

**CITY OF CAMPBELL  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA  
March 1, 2023  
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Commission convened for its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Doherty, Fidrych, Ishibashi, Lee, Mitchell, Teeter  
**ABSENT:** Beitz  
**STAFF:** Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell, Public Works Director Todd Capurso, Recording Secretary Rebekah Rodriguez

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MSC:** Doherty/Ishibashi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of February 1, 2022.

**AYES:** Doherty, Fidrych, Ishibashi, Lee, Mitchell

**ABSTAIN:** Teeter

**NOES:** None

**Presentations:**

NONE.

**Oral Requests:**

NONE.

**Unfinished Business:**

NONE.

**New Business:**

**A. PRC Appointments – 4-year terms**

Recreation and Community Services Director, Natasha Bissell, welcomed the new Commissioners and asked Tina Lee to tell us about herself.

**B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**MSC:** Doherty/Teeter to elect Allen Ishibashi to be Parks and Recreation Commission Chair for 2023.

**AYES:** Doherty, Fidrych, Lee, Mitchell, Teeter

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NOES:** None

**MSC:** Teeter/Doherty to elect Tracy Mitchell to be Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair for 2023.

**AYES:** Doherty, Fidrych, Ishibashi, Lee, Teeter

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NOES:** None

### **C. Committee Assignments**

Chair Ishibashi gave a brief description of the duties of each committee. New Committee assignments are as follows:

Parks and Creek Trail: Chair Sharon Teeter, Members Fidrych and Doherty.

Trees: Chair Bob Fidrych, Members Ishibashi and Beitz.

Special Events: Chair Tracy Mitchell, Members Doherty and Lee.

### **D. Bunnies and Bonnets Parade**

Recreation and Community Services Director, Natasha Bissell asked if there were any commissioners who would like to participate in the parade for this year and if so, to start on a float. Three commissioners will be available and will join another commission to participate in the float.

### **E. Canadian Geese**

Public Works Director, Todd Capurso, brought this issue forward to the commission for discussion as to what staff are doing to deter and discourage the geese. Parks Supervisor, Bob Siudzinski, continued the discussion on the Canadian Geese as to what they like and when they migrate. Bob proceeded to give a power point presentation demonstrating the different strategies staff use to deter the geese in City parks. Discussion proceeded with what season is more dominant for the geese and it looks like summertime is when they are seen more. The drought has not been a factor for them to be in Campbell.

### **F. Los Gatos Creek County Park – Dog Park**

Public Works Director, Todd Capurso gave a background on the Dog Park located at the Los Gatos Creek County Park. The Dog Park was originally constructed by the City on County land. The County would like to do another joint project with the City of Campbell like the one that was done 18 years ago. It is a reasonable project in that the facility provides value to Campbell residents. The work needs to be done and it could be done by working with the County. Conversations between the City and County will proceed to see what project does come out of the discussion along with other agencies as well.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **A. Parks and Creek Trail**

Commissioner Doherty had been at John D. Morgan Park and it is looking fine but notices the Redwoods are not ok and asked if they will be taken down. Todd responded that staff is looking

on how best to reforest the Redwoods. Commissioner Teeter has been at Campbell Park and loved the new playground and the trails are good. Commissioner Fidrych said the rain is great for the parks. Chair Ishibashi mentioned the tree that came down at the Community Center on a fence and asked what is going to happen to get the fence fixed.

**B. Trees**

No reports.

**C. Special Events**

Fun Run was well attended, and everyone was out there even though it was a little chilly.

**Staff Reports:**

**A. Parks –Parks Supervisor Bob Siudzinski**

- Many trees and limbs came down during the last windstorm and staff worked so well together to get it all cleared and cleaned up.
- Spring is coming and so the turf is the next item to take care of. Conservation of water is still a concern.
- Annual Pesticide Training for staff to take and how to use each of the pesticides. Pest Control Advisors also come out and give staff key information on how to use the pesticides.
- Dogs in playground areas has been an issue so staff has placed no dog signs allowed in specific playgrounds.

**B. Recreation & Community Services –Recreation and Community Services Director Natasha Bissell**

- Heritage Theater hosted the Highwaymen Show on Saturday, February 25 and sold 660 tickets. The next show in the lineup is Voctave on Friday, March 24 which is an a cappella group. Tickets for this show are still available and can be purchased at [www.heritagetheatre.org](http://www.heritagetheatre.org).
- The Ainsley House and the Campbell Historical Museum will both reopen on Friday, March 3, 2023.
- It will be basically three years since the Historical Museum has been open due to Covid and later damage from flooding.
- School field trips will be returning to the Historical Museum this month as well.
- The Ainsley House Spring Garden Concert Series will kick off with Ren Geisick on March 19, 2023, tickets can be purchased at [www.campbellmuseums.com](http://www.campbellmuseums.com).
- The History Happy Hours are also returning, the first one in April which is Haunted San Jose is already sold out. May will be History Happy Hour with Judge Paul Bernal: The Brooke Hart kidnapping, and murder and June will be the History Happy Hour with David Blinn: Spies in Campbell. This is a true story about a Campbell resident who was trained in Moscow as a Russian Spy.
- Our Youth Basketball League will be closing out their season on March 4, 2023.
- Our Summer Preview Activity Guide is online for everyone to view. We will be having early bird registration for all of our swim lessons and summer camps beginning on March 14 for residents and open to all on March 15.
- This summer we are also expanding our recreation swim hours to provide more access to the community. It will be Tuesday through Friday 1:30 – 3:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 5pm. Mondays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm is designated for 50+ only. Individual days can be purchased for \$2.50 per visit or a summer swim pass can be purchased for \$50 per person.

- We will also be hosting Family Themed Swim Nights several times this summer which will be held on Friday evenings. More information to come.
- On March 4, we are hosting an Open House event from 9 am to 12 pm. We encourage all of you to come by and visit. It will be a great opportunity to meet our staff, meet instructors, learn about a variety of classes and programs we have to offer. We will also be doing swim assessments to help parents identify which level their child should be in for summer swim lessons. There will be live music and the Kona Ice Truck as well for patrons to enjoy. Our Pre-School will also be hosting an open house for registration for the next school year for parents to stop in and visit. The Campbell Library will have their bookmobile and the Friends of the Library will be hosting a book sale. Late in the afternoon the Youth Commission will be hosting a teen job fair in the Orchard City Banquet Hall.
- "I heart Campbell" Shirts are available to the commissioners, and they need to contact Natasha with size.

### **Good of the Game**

Chair Ishibashi would like to see the skate park on the agenda sometime soon. Commissioner Mitchell welcomed Commissioner Teeter back and welcomed Commissioner Lee to the commission. The Commission once again congratulated Bob Siudzinski as Park Supervisor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

*Rebekah Rodriguez*

Rebekah Rodriguez, Recording Secretary