

**MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 – 7:00 pm**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 pm  
**ROLL CALL:** Chair: Giomi  
Commissioners Crain, Fielding, Haskin, Pelchat, Shephard

Absences: Kolm

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.

Public Comments were submitted electronically by Lynda Deschambault and read into the public record.

3. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**

**M/S – Commissioner Fielding/Crain to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, Unanimous**

4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes from April 21, 2020**

**M/S – Commissioner Crain/Fielding to adopt the April 21, 2020 minutes as presented, Unanimous**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Skate Park Safety Signage Installation is Complete**

Director Brandt announced that the final component of the Skate Park Improvement Project, the safety signage installation, has been completed.

6. **REPORTS**

**A. Staff**

Director Brandt provided an update on the graffiti damage to the Town's Electronic Community Information Sign (ECIS) that occurred at the beginning of May and the estimated timeframe for the repairs to occur.

**B. Liaison/Committee Reports**

Schools (Crain) – Commissioner Crain announced that the Moraga School District is currently preparing reopening options for August 2020 and awaiting additional guidance from the State of California and Contra Costa County.

Art in Public Spaces Committee (Fielding) – No Report

Trails Report (Shephard/Kolm) – No Report

Volunteer Report (Kolm) – None

Other Reports

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Status Update on Public Facilities and Community Events**

Director Brandt provided an update to the Commission on the Town's park and recreation facilities listing what is open (including parks, open space, trails, skate park, park restrooms) and what is currently closed (playgrounds, picnic areas, courts, off-leash hours suspended, and park parking lots). Closures are determined by the most recent Health Officer Order issued by Contra Costa County. The Commission discussed the cancellation of the Town's traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and fireworks display and discussed options and opportunities for virtual celebrations. Public comments made by Ellen Beans, encouraged the commissioners and community to come forward and spearhead appropriate celebrations despite COVID-19 restrictions.

**B. Moraga's Tree City USA History and Status**

Director Brandt provided an overview of the Town's history with the Tree City USA program and the requirements essential to obtaining status. A discussion ensued, and the commission requested Director Brandt to assess some additional requirements with the Urban and Community Forestry Department to be discussed at a later date.

**C. New Town of Moraga Website – Community Review and Feedback**

Director Brandt shared an update on the development status of the new Town of Moraga website. The Park and Recreation Commissioners were requested to participate in the community review and feedback portion of the development process along with several other community members. Community input remains an essential component to further refine aspects of the site and improve functionality. The new Town website is scheduled to launch in June 2020.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Shephard requested a follow-up item pertaining to the Tree City USA program status discussion.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S—Commissioner Shephard/Fielding to adjourn the May 19, 2020 Special Meeting, at 7:47 p.m., in memory of Dan Bernie (known as D.I.) the Town's longtime Public Works Superintendent, Unanimous**