



**MINUTES
REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

March 2, 2020

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
275 MAIN STREET, TOP FLOOR**

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION

**PCS STAFF: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB
SENIOR ADMINISTRATION ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II MARCO DIAZ**

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – NONE

3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner DeWorken extended an invitation to the Commission about the upcoming Community Mural Paint Day that will take place at Calabasas Elementary School on March 23rd. Commissioner Sanchez attended the Library Commission and assisted with the Library's strategic plan.

3.3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Calubaquib announced the resignation of Commissioner Kristian Flores from the Parks & Recreation Commissioner and the search for a replacement for District 6, and recommends interested individuals to contact the City Clerk's Office. Director Calubaquib informed the Commission that the Department is going through a software transition, where the new software will provide more beneficial features for customers and teammates. A launch date is planned for April, and coincides with the release of the Summer/Fall activity guide. Director Calubaquib provided information on upcoming events: the 18th Annual Cesar Chavez Community Awards on March 26th, the grand re-opening ceremony of the Muzzio Park Playground on April 9th, the Easter Eggstravaganza at Pinto Lake City Park on April 18th, and the Beer, Wine and Art Walk on May 9th. Director Calubaquib also shared that the City Plaza and Watsonville Strawberry Festival were awarded as "Best in Pajaro Valley" by the Register Pajaronian.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2019

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Hayashibara, seconded by Commissioner Carrasco and carried by the following vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 4, 2019, with correction to item 4.1, Commissioners Sanchez, Carrasco & Flores as absent votes for Minutes approval.

AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION

ABSTAIN: NONE

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

6.1 UPDATE ON THE CITY’S ENROLLMENT INTO THE AARP AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THE COUNTY-WIDE INITIATIVE BY PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CALUBAQUIB

Director Calubaquib provided a report on the City’s enrollment into the AARP Age Friendly Communities and the support to older adult services and the operation of the Watsonville Senior Center. Community member Gabriel Barraza commented that he works with Adult Protective Services and is happy that the City is participating in the Age Friendly Communities, and recommends the City collaborate with the Adult Protective Services. Community member Lourdes Barraza shared that mental health is not included in the eight domains of Livability, and recommends that mental health be included for consideration. Commissioner inquired about participating in the Age Friendly Community and Director Calubaquib provided clarification.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AWARD THREE (3) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC ART IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) EACH TO PRISCILLA MARTINEZ, ESPERANZA DEL VALLE AND HUMBERTO CAMACHO/GRACIELA VEGA BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES

- a) **STAFF REPORT** – Senior Administrative Analyst Flores presented recommendations to award three (3) grants for public art in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and provided information of the Public Art Grant and the public art pieces selected.
- b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – The Commissioners thanked the Public Art Grant awardees for their efforts and for sharing their talents. Commissioners inquired about the Public Art Grant and Senior Administrative Analyst Flores responded and provided clarification.
- c) **PUBLIC INPUT** – Graciela Vega thanked the Commission for supporting the public art selected. Gabriel Barraza is the Board President of Grupo Folklorico Raices Mestizas and offered their support for the three public art pieces selected. Maximiliano Barraza shared he enjoys dancing folklorico. Itxel Barraza enjoys performing in folklorico dances and learning the heritage. Lourdes Barraza is excited to network with the various folklorico dance groups. Providence Medrano loves dancing folklorico and suggested having a dedicated space to hold dance practices.
- d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION: MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner DeWorken, seconded by Commissioner Carrasco and carried by the following vote to award three (3) grants for public art in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each to Priscilla Martinez, Esperanza Del Valle and Humberto Camacho/Graciela Vega.

AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION
ABSTAIN: NONE

7.2 APPROVE TWO PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AT RAMSAY PARK: MOVEABLE MURALS AND SKYLIGHT MOSAIC BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES

- a) **STAFF REPORT** – Senior Administrative Analyst Flores informed the Commission the City of Watsonville, in partnership with Pajaro Valley Arts and Community Arts & Empowerment collaborated on and were awarded a grant from the California Arts Council to create new public art pieces for Ramsay Park and recommends the Commission approved two public art projects at Ramsay Park: the Moveable Murals and Skylight Mosaic.

- b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – Commissioners asked questions about the art pieces and Senior Administrative Analyst Flores responded to inquiries.
- c) **PUBLIC INPUT** – Kathleen Crocetti of Community Arts & Empowerment provided information of the artists who created the art pieces.
- d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION: MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner DeWorken, seconded by Commissioner Hayashibara and carried by the following vote to approve two public art projects at Ramsay Park: Moveable Murals submissions by Cesar Chavez Middle School and two from Watsonville High School; and the Skylight Mosaic submission Birds in the Heart.
 - AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ**
 - NOES: NONE**
 - ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION**
 - ABSTAIN: NONE**

7.3 APPROVE THE SECOND AND THIRD IMAGES OF THE WATSONVILLE BRILLANTE ART PROJECT ON CITY PROPERTY BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST ADRIANA FLORES

- a) **STAFF REPORT** – Senior Administrative Analyst Flores recommends the Commission approve two (2) images with the highest number of community votes from artist Juan Fuentes for the Watsonville Brillante Project for the large vertical sections at the Rodriguez Street Parking Garage. Senior Administrative Analyst Flores provided background information of Watsonville Brillante and the proposed designs with assistance from Kathleen Crocetti of Community Arts and Empowerment.
- b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – Commissioners inquired about the project and Senior Administrative Analyst Flores answered and provided clarification.
- c) **PUBLIC INPUT** - NONE
- d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION: MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Carrasco, seconded by Commissioner Hayashibara and carried by the following vote to approve the second and third images of the Watsonville Brillante Art Project on City property.
 - AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ**
 - NOES: NONE**
 - ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION**
 - ABSTAIN: NONE**

7.4 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

- a) **NOMINATION PERIOD** – Commissioner Hayashibara nominates Commissioner Sanchez as Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Sanchez accepts nomination.
- b) **PUBLIC INPUT** - NONE
- c) **MOTION ELECTING CHAIRPERSON** – Commission took a vote.
 - AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ**
 - NOES: NONE**
 - ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION**
 - ABSTAIN: NONE**

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON.

7.5 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- a) **NOMINATION PERIOD** – Commissioner Hayashibara nominates Commissioner Carrasco as Vice-Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Commissioner Carrasco accepts nomination.
- b) **PUBLIC INPUT** - NONE

c) **MOTION ELECTING VICE-CHAIRPERSON** – Commission took a vote.

AYES: CARRASCO, DEWORKEN, HAYASHIBARA, SANCHEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: FLORES, HURTADO, SENCION

ABSTAIN: NONE

COMMISSIONER CARRASCO ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

7.6 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN REVIEW

a) **STAFF REPORT** – Director Calubaquib provided a progress report to the Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan projects.

b) **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & INPUT** – Commissioners asked questions and Director Calubaquib responded to inquiries.

c) **PUBLIC INPUT** - NONE

d) **APPROPRIATE ACTION** – NO ACTION

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm