



City of Corona
Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
400 S. Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882

Commissioners Present: Stacie Bass, Robert Boggs, Matt Olsen, Tomas Munoz, Justin McBride

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Bass.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

3. **MEETING MINUTES**

3.1 **APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

These minutes were approved.

Moved by: Tomas Munoz
Seconded by: Matt Olsen

Aye (5): Stacie Bass, Robert Boggs, Matt Olsen, Tomas Munoz, and Justin McBride

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 **DEVELOPER IMPACT FEE FUND BALANCE/BOND REPAYMENT FOR JANUARY 2025**

This report was received and filed.

Moved by: Robert Boggs
Seconded by: Justin McBride

Aye (5): Stacie Bass, Robert Boggs, Matt Olsen, Tomas Munoz, and Justin McBride

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ariya and Ava, representatives from the Mayor's Youth Council, provided an update.

Residents Steven Young, Dana Lopez, and Mike Wagoner each spoke before the Commission, sharing their concerns about the pickleball courts at Border Park.

Residents Debbie Cortez and Dawna Van Diggelen submitted written comments expressing their concerns regarding the pickleball courts at Border Park.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Donna Finch, Community Services Director, Jason Lass, Recreation Manager, and Moses Cortez, Parks and Trails Manager presented the Community Services Report. Ms. Finch began the report congratulating staff member, Maddy Black, and Commissioner, Tom Munoz, on their CPRS Award of Excellence win. Other topic of the presentation included: Upcoming Events, Spring Break Camp Activities, Quick Thinking on the Court, Upcoming Music and Arts Festival, Corona Beautiful Community Cleanup, Arbor Day Planting Event, Guided Hikes, Victoria Park Splash Pad Construction Kick-Off, Mountain Gate Brontosaurus Naming Finalist and Playground Openings.

Commissioner Olsen extended his congratulations to Maddy Black and Commissioner Munoz for their recognitions. He also expressed his gratitude to the staff and residents who quickly responded to the medical emergency on the courts. Finally, he thanked the staff for providing the update.

Commissioner McBride congratulated Commissioner Munoz on receiving his award. He also asked about the sign-up rates for Kids Spring Camp. Mr. Lass clarified that sign-ups typically fill up just before the camp starts. Commissioner McBride further inquired about the Arbor Day event and whether the City connects with local businesses. Ms. Finch shared that the City is in the process of rolling out a sponsorship program with opportunities for local businesses to sponsor events and programs. Finally, Commissioner McBride praised the team responsible for rescuing the adult sports league participant.

Commissioner Munoz mentioned that he was happy to see all the upcoming events in the City. Regarding the Guided hikes, Commissioner Munoz mentioned how inspiring it is for the youth to learn about local plants. He enjoyed hearing about the spring break camp activities, he agrees with keeping youth busy to prevent them from joining gangs. He also congratulated the team responsible for saving a life. He is looking forward to attending the Music and Arts Festival in April as well as Arbor Day at Promenade Park. He inquired if there will be another mural painted. Ms. Finch clarified that the mural was a pilot program and there has been no direction to paint another one. She continued that there is a Canvas on the Curb Program that wraps utilities boxes throughout the City. He also mentioned that he is particularly looking forward to the opening of the Victoria Park Splashpad. Lastly, he is also looking forward to the naming of the dinosaur at Mountain Gate Park and the reopening of the Border Park playground.

Vice Chair Boggs congratulated Commissioner Munoz on his award recognition. He also asked whether the Arbor Day event would take place regardless of weather conditions. Additionally, he inquired about the dinosaur's gender to assist with naming it. Lastly, he asked about the park openings, wondering if they would occur all at once or individually by location. Mr. Cortez confirmed that the openings would be held one per location.

Chair Bass congratulated both Maddy Black and Commissioner Munoz on their achievements and recognition at the state level by an external organization. She also expressed her gratitude to the staff, members of the public, and the Fire Department for their quick thinking in rescuing the adult sports league participant. While she won't be able to attend the event, she shared her excitement for the upcoming Music and Arts Festival and is eager to hear feedback about it. She encouraged the public to participate in voting for the dinosaur's name, as the voting period would be closing soon.

6.2 SKYLINE HEIGHTS PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK AND TRAILS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Cortez introduced the Skyline Heights Proposed Public Park and Trails Development presentation, providing background on the project. The proposal includes three public parks and three trailheads, while preserving open space and connecting to existing single-track trails. Mr. Cortez highlighted that the project aligns with both the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Trails Master Plan, addressing the unmet needs for a dog park and a new pump track. He then introduced Brian Hardy from Richland Communities, who provided further details about the park proposal.

Park Area 1, Kite Park, will feature a fitness park, overhead shade sails, picnic tables, bench seating, a meandering pathway, and a BBQ area.

Park Area 2, Central Park, will include a shade structure with picnic tables, a parking lot, restrooms, a major trailhead, drinking fountains, bench seating, bike racks, a bike service station, a tot lot, a pump track, basketball and pickleball courts, BBQ grills, and a pedestrian crosswalk.

Park Area 3, Dog Park/View Park, will feature a hiking trail, a small dog park, a minor trailhead, overhead bench seating, wayfinding signage, drinking fountains, bench seating, ADA parking, and a pedestrian crosswalk.

Residents Dwight Woodward, Mike Solesbee, and Bradley Buege all spoke in support of the project, while requesting that the majority of the trails be preserved as much as possible.

Resident Devon Hauser submitted a written comment urging the project to conserve as much of the trail as possible and expressed gratitude to the staff for allowing residents' voices to be heard.

Commissioner Olsen expressed his appreciation for the public's feedback and urged the staff to consider their input. He also thanked the developer for the improvements made in the project. He raised questions about the connection points to the trails, walking loops, lighted courts, the proximity of parks to homes, and parking arrangements. The consultants clarified that certain areas would rely

on street parking, while others would feature parking lots. They also mentioned that signage would be provided to guide users of the multi-use trails.

Commissioner McBride raised concerns about the lack of ADA parking at the proposed parks. The consultants responded by stating that they believe there is sufficient ADA parking available. Both Commissioners Olsen and McBride suggested adding an additional parking area specifically for ADA use. Commissioner McBride also expressed his appreciation for the raised sidewalks and recommended the inclusion of refillable water fountains. He further inquired about the accessibility of the HOA and dog parks. The consultants clarified that all parks would be open to the public, with the only distinction being that the HOA park would be maintained by the HOA. They also noted that all ADA requirements would be incorporated once the construction phase begins. Finally, Commissioner McBride asked about the target age group for the bike park, and the consultants confirmed that it is designed for all ages.

Commissioner Munoz thanked the consultants for collaborating with and listening to the residents in the area for this contextual design, including conducting public outreach. He also inquired about the overall timeline for the plan. The consultants explained that the next step is to present the plan to the Planning and Housing Commission, followed by the City Council for approval. The project is still a few years away from completion. Commissioner Munoz highlighted several areas to monitor, including noise mitigation, traffic control, and lighting assessments. He also expressed concerns about biker-pedestrian interactions and suggested a potential solution. Additionally, he asked about the HOA park and fencing. The consultants clarified that this specific area would not be fenced off, but additional parks for HOA use only are planned further into the development. Commissioner Munoz requested a close review of the costs associated with maintaining the parks. Lastly, the project must also consider factors such as restrooms, agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, cultural resources, drainage and flooding, geology, sewer capacity, solid waste, hazardous materials, hydrology, water quality, land use, population, housing, and schools. The consultants clarified that a thorough evaluation of all these aspects has been conducted. he also thanked them for a job well done.

Vice Chair Boggs mentioned that he believes the project's concept looks excellent and appreciates the community's input. He also expressed his satisfaction with the additional acreage included in the project.

Chair Bass inquired whether this presentation would be the one presented to the Planning and Housing Commission and City Council. The consultants clarified that the next version would provide a broader overview of the entire project. Chair Bass also requested that communication between the consultants and the community remain ongoing.

The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously voted to recommend the project to the City Council.

Moved by: Matt Olsen

Seconded by: Justin McBride

Aye (5): Stacie Bass, Robert Boggs, Matt Olsen, Tomas Munoz, and Justin McBride

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Olsen expressed his gratitude to the public for sharing their comments and emphasized how much they are appreciated. While noting that the Commission cannot respond during the 'Communication from the Public' portion of the meeting, he mentioned that Pickleball is clearly here to stay and hopes for greater opportunities for players. He requested that noise mitigation be added to an upcoming agenda to address potential conflicts between park activities and nearby homeowners. He also remarked on the successful launch of several sports leagues over the past weekend and commended the excellent condition of the fields.

Commissioner McBride thanked the public for attending and sharing their comments and extended his appreciation to Mr. Lass for his work on programming activities. He is excited about the upcoming spring event and also thanked Mr. Cortez for the newly planted trees along Mountain Gate and Upper, noting the positive feedback he's received. He expressed his anticipation for attending the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremonies at various parks.

Commissioner Munoz thanked the public for attending and sharing their thoughts, reiterating the importance of hearing the community's voices. He is looking forward to the park openings and the upcoming Spring Music and Arts Festival.

Vice Chair Boggs had no closing comments.

Chair Bass expressed her thanks to the public for attending and offering their comments. She encouraged the public to continue sharing their thoughts with the Commission. She also commented on the excellent condition of the fields, hoping they will remain in great shape.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bass adjourned this meeting at 7:45 p.m.