Recreation Commission Agenda and Report

General Order of Business

1. Preliminary
   A. Call to Order
   B. Salute to the Flag
   C. Roll Call
2. Consent Calendar
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Communications
5. Staff Presentations/Ceremonial Items
6. Action Items
7. Commission Referrals
8. Commission and Staff Communications
9. Adjournment

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council Chambers will not be open for November 3, 2021 meeting of the Recreation Commission. The meeting will be conducted remotely via video/teleconference.

The Public may watch and/or participate in the public meeting by joining the meeting through the Zoom Videoconference link provided below. The public may also join the meeting by calling the below listed teleconference phone number.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments at the November 3, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting, you may either: (1) submit your comments by email prior to the meeting, or (2) by Spoken Public Comment during the meeting.

How to submit Public Communications/Public Comment by email prior to the meeting:
Send an email to tleung@fremont.gov by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number and meeting date in the subject line of your email, or specify that it is not related to an agenda item. Emails will be compiled into files by agenda item number, distributed to the Recreation Commission and staff, and published in the City’s Agenda Center on www.fremont.gov. Electronic comments on agenda items for the Recreation Commission meeting may only be submitted by email. Comments via text and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) will not be accepted.

How to provide Spoken Public Comment during the meeting: The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Whether you participate online or by phone, you may wish to "arrive" early so that you can address any technology questions prior to the start of the meeting.
How to provide Spoken Public Comment during the meeting (cont.):

1) By online:
   Recreation Commission Zoom Webinar: https://zoom.us/j/91651700536
   a. Use a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge 12+, Safari 7+.
      Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer. Mute all
      other audio before speaking. Using multiple devices can cause an audio feedback.
   b. Enter an email address and name. The name will be visible online and will be used to notify you
      that it is your turn to speak.
   c. When the Chair calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raisehand.” Speakers
      will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
   d. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted.

2) By phone:
   833-430-0037 (toll free)
   Webinar ID: 916 5170 0536
   Press*9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone.

Order of Discussion
Generally, the order of discussion after introduction of an item by the Chair will include comments and
information by staff followed by Recreation Commission questions or inquiries. The applicant, or their
authorized representative, or interested citizens may then speak on the item. At the close of public discussion,
the item will be considered by the Recreation Commission and action taken.

Consent Calendar
Items on the Consent Calendar (printed on separate sheet) are considered to be routine by the Recreation
Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a
Commissioner or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and
considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Addressing the Recreation Commission
Any person may speak on any item under discussion by the Recreation Commission after receiving recognition
by the Chair. Speaker cards will be available at the speaker’s podium prior to and during the meeting. To
address the Commission, a card must be submitted to the Clerk indicating name, address and the number of the
item upon which a person wishes to speak. Speakers are required to line up to conserve time between speakers.
When addressing the Recreation Commission, please walk to the rostrum located directly in front of the
Commission. State your name and address. In order to ensure all persons have the opportunity to speak, a time
limit may be set by the Chair for each speaker. In the interest of time, please limit your comments to new
material; do not repeat what a prior speaker has said.

Public Communications
Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under the Public
Communications section. Please be aware provisions of California Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
prohibit the Recreation Commission from taking any immediate action on an item which does not appear on the
agenda, unless it meets stringent requirements. The Chair may limit the length of your presentation.

Assistance
Assistance will be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Interested persons must request the accommodation at least 2 working
days in advance of the meeting by contacting the Community Services Department at (510) 494-4347.
Information
For Information on current agenda items please contact the Community Services Department at (510) 494-4347.

Copies of the Agenda and Report are available at the Community Services Department administrative office at 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B and are available at each Commission meeting. In addition, complete agenda packets will be available for review at the Commission meeting or at the Community Services Department office three days prior to Commission meetings.

Information about the City or items scheduled on the Agenda and Report may be referred to:

Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant
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3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B
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Telephone: (510) 494-4347

Your interest in the conduct of your City’s business is appreciated.

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AGENDA
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NOVEMBER 3, 2021
7:00 P.M.

1. PRELIMINARY
   A. Call to Order
   B. Salute to the Flag
   C. Roll Call

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   • October 6, 2021

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS
   5.1 An update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be provided.

6. ACTION ITEMS
   6.1 CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR INCLUSION ON A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR THE NEW DOWNTOWN EVENT CENTER AND PLAZA LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN (PWC9032).
      Recommend to the City Council a quote that will be included on a commemorative plaque for the new Downtown Event Center and Plaza located at 3500 Capitol Avenue.

7. COMMISSION REFERRALS

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT
CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR INCLUSION ON A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR THE
NEW DOWNTOWN EVENT CENTER AND PLAZA LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN
(PWC9032).

Recommend to the City Council a quote that will be included on a commemorative plaque for the new
Downtown Event Center and Plaza located at 3500 Capitol Avenue.

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BACKGROUND: The Recreation Commission has provided input and has taken several actions related
to the Downtown Event Center and Plaza project over the course of several years, including providing
early input at a work session and recommending approval to the City Council on the park master plan,
public artwork and naming of the facility. Construction of the project was finally completed last month.

On October 8, 2021, the community came together to celebrate the grand opening of the Downtown Event
Center and Plaza at the heart of Downtown on Capitol Avenue, between State Street and Liberty Street.
The center consists of a 13,400-square-foot community center, including three meeting rooms varying in
size from approximately 4,100 square feet to 1,200 square feet, a catering kitchen, restroom facilities, a
large welcoming lobby/gathering space of 2,900 square feet, and a service yard at the rear. In addition, the
one-acre plaza provides outdoor space to facilitate the diverse programmatic needs of the community.

The final component of the new facility is the installation of a commemorative plaque to be placed near
the entrance. Staff is seeking the input of the Recreation Commission to select a quote to be presented to
the Fremont City Council on November 16, 2021 for their consideration and approval.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:
Commemorative Plaque Directive: On June 20, 1995, the City Council established a procedure for the
dedication of plaques for new city facilities (Informational 1). The procedure contains criteria by which all
plaques shall be dedicated, including the inclusion of one quote. The directive is, as follows:
1. The members of the City Council and the City Manager serving at the time of the building dedication shall be included on the plaque;
2. The City Council names shall appear with the heading “Mayor” and “City Council”;
3. The name of the building architect shall be included on the plaque;
4. The plaque shall include one quote, subject to the approval of the City Council; and
5. The City Manager is authorized to make the following determinations regarding dedication of plaques on a project-by-project basis:
   a. Size, construction material and placement, working in concert with the building architect;
   b. Inclusion of the name of the project manager, when warranted, based on the size and complexity of the project and effort required; and
   c. Inclusion of the name of the facility’s department manager serving at the time of the dedication.

**Analysis:**
The City Council directive does not provide specific guidance for the selection of a quote. Staff is seeking the Recreation Commission’s input to select a quote for the new Downtown Event Center and Plaza that is representative of the Fremont community and stakeholders. The Recreation Commission’s recommendation on a quote will be presented to the City Council for approval as stipulated in the 1995 directive.

Staff has selected the following options for consideration. Quotes that highlighted the community need of providing public space for gathering in the heart of the city were considered. The selected quote should best represent the new facilities—their purpose and intent to serve the community—and the quote’s author should not have a controversial public image. The selected quotes for consideration are from nonliving persons.

Several quotes were analyzed, and the following quote has been selected by staff as the final recommendation for the Recreation Commission to consider based upon the meaning and applicability of the quote and the significance of the author.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members… a heart of grace and soul generated by love,” by Coretta Scott King.

The quote is from an address Ms. Scott King gave at Georgia State University in 2000. Coretta Scott King lived from 1927 to 2006 and was a civil rights leader, activist, and author. She is also well known as the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Staff also considered a quote by Helen Keller, and is providing it as an alternate, should the Recreation Commission want to look at a second option:

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much,” by Helen Keller.
This quote originates from a speaking tour by Ms. Keller in the 1920s. Helen Keller lived from 1880 to 1968 and was an author, lecturer, and disability rights advocate. She is well known for learning to verbally communicate after becoming deafblind as an infant. She was the first deafblind person in the United States to earn a college degree.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding in PWC9032 remains sufficient for this project to pay for the cost of the design, fabrication and installation of the proposed plaque that is estimated to be under $7,000.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** In April 2019, the Council found that no further environmental review is required pursuant to Sections 15183 and 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as the project would not result in new or substantially more severe significant environmental effects than what was analyzed in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2010082060) and the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) Supplemental EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2010072001) previously prepared and certified, and found that this action reflects the independent judgment of the City. No additional environmental review is required for this project.

**ENCLOSURES:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**
1. Recommend approval of staff’s first-choice quote by Coretta Scott King or alternative to the City Council to be included on the commemorative plaque for the new Downtown Event Center and Plaza located at 3500 Capitol Avenue.
ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

ZOOM WEBINAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

How the Meeting Will Work
Recreation Commission meetings will be held via Zoom Webinar. The City of Fremont Recreation Division is hosting the meeting, the Recreation Commission, Director of Community Services, Deputy Director of Community Services, Parks Planning and Design Manager and staff who have presentations are the panelists, and Fremont residents and members of the public – as well as City staff – are attendees. Webinar attendees do not interact with one another; they join in listen-only mode, and the host can unmute one or more attendees as needed.

How to Provide Public Comments
Staff at Recreation Division is accepting public comments on behalf of the Recreation Commission via Email. Please add the Recreation Commission meeting date in the subject line such as in the example below.

- **Email Address:** tleung@fremont.gov
- **Subject:** Public Comment for the Upcoming Recreation Commission Meeting 11/3/21 – (Please identify the agenda item number)
- **Send email by:** 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Live Public Comment: If you are unable to provide a written comment (by email), you may join the webinar as an attendee to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda. You may access the webinar via the link below. Public participation guidelines are provided in the right column of this page.

- Recreation Commission Meeting Zoom Webinar: [https://zoom.us/j/91651700536](https://zoom.us/j/91651700536)
- **By Phone:**
  - 833-430-0037 (toll free)
  - Webinar ID: 916 5170 0536
  - Press *9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone

Public Participation Guidelines
Below are recommendations from the Recreation Division to be considered for use by members of the public in meetings conducted via Zoom Webinar.

- **Identification:** Upon entering the webinar, please enter your name, number or other chosen identifier, so that the host can call upon you during the public comment period.

- **Raise Hand (pictured above):** You have the ability to virtually raise your hand for the duration of the webinar, but you will not be acknowledged and your mic will remain muted until you are called on during the public comment period. Click *9 to raise a hand to speak, via phone. Click Lower Hand to lower it if needed.

- **Public Comment Period:** Use “Raise Hand” to be called upon by the host. The host will unmute your mic and you will have the ability to share your comment. Each speaker is allowed up to three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. We kindly request speakers to mute or turn down the broadcast, when it is their opportunity to speak, as it may cause interference with the speaker system.

- **Use headphones/mic** for better sound quality and less background noise.