



**City of Palo Alto**  
**City Council Staff Report**

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**Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 5/1/2017**

**Summary Title: Byxbee Park Proclamation**

**Title: Proclamation Recognizing Progress on Byxbee Park**

**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: City Clerk**

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Proclamation Recognizing Progress on Byxbee Park



# Proclamation

## Byxbee Park

**WHEREAS**, Palo Alto residents, artists, contractors and staff from various city departments have worked hard over many years to transform the City's closed landfill into the 130 acre Byxbee Park in the Baylands; and

**WHEREAS**, John Fletcher Byxbee, the City's first City Engineer, began planning for the Baylands in 1923, and City Council dedicated the area as parkland in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, visionary Council Members, Commissioners and residents led the development of a plan to convert the landfill into a series of hills, trails and lookouts for hikers, birders and bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, Palo Alto developed a Zero Waste Plan in 2005 and closed the landfill in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, over 600,000 truckloads, totaling over one million cubic yards of clean soil, enough soil to fill City Hall's first six floors, was used to cap the refuse. The peak day saw 550 truckloads of soil arriving, or one per minute; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Works' Staff led the construction of methane, leachate and storm water control systems, as well as the capping, grading, trail installation and planting of drought tolerant vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services' Staff led the community engagement, design and plant selection of vegetative islands, as well as the installation of signs and benches; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Services' Staff, the Attorney's Office and other Departments' Staff contributed to the Byxbee effort with excellent financial, administrative and legal support; and

**WHEREAS**, Tou Bar Equipment Company, based in East Palo Alto worked tirelessly, and with great dedication as the lead contractor for the City, to cap the landfill, install environmental protection systems and create Byxbee Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, H. Gregory Scharff**, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby gratefully acknowledge Public Work's Zero Waste Team, Community Services' Open Space Team, Tou Bar Equipment Company, and all others who contributed to the creation of Palo Alto's newest park, Byxbee Park.

Presented: May 1, 2017

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**H. Gregory Scharff**  
Mayor