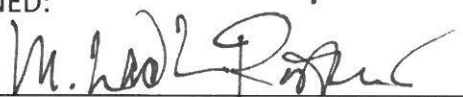
AYES: Mary Badame, Matthew Hudes, Rob Moore, Rob Rennie, Mayor Maria Ristow

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

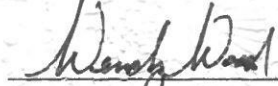
SIGNED:



MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 11-22-23

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 11-22-23