

Board of Park Commissioners
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm
City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room or Via Zoom
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

- a. Chair Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairwoman
Sandra Bogdanski, Commissioner
Cynthia Donovan, Commissioner
Malcolm Huckaby, Commissioner
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent
Paula O'Keefe, Commissioner
Scott Rosado, Council Liaison
Robert Fiorito, Vice Chair
Robert Kalat, Commissioner

2. Acceptance of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to accept the June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation.

- a. There was no public participation.

4. Employee Recognition

- a. Superintendent Medeiros highlighted the outstanding job Madison Fostervold, Summer Fun Camp Director has done through the summer as well working in the Department for a number of years and supporting in many different roles.

5. Superintendent's Report

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Kalat to accept and place the Superintendent's Report on file.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fiorito, all in favor; motion carried.

- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Bogdanski to accept and place the Project Updates and Department Financials on file.

Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

- c. Superintendent Medeiros presented upcoming grant opportunities. Discussion followed.

6. Old business

- a. Commissioner Bogdanski inquired into the status of surveillance cameras in the parks. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Fiorito to close Veterans Memorial Boulevard on September 25, 2021 from 10:00am – 1:00pm for General Wozenski's monument dedication.

Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

- b. Superintendent Medeiros presented on the Pool Grand Re-Opening Fundraiser Event. Discussion followed.

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- c. Superintendent Medeiros presented on proposed American Rescue Plan projects. Discussion followed.
- d. Superintendent Medeiros discussed requesting state assistance to review the wild life and environment in Kern Park. Discussion follow.

7. New business

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to withdrawal of \$995.00 from the Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund for Pump Park signs and landscape.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to change the date of the September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to September 29, 2021.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.
- c. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to consider a request to name the Muzzy Field Press Box after former Parks Superintendent Ed Swicklas.
Seconded by: Commissioner Kalat, all in favor; motion carried.
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Seconded by: Commissioner Kalat, all in favor; motion carried.
- d. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Donovan to send a letter to the Economic and Community Development Department in support of an outdoor entertainment space at Centre Square.
Seconded by: Commissioner Fiorito, all in favor; motion carried.
- e. Chair Zoppo-Sassu informed the Board that the Birge and Hopper Pond Committee may transition to a Friends group.

8. Committee reports

- a. Event Committee: No report.
- b. Building and Maintenance Committee: No report.
- c. Budget & Finance Committee: No report.
- d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: No report.
- e. City Council Liaison updates: No report.

9. Other Business

- a. There was no other business by Commissioners.

10. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Fiorito to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Bogdanski, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bravo, Recording Secretary.