MINUTES
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
May 5, 2021

1. PRELIMINARY
   A. Call to Order: Commissioner Winters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
   B. Flag Salute: Commissioner Mora led the salute to the flag.
   C. Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Robby Gill, Brian Hughes, Mia Mora, Larry Thompson, and Elissa Winters
   Staff Present: Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Deputy Director Kim Beranek, Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad, Senior Landscape Architect Tara Bhuthimethee, Park Superintendent Juan Barajas, City Urban Forester Kit Jory, Principal Planner Wayland Li, Recreation Superintendent I Michael Sa, and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   It was moved by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Gill to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
   Item opened for public comment.

   Kelly Abreu shared his comment on the inventory of city-owned parks listed on the Parkland and Park Facilities Fees Technical Report.

   Rohan Marfatia suggested to build a children’s play area at the Northgate Trail Park.

   Item closed to public.

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS
   5.1 Senior Landscape Architect Tara Bhuthimethee gave an update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
Four written comments were received, compiled and distributed to the Recreation Commission and staff. These were published in the City's Agenda Center at fremont.gov and filed.

5.2 City Urban Forester Kit Jory, Principal Planner Wayland Li and Consultant from PlanIt Geo Chris Peiffer presented the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Item opened for public comment.

Kishore Malay spoke in favor of having a children’s play area at the Northgate Trail Park.

Kelly Abreu commented on the tree protection ordinance.

Steve Skala commented on planting appropriate street trees for bicycling and pedestrian safety and including a tree maintenance section in the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

Item closed to public.

6. ACTION ITEMS - None

7. COMMISSION REFERRALS

Staff took Commissioner Mora’s referral to provide a presentation on City policies on feral cats at a future meeting.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu made comments regarding feral cats and animal control.

Item closed to public.

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commission Gill informed the Commission that he is moving out of Fremont and resigning as a Fremont Recreation Commissioner.

Deputy Director Kim Beranek updated the Commission that most of the COVID-19 tier restrictions will be going away on June 15.

Park Superintendent Juan Barajas updated the Commission on the current park operations.

Recreation Superintendent I Michael Sa updated the Commission regarding Recreation Summer camp, scholarship programs, summer hiring and Waterpark opening.

Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad informed the Commission that the City Council deferred the development impact fee to June 1.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Suzanne Wolf, Secretary
Fremont Recreation Commission