



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION SPECIAL COMMISSION
MEETING OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, April 11, 2022, 5:30 P.M.**

OPENING MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Meyer
 Vice Chair Williams
 Commissioner Elginer
 Commissioner Ghaffari
 Commissioner Patton
 Commissioner Wiseman
 Student Member Kolanu

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anika Kolanu

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Meyer moved, seconded by Vice Chair Williams, to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried 6/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Before the move to approve, Commissioner Elginer stated they had no recollection of putting forth a public motion and taking a vote on the Walnut Creek dog park. Chair Meyer moved, seconded by Vice Chair Williams, to approve the minutes for the April 11, 2022, followed by a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Vice Chair Williams, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried 6/0

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS:

1. Commissioner Elginer visited a park in Oak Park. There were metal dog bowls attached to chains, allowing use of the water for the dogs. The Commissioner believes there would be very low fiscal impact and offered to send pictures to the other commissioners.
2. Student Member Kolanu was a counselor for the LBSD and participated in activities at De Anza Park. It was a good way to expose children to the park and now they know they can use the facilities over the summer.
3. Vice Chair Williams saw coverage of the Bunny Trail event and thanked the staff.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gavin Linderman requested that the hockey goals at De Anza be available for use after 5pm.
2. Multiple community members expressed concern over the changes being made at the sports court, specifically the conversion of the hockey courts to pickleball courts. They expressed their concern of the effects mentally and physically on the community. This includes limited access to other courts in the area and the environmental impact, specifically regarding noise from pickleball as described in The L.A. Times article date March 3, 2022 referenced by the caller.
3. Rick Young –Co-Chairman of Hospitality at the Calabasas Senior center Hospitality. They are trying to re-establishing memberships with “Welcome Back”, an event celebrating the re-opening of the center and to celebrate their 6th anniversary. It is on June, 3rd 2pm – 4pm and is free and open to those 50+ years of age. The event will be providing information on activities, a class brochure and demonstrations. Volunteers are needed.
4. Rosa Besser requested that the Commission continue their efforts to have a dog park at Wild Walnut Park

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2022-1769 3/23 regarding the PRE setting of meeting dates and times. Moving forward in July, PRE meeting will be on the second Monday of the month at 6pm., with adopted resolution 22022.01
2. UPDATE ON COVID 19 (Erica Green)
All facilities are requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARTS COUNCIL.

1. The budget is \$15,000 for art programs and events.
2. Director Green reported that the Art Festival would no longer be held and they would be moving towards new special events and there was a discussion on possible events.

COMMUNITY CENTER ALLIANCE/JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

1. Director Green reported that \$2,000,000 in grants had been received.
2. In regard to the roof, Director Green reported that a project manager had been contracted to oversee the project. The city will be replacing the roof and performing other maintenance and repairs. The opening of the Community Center is targeted for fall, barring any supply chain delays. The project manager will be sending out RFPs, and per Director Green, the cost will most likely be \$800,000 - \$1,000,000.

SENIOR CENTER

Chair Meyer presented a comprehensive report.

1. The Senior Center is open for classes, excursions and interest clubs are now having meetings. May is "Older American Month". The Senior Center is working to reinstate memberships. Although it is not officially open, you can still visit and make use of the programs. It is \$3/day for residents & \$5/day for non-residents. There is a new reservation system for tables. The phone number for the Senior Center is (818) 224-1777 to make a reservation.
2. There was one session with tech help, but it will not resume until after Spring Break.

STUDENT MEMBER

Student Member Kolanu has left the conversation. Chair Meyer expressed thanks and appreciation of her work. It was suggested that a formal acknowledgement such as a plaque or certificate be presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Green relayed a comprehensive report.

1. The Bunny Trail was a success and Director Green thanked the staff for their work. 350 children were registered.
2. It was clarified that future agenda item requests would be for action items or items involving votes. This includes anything requiring research and a formal report. All

other items will be under the purview of the Director's Report.

3. In regards to the park tour, Director Green explained that to avoid have a public meeting due to The Brown Act., the park tour would need to be split up into multiple tours.
4. There was discussion of the permanent location of teen center and the teen programming and that they were both being explored.
5. Chair Meyer expressed the desire to promote the website so people can go through the pages and learn more about the Senior Center.
6. Commissioner Elginer asked if there was going to be a formal opening event for the Senior Center, to which Director Green responded that openings most likely be phased in with activities opening at different times due to time restriction, and the ability to allocate funds.
7. There has been a lot of interested in Creekside Park and questions on why the facilities were not available during the weekdays. Director Green explained that it is for the safety of the youth and is included in all state licenses. The park is not open after hours on weekends due to a lack of staffing.
8. Commissioner suggested ways to formally recognize Student Member Kolanu.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Commissioner Elginer requested the following:

- Report on Art in Publics Places

ADJOURN to Monday, July 11, 2022