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PIEDMONT PARK COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 4, 2023

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Park Commission was held on January 4, 2023, both in person and via teleconference, consistent with Government Code 54953. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on December 29, 2022.

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Dunlap called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was not said.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Chairperson Patty Dunlap, Commissioners Kimberly Moses, Eileen Ruby, Sharon Shoshani, Tom Smegal, Vice-Chairperson Robin Wu
- Absent: David Johnson
- Staff: Public Works Director Daniel Gonzales, Parks and Project Manager Nancy Kent, Public Works Supervisor Nick Millosovich, and Administrative Assistant Mark Enea
- PUBLIC FORUM** There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.
- REGULAR AGENDA** The Commission considered the following items of regular business.
- Minutes** **Resolved**, that the Park Commission approves the meeting minutes of December 7, 2022.
Moved by Smegal, Seconded by Moses
Ayes: Dunlap, Moses, Ruby, Shoshani, Smegal
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Johnson
- There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.
- Liquidambar Street Trees on Selborne Dr. Update** Parks and Project Manager Kent stated that a contractor has been hired to remove five street trees that were recommended for removal in the arborist's report. The City will be replanting and confirm with residents the location for the new trees. The arborist's report recommends that the City continue to evaluate yearly the trees included in the report and plan for a phased approach to future tree removals.
- There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.
- Opportunities to Memorialize the Sidney Dearing Family History Update** Ms. Kent reported that the next activity for the subcommittee will be to have a tour of Wildwood Triangle and Piedmont Park with the Dearing family. Vice-Chair Wu indicated that the subcommittee is researching possible artists. Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Commissioner Johnston who mapped out the entire lot.
- There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.
- Update on City Park Projects** Ms Kent provided updates on ongoing park projects. She indicated that at Linda Park, the City would be receiving a rebate from the East Bay Municipal Utility

District of \$9,240 for sheet mulch and irrigation upgrades, noting that additional rebate funds are available and would be brought to the Commission for a recommendation. Ms. Kent reviewed the closure of the Linda Off-Leash area due to unsafe conditions.

Ms. Kent indicated that preparations for the Highland-Guilford Handrail and Stair project was under way and that work will begin once the weather allows. Start-up signage with information regarding path closures will be posted in advance.

Ms. Kent stated that design work on the Crocker Park Pathways project was ongoing with final comments sent to the City Engineer. She noted that some pathways will be adjusted to accommodate existing mature trees. She also indicated that any tree removals will be evaluated by the City's arborists.

Ms. Kent reported that progress is being made on the scope and bid documents for Piedmont Park irrigation upgrades. The new irrigation system upgrades will include smart water saving devices. She noted that the renovations for the native garden are under way, thanks to a donation from the Bates Family through Piedmont Beautification Foundation.

Ms. Kent stated there is progress being made for the bottle filling stations in various parks. The final locations have not been determined. The first installation will be at Piedmont Park.

Commissioners asked questions and made suggestions about the projects discussed.

There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.

**Tree Inventory and
Street Tree Update**

Ms. Kent reported that the consultant has finished the inventory and data checks. She noted that training for staff on the software would begin soon.

There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.

**Pedestrian Bridge in
Piedmont Park Update**

Ms. Kent reported that a pedestrian bridge in Piedmont Park is closed due to the railing collapse. She indicated that staff is working on temporary and permanent fixes for the bridge.

There was no **Public Testimony** on the matter.

**Monthly Maintenance
Report**

Nick Millosovich stated that fire abatement work on Lexford Road has been completed. He noted the planting of new trees, annual rose pruning, resident use of sandbags during the storm, and damage to private and public property from the storms.

**REPORTS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The tentative date for the Arbor Day celebration is April 27, 2023. The annual selection of Heritage Trees will be getting under way soon, so that selected trees can be announced at the event. Logistics for the event will be coordinated and themes will be discussed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.