



**Minutes  
Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission  
City of Pacifica**

**REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM**

Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
2212 Beach Blvd. Pacifica, CA 94044

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Chair Abbott:** called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Commissioner Nicolari:** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Abbott, Commissioners: Benton-Shoemaker, Heywood, Nicolari, Phillips, and Rodriguez,

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Torres(excused)

**Staff Present:** Director Bob Palacio, Recreation Manager Scott Leslie, and Recreation Specialist Rebecca Collier

**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Chair Abbott** called for a motion to approve the minutes August 30, 2023. **Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Heywood, motion carried 6-0.**

**IV ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

**Chair Abbott** called for vote to approve the agenda of the 09/27/2023 meeting. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**V SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Introduction of new Parks, Beaches, and Recreation (PB&R) Recreation Manager, Scott Leslie. Director Palacio gave a brief review of Manager Leslie's experience, background, and history with the City of Pacifica.

**VI ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

**Greg Wright:** He stated his appreciation to PB&R Commissioners for their service and dedication to the community of Pacifica and City Staff for their tireless work to provide services to the residents of Pacifica. He advocated for defibrillators to be located at the beaches.

**Anni Kelly-Day:** She advocated for dedicated Pickleball courts in the City of Pacifica. She is part of a Pacifica resident pickleball group with approximately 25 members with age ranges 30-50 years old, that play 3-4 times per week at the local high schools for the last year. The group started with just a handful of residents and has continued to grow over the last year. Thanked the PB&R Commission and Director Palacio for their time and support.

**Scott Kraus:** He commented on the growth of Pickleball as a sport and its positive social and physical impact the sports has on all who play. He understood the Jefferson School District controls the facilities but would ask if additional courts could be lined to meet the demand for a short time solution. Supports the City's long-term goal to create dedicated space for Pickleball courts. Excited the PB&R Commission and City staff is aware of the popularity of the sports and looking for solutions to support the residents of Pacifica. The group would share information and give any support needed for the project to move forward. Thanked the PB&R Commission for their time and support

**Maxence Derreunau:** He commented that Pickleball has grown in the United States, in 2022, there were four million players and has grown to six million players in 2023. By 2030, it is projected have more than 40 million players. The sports have a positive impact on the health of the community and is an inclusive sport that allows a wide range of ages to participate. Would ask for a facility design to include multiple courts and lighting to decrease court wait time and increase playing time and spectator bleacher seating. Courts could be used for lessons for all age ranges, recreational play and hosting tournaments. He thanked the PB&R Commission for their time.

**Brandon Aufdemberge:** He commented benefits of Pickleball is a low impact sport for all ages, low cost to start up in the sport and cross generational. Easy sport to learn, similar to tennis most participants understand the concept of tennis. He has witnessed other communities with Pickleball court are full and at this time there are not dedicated Pickleball courts near Pacifica. To have dedicated courts would be beneficial to the community. Thanked the PB&R Commission for their time.

## **VII ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

A. Priority Parks- Director Palacio gave an update on the new design plans for the four priority parks (Brighton, Marvilla, Imperial and Skyridge). NCE Consulting new designs met the project budget of \$1.2 million. Most of the design changes were the use of alternative materials in pathways, borders, seating, and ground cover without effecting most play elements and scaling back pathways. He found the new park designs are more aesthetically pleasing. He asked the Commissions for their input and comments on seating, tree locations, and overall design.

### **Summary of PB&R Commission and staff comments/suggestions on Priority Park new design elements:**

#### **Brighton Park**

- 1) **All Commissioners-** Agreed on the addition of a bench under the tree near the front of the park.
- 2) **Commissioners Benton-Shoemaker, Heywood, and Rodriguez-** Pebble seating removed to save on cost and install seating that could be utilized by all ages.
- 3) **Commissioners Heywood and Rodriguez-** Both had concerns with the use of wood piers durability and longevity.
- 4) **Chair Abbott-** Elated with the alternative materials and piers in new design plans. Fence mural would touch base with Director Palacio about the City Beautification Advisory Public Art and Mural Program. If Public Works Department would be able to replace and maintain the new alternative materials?

**Director Palacio Response:** Staff would review the material used for the pier before approving their usage and will ensure that the tables are meet ADA standards. Public Works Department reviewed the new materials usage and would not have issue with maintenance.

### **Marvilla Park**

- 1) **Commissioner Rodriguez and Chair Abbott**- Preferred the bench seating placement from the previous design.
- 2) **All Commissioners** -Concerned with the squared concrete blocks sharp edges, would like edges to be rounded to less any potential injuries.
- 3) **Commissioner Benton-Shoemaker and Nicolari**- Bench seating for all ages and placement of seating under trees.
- 4) **Commissioner Nicolari and Chair Abbott**- Addition of seating at the front of the park with usage of concrete blocks if cost effective.
- 5) **Commissioner Phillips**- Installation of tree at the entrance of the park.
- 6) **Chair Abbott**- Placement of additional seating along the wood fence.
- 7) **Commissioner Benton-Shoemaker and Commissioner Phillips**- Suggested planting younger trees to have them in place as the older trees in the area age out.

### **Imperial Park**

- 1) **Commissioner Benton-Shoemaker, Rodriguez, Chair Abbott**- Loved the addition of the wood logs in the design.
- 2) **Commissioner Benton-Shoemaker** - Agreed with the addition of trees around the play area for definition.
- 3) **Commissioners Benton-Shoemaker, Rodriguez and Chair Abbott**-Preferred the seating placement from the previous design plan.
- 4) **Commissioner Rodriguez and Chair Abbott**- Additional seating need but mindful of ADA compliance, which could limit the locations to install new seating.

**Director Palacio Response**- He would check on seating locations and ADA compliance standards.

### **Skyridge Park**

- 1) **Chair Abbott and Commissioner Phillips**-Loved concrete with exposed aggregate design.
- 2) **Chair Abbott and Commissioner Rodriguez**- Add another ADA picnic table to the design for a total of 2 picnic tables.
- 3) **Commissioner Benton-Shoemaker**- Concerned about the sharp edges on the stone boulders.
- 4) **Commissioner Phillips**- Proposed use of demolition concrete slabs from the project to be re-purposed as possible replacement of stone boulders or in other areas.
- 5) **Commissioner Heywood**- Suggested adding BBQs into the design of the parks.

**Director Palacio Responses**-He would inquire about if demolition concrete could be used in the project and will review aging trees in each of the parks. In general playground designs, BBQs are installed at parks with restroom facilities and none of the four pocket parks have the facilities.

## **X REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioners gave updates on their liaison assignments and community involvement.

**XI REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

Director Palacio: Gave updates on the following:

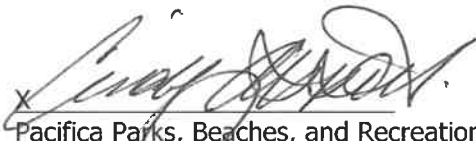
- **Bike Park:** Director Palacio and Commissioner Phillips met with State of California OGAL's at lower Frontierland Park to do a walk through at the site for the Recreational Trails Grant \$1.55 million grant that staff applied for the construction of the bike park.
- **Staff:** Child Care Site Coordinator, Greta Hayes would be retiring at the end of September and was recognized by City Council for 25 years of service to the City of Pacifica. New Food Services Coordinator, Mona Urbina started September 11, 2023. Open recruitment for 18 years old or older Lifeguards to help with staffing at Brink Pool.
- **Facilities:** Fairmont Park basketball courts will be repaved in the coming months. Permanent Pickleball courts looking for best location to install three to four courts on City property.
- **Arbor Day Proclamation:** City Council meeting on October 23, 2023
- **Special Events:** Fog Jog had over 100 runners participate up from last year's numbers and Fun Fest was successful with approximately 2,000 attendees excited with all the events offerings.

**XII ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Abbott:** asked for motion to Adjourn. **A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Next Regular Meeting:** Regular Meeting – October 25, 2023, 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
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