City of Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)

2019 Annual Retreat

Meeting Minutes

PRC Commissioners Present: David Moss, Don McDougall, Keith Reckdahl, Jeff Greenfield, Anne Cribbs, Ryan McCauley, Jeff LaMere

Councilmember Alison Cormack Present

Staff Present: Kristen O’Kane, Daren Anderson, Monique LeConge Ziesenhenne, Peter Jensen, Natalie Khwaja

Confirmation of agenda by Chair McDougall

1.) Introduction of Councilmember Alison Cormack – New City Council liaison to PRC
   - Proposed Council Priorities that relate to the PRC
     - Climate change
       ▪ Start identifying areas in which we can improve
     - Cubberley Master Plan
       ▪ Proposed by Councilmembers Cormack and Dubois at the Council retreat
   - Final 2019 Council Priorities
     1. Climate/Sustainability and Climate Action Plan;
     2. Grade Separations;
     3. Transportation and Traffic; and
     4. Fiscal Sustainability

2.) 2018 National Citizen Survey Results
   - Chair McDougall reported on the results of the survey related to Parks, Recreation and Open Space. The Chair noted that residents continue to give parks high ratings. There was some discussion as to why “Recreational Opportunities” declined by 6% from 2017 to 2018.

3.) Review of 2018 Accomplishments (ATTACHMENT)
4.) Staff Priorities for 2019

- **Master Plan Projects (P. Jensen), projects set within a 5-year time frame**
  - Rinconada Park and Junior Museum and Zoo plan
  - Boulware Park
  - Ramos Park
  - Pickleball
  - Dog Park
  - Parks Restroom
  - Cubberley Restroom

- **Parks Projects (D. Anderson)**
  - Baylands Sailing Station/Dock
  - Trail Projects
  - Palo Alto Christian Church community garden partnership
  - 10.5 Acre outreach and planning
    - Baylands Sport Complex
      - Finalized preliminary steps
      - Working on conceptual design
      - Potential for revenue
  - Wildlife Habitat Preservation
  - Park Rules and Regulations
  - 7.7 Open to the public, working now on outreach

- **CSD Projects (K. O’Kane)**
  - Cubberley Master Plan
    - Currently working on public feedback/community meetings
    - Ad Hocs can eventually assist with narrowing down features/
      working through plan
    - No funding beyond master plan at this time

- **Council Projects (Councilmember Cormack)**
  - Climate Change Mitigation
5.) Identifying PRC 2019 Priorities

- Priorities
  - Baylands 10.5 Acres Use and Development
  - Cubberley Master Plan
  - Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan (BCCP)
  - Recreation Opportunity Analysis
  - Identify Funding Needs, Opportunities, and Strategies
    - Capital and Operating

- Guiding Principles
  - Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)
  - Climate Change
  - Recreation Diversity Focus
  - Park Amenities Maintenance and Improvements
  - Policy Rules and Regulations
  - Partnerships (Public and Private)
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