

**MINUTES  
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, BUILDING A  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538  
FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

**1. PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order:** Commissioner Vedere called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Flag Salute:** Commissioner Thompson led the salute to the flag.

**C. Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Jannet Benz, Robby Gill, Larry Thompson, Pavan Vedere and Elissa Winters  
Absent: Commissioners Brian Hughes and Mia Mora  
Staff Present: Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf, Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad, Park Superintendent Juan Barajas, Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl, Recreation Superintendent I Lance Scheetz, Recreation Supervisor II Rena Kiehn, Management Analyst Candice Rankin, and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Benz to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Gill, Thompson , Vedere and Winters

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Hughes and Mora

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Prabhleen Lamba expressed interest in providing special needs programs for people with mental and physical disabilities through the City.

Steve Skale commented that the following improvements/needs of parks in South Fremont should be considered during the Master Plan process:

- Add a trail through Booster Park and Lone Tree Park;
- Provide easement from Hetch Hetchy Right of Way;
- Create a community garden.

Mr. Skale left a handout regarding park expansion ideas for the Commission.

Kelly Abreu made the following comments:

- Funding mechanism and developer fees should tie in to the Census 2020 demographic data;
- Recreation Commission and EBPRD/City of Fremont Liaison Group need to meet to discuss project execution;
- Mission Peak parking concerns.

## **5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

### **5.1 Staff from the City Manager's Office will provide a presentation on the Census 2020.**

Management Analyst Candice Rankin provided a presentation on Census 2020.

### **5.2 Staff from the Recreation Division will present an overview on the operations and programming at Ardenwood Historic Farm/Patterson House.**

Recreation Supervisor II Rena Kiehn provided an overview on the operations and programming at Ardenwood Historic Farm/Patterson House.

Item opened for public comment.

Steve Skala commented that his daughter was a docent at Patterson House when she was in high school. He thanked staff for providing the programs at Patterson House.

Item closed to public.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **6.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2020**

On a motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Benz, the Recreation Commission elected Commissioner Mora as the Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2020.

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Gill, Thompson, Vedere and Winters  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Commissioners Hughes and Mora

On a motion by Commissioner Winters seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the Recreation Commission elected Commissioner Benz as the Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2020.

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Gill, Thompson, Vedere and Winters  
Noes: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: Commissioners Hughes and Mora

*The Recreation Commission Meeting was temporarily recessed at 8:05 p.m. Commission Vedere passed the gavel to Commissioner Benz. Meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m. Director Wolf thanked Commissioner Vedere for his service as Chair in 2019.*

**6.2 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR**  
**Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar from January 2021 through December 2021**

On a motion by Commissioner Thompson seconded by Commissioner Gill, the Recreation Commission accepted the Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar for the year 2021.

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Gill, Thompson, Vedere and Winters  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Commissioners Hughes and Mora

**7. COMMISSION REFERRALS – None**

**8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Parks Planning & Design Manager Ravenstad gave an update to the Commission on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- Tour of different types of parks on February 5
- In process of data collection associated with GIS

Director Wolf informed the Commission that the Summer Job Fair will be held Thursday, March 5.

Commissioner Vedere updated the Commission that a new badminton facility opened in the Warm Springs area.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Suzanne Wolf, Secretary  
Fremont Recreation Commission