

City of Calimesa

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Community Services Commission Wednesday, April 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Kanoti.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Renee Kanoti, Vice-Chair Alicia Aponte, Commissioner Howard Reeves, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Taylor

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Sellenne Sevilla, Associate Planner, Mari Shakir, Public Works Associate Engineer, Yaiza Benson, Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1. Approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REEVES, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR APONTE, CARRIED 4-0-0-1 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2023, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AS WRITTEN.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 2. COMMISSION DUTIES DISCUSSION

Commission Secretary Benson summarized the Commission guidelines for the new Commissioners and encouraged the Commission to send an email on any project, agenda item and event ideas they would like to discuss at the Commission meetings. Associate Engineer Shakir advised the Commission that while budget preparations are already underway for the next fiscal there is a benefit to discussing ideas, future events, and budgets to prepare for the following fiscal year.

Item 3. CONTINUED EARTH DAY EVENT DISCUSSION

Public Works Associate Engineer Shakir updated Commissioners on agencies that have committed to attending the event, also advised that some of the agencies who could not attend the event did send swag that could be given away. Shakir advised of the various activity booths for families like a pollination station that residents could plant flowering seeds for monarch butterflies and bees. There will be a rock painting station, and a falconer with various animals for families to learn about. The city will have a storm water runoff station with a spin wheel to win fun prizes like posters, stickers, water bottles, reusable straws and many more. Additionally, there will be a raffle of a picnic backpack and a gardening tote for those who receive a stamp from visiting all the booths.

Commissioners were asked to share event information with friends and neighbors to help spread the word. During the event Commissioners who can attend the event will be positioned at various booths and stations to assist staff.

Item 3. CONTINUED PARK EXPANSION DISCUSSION

Public Works Associate Engineer Shakir provided Commissioners with a brief update of the park expansion project since approval of the park design option. The landscape architect will work on the final product and have a more detailed cost estimate to bring back to the Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

- Chair Kanoti: Looking forward to the discussion of future community events at the next Commission meeting.
- Vice- Chair Aponte: Asked about the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as it relates to the Community Trails. Advised she is looking forward to bringing projects forward to the Commission.
- Commissioner Reeves: Would like to add to the next agenda a community recognition project and possibly a summer movies in the park.
- Commissioner Stamper: Expressed excitement to begin working with the Commission.
- Commissioner Taylor: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Parks, Trails and Community Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. to the Regular of the Parks, Trails and Community Services Commissions on May 3, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Commission Secretary

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
may 3, 2023

Approved by Council:
may 15, 2023