

MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02 pm
ROLL CALL: Chair: Pelchat
Commissioners Crain, Kennedy, Kolm, Shephard, Stone

Absences: Hemkin
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS** – Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Park and Recreation Commission. The audience should be aware that the Commission may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda. Note: Public input will also be taken during each agenda item.
3. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**
M/S – Commissioner Crain/Shephard to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, Unanimous
4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
A. Minutes from March 21, 2022
M/S – Commissioner Hemkin/Shephard to adopt the March 21, 2022 minutes as presented, Unanimous
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
6. **REPORTS**
A. Staff
Director Brandt provided an update on the status of upcoming summer activities including the release of the Summer 2022 Activities Guide which included pre-registration for Town summer camp programs starting late March. The Moraga Day Camp program reached 98% capacity prior to the release of the Summer Activity Guide demonstrating an increased demand for childcare programs. New additions in 2022 include Moraga Day Camp Jr., Camp Commons, Bubble-Palooza, and a Kid-Sized Concert with Mr. Elephant at the bandshell. New events include the “Welcome to the Garden” ribbon cutting ceremony at the Monarch Habitat and Demonstration Garden at Rancho Laguna Park and Town Tailgate, coming in August 2022.

Director Brandt announced that the Town Council formerly accepted West Commons Park into the park system, and recommended the Commission schedule a subsequent meeting to tour the new facility.

B. Liaison/Committee Reports

Schools (Crain) – Commissioner Cain announced the last day of school is May 27.

Art in Public Spaces Committee (Pelchat) – Commissioner Crain announced an upcoming Poetry Reading scheduled at the Hacienda Open House in May, and that the APSC would be looking to collaborate with the Park and Recreation Commission on various sculptures identified for West Commons Park.

Trails Report (Shephard/Kolm) – Commissioner Kolm announced a couple of new Scout projects are currently in development including a project along the La Sala Trail at the Hacienda near the botanical garden.

Volunteer Report (Kolm) – None

Other Reports - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Earth Day 2022 – Tree City USA, Sustainable Moraga Challenge, Mayor’s Monarch Pledge, Campolindo High School Environmental Club Tree Planting

Director Brandt provided an overview of the Town activities scheduled to align with Earth Day 2022 including announcement that the Town received recognition as a 2021 Tree City USA marking the 7th year the Town has been recognized for this status, and the planting of a Red Crape Myrtle by the Campolindo Environmental Club at Rancho Laguna Park on April 24. Upcoming marketing and social media campaigns are scheduled to remind residents and community members of the Sustainable Moraga Challenge through a partnership with Sustainable Contra Costa County.

B. 2022 Five-Year Capital Asset Replacement Program Recommendations

The Park and Recreation Commission received an update of the Capital Asset Replacement Program that was preliminary presented to the Town Council on April 13, 2022. Input is desired to formalize recommended asset replacement projects into the Town’s Capital Improvement Program for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

C. Receive Nomination and Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Park and Recreation Commission

A conversation ensued regarding the nomination and selection of Chair and Vice Chair positions.

M/S—Commissioner Stone/Shephard to nominate Christina Pelchat to continue as Chair for an additional term, Unanimous

M/S—Commissioner Shephard/Pelchat to nominate Tara Crain to serve as Vice Chair, Unanimous

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. May 16, 2022 Meeting – Potential In-Person Meeting at West Commons Park

The Commission discussed the desire for a tour of West Commons Park and the value of a special joint meeting with the Art in Public Spaces Committee given the proposed “Pear” sculpture previously considered, and new sculptures identified for West Commons Parks.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S—Commissioner Crain/Shephard to adjourn the April 18, 2022 Meeting, at 7:55 p.m., Unanimous