MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
April 17, 2012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Chuck Blair, Ray Gamma, Steve Lee, Jerry Marsalli, Mike O'Halloran, Cynthia Owens.
EXCUSED:	Tino Silva.
STAFF PRESENT:	James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation.
PUBLIC:	Matthew Silva.

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION — None. Recommendation brought forward by separate Agenda Report.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ORDER OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Owens at 7:02 p.m. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Lee, the Commission approved an excused absence for Commissioner Silva. A member of the public was recognized and welcomed to the meeting. The order of agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes was postponed until May 15, 2012.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

A. The Commission reviewed an invitation to attend the Council Study Session regarding the proposed FY2012-13 Operating Budget on May 22, 2012 in the Council Chambers.
B. The Commission reviewed an invitation to attend the Public Hearing to review the Proposed FY2012-13 Annual Budgets on June 12, 2011 in the Council Chambers.
C. The Commission reviewed the announcement of the retirement of the City Manager and expressed their thanks for her City service, leadership and support of Parks & Recreation over the years.
D. The Commission reviewed an invitation to attend a workshop presented by the California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members on May 12, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Hollister from 9 am to 2 pm.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Art & Wine Festival Planning. The Commission discussed the acceptance of beer and wine tokens from previous years at this year's Festival and agreed that there is a need to print signs to inform patrons of the change in token color. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Lee, the Commission (6-0-1) recommended limiting acceptance of tokens to only those purchased in the current year. The Commissioners also discussed the potential for future use of mobile electronic payment at the glass and token booths.
B. Partnership Sub-committee. No report due to cancellation of the meeting. The Commission noted that the topic could be delayed to a less busy time of the year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Commission discussed the issue of animals at the July 4th All-City Picnic to be held in Central Park. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Gamma, the Commission (6-0-1) recommended that the Council adopt a Resolution declaring a temporary restriction and control of animals (excepting service animals) at the Santa Clara All City Picnic in Central Park on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

B. The Commission discussed the issue of animals at the Art and Wine Festival to be held at Central Park. On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Blair, the Commission (6-0-1) recommended that the Council adopt a Resolution declaring a temporary restriction and control of animals (excepting service animals) at the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival in Central Park on Saturday, September 15, 2012 and Sunday, September 16, 2012.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Director Teixeira invited the Commission to attend the following upcoming special events: Santa Clara Kiwanis Fish Derby Saturday April 21, 2012 from 6:30 to11:00 a.m. at the Civic Center Plaza; the annual Arbor Day on Friday April 27, 2012 from 9 a.m. to noon at meadow behind the Triton Museum. It was noted that the Summer Recreation Activity Guide had been distributed to residents.

B. Director Teixeira announced that the installation of Fairway Glen Park Playground equipment would be completed by May 3, 2012; the Parkway Park Restroom was complete and open to the general public; Ross Recreation will be replacing the Slalom Glider Slide (subject to a manufacturer recall) at no cost to the City in May; and, the Santa Clara Swim Club will be making additional donations to the International Swim Center in May.

C. Commissioners asked about the Stadium "make ready work" and impacts to the Youth Soccer Park. In particular, Commissioners asked if there were plans to remove the red curb along the end of the bulb on Stars & Stripes Blvd. from the Park Service Yard to the east entrance of Youth Soccer Park to accommodate the loss of YSP parking on the West side. A question was raised regarding the narrow size of the pedestrian entrance next to the Soccer Park East entrance.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Blair—Referred to staff the continued issue of off leash dogs and dog fights occuring at Henry Schmidt Park adjacent to the tennis courts along Los Padres. He requested consideration of alternative parking in the area of Washington Ball field during school district construction projects at Buchser Middle School's parking lot.

Commissioner Gamma—Reported on attendance various events and programs such as: the Santa Clara County Open Space visit to Ulistac Natural Area; ShowTime 2012 at the Community Recreation Center (CRC); April 7th Easter Egg Hunt at Central Park; and the annual Sister City's Potluck. Commissioner Gamma also provided Commission with news article regarding the Parks Commission in 1949.

Commissioner Lee—Thanked the Commission for excused absences due to foreign travel for work and noted that May will be his last meeting. Commissioner Lee commented on volunteering at the International Swim Center swim meet held April 14 and the need for a new swim center. Lee also mentioned his service on the California Association of Parks & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members which uses video conferencing, web tools and Facebook for direct electronic communications.

Commissioner Marsalli—Reported on volunteering at the ShowTime 2012 event at the CRC and the recognition of the founding director/writer, Cleo Stuckrath. Commissioner Marsalli noted: attendance at the City's Easter Egg Hunt; volunteers providing service at the Ulistac Wildflower Day; and, the donation to the City of chairs and carriers by the Santa Clara Veteran's Committee.

Commissioner O'Halloran—Reported on attendance at the Ulistac Wildflower Day event, a visit to the Saratoga Creek Trail, and Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club and the Youth Soccer Park.

Commissioner Owens—Reported on attending and volunteering at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Central Park and the continued concern for small children during the event due to adults entering the hunt areas despite given caution announcements. Commissioner Owens reported on the International Swim Meet to be held on May 31 to June 3rd, with finals to be held at 5 p.m. each evening.

Commissioner Silva—No Report.

VIII. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS—None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS—None.

X. ADJOURMENT—On a motion by Commissioner Marsalli and second by Commissioner Lee, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for May 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by: _____

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Michael O'Halloran
Secretary