

MORAGA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:02 pm
ROLL CALL: Chair: Giomi
Commissioners Crain, Fielding, Haskins, Kolm, Pelchat, Shephard

Absences:
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS** – Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Park and Recreation Commission. The audience should be aware that the Commission may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda. Note: Public input will also be taken during each agenda item.
3. **ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA**
M/S – Commissioner Crain/Shephard to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, Unanimous
4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
A. Minutes from September 15, 2020
M/S – Commissioner Fielding/Haskin to adopt the September 15, 2020 minutes as presented, Unanimous
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Commission Vacancy Listing for 2020**
Director Brandt announced 4 upcoming vacancies on the Park and Recreation Commission and encouraged those interested in continuing to re-apply prior to the January 21, 2020 deadline.
 - B. Sustainable Moraga Challenge**
Director Brandt announced that the Town had partnered with Sustainable Contra Costa County to participate in creating a local Sustainable Moraga Challenge that runs through April 2021.
 - C. Application Submitted to Reinstate Tree City USA Status for 2020**
Director Brandt announced that at the Special Meeting on November 18, 2020, Town Council authorized submittal to reinstate the Town’s Tree City USA status. The Tree City USA program highlights communities working to expand and improve the management of trees and related vegetation would provide the Town access to resource materials. Tree City USA lists numerous benefits including environmental, financial, and public health benefits to participating communities. Over 3,500 communities nation-wide have achieved Tree City USA status.

6. REPORTS

A. Staff

Director Brandt provided an update on the status on the modification of holiday season events. The holiday tree is lit at Moraga Commons Park and the Buy-a-Bulb fundraising campaign is underway. The Family Gingerbread Making event has been transitioned to a kit pick-up only due to the current Stay At Home order issued by the County. To date, the Town has received nearly 300 letters to Santa in the mailbox installed at Moraga Commons Park.

B. Liaison/Committee Reports

Schools (Crain) – Commissioner Crain announced that the Moraga School District’s Hybrid Reopening Plan has been postponed due to the County’s COVID-19 status.

Art in Public Spaces Committee (Fielding) – Commission Fielding announced the Art in Public Spaces Committee was looking into some potential programs, and that she would report on those projects once further details were established.

Trails Report (Shephard/Kolm) – Commissioner Shephard would like to keep the Old Moraga Ranch Trail discussion open with the East Bay Regional Park District.

Volunteer Report (Kolm) – Commissioner Kolm reported that there are potential Eagle Scout projects being considered for 2021.

Other Reports

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recreation Facility Update and COVID-19 Impact

Director Brandt provided an update to the Commission on the usage and amenities open at Town parks. The report included a status update on the various Capital Improvement Project programs underway at Moraga Commons Park, Rancho Laguna Park, and the Hacienda de las Flores. Significant projects, including the Bandshell roof at Moraga Commons Park and the ADA restroom at the Hacienda de las Flores have been completed. The EV Charging Stations at Moraga Commons Park are complete and available for public use.

B. Discussion on Potential Fencing at the Lamorinda Skatepark

Director Brandt provided details on the current issues at the Lamorinda Skatepark including increased vandalism and graffiti, and issues of non-compliance with posted safety signage and the Contra Costa County Health Order. The Moraga Police Department has increased patrol and presence in the skatepark vicinity and issues have continued. The Town and the County continue to receive numerous public complaints regarding the lack of masks and social distancing at the Lamorinda Skatepark.

Town staff have explored potential solutions and have identified a 6-foot perimeter fence for consideration. The Commission reviewed the proposed fence and a discussion ensued. The fence is un-budgeted and un-approved, and will potentially be considered by Town Council in February as part of the mid-year budget adjustments. The cost for a 6-foot iron rod perimeter fence is estimated at \$52,000. The item was postponed to a future meeting for additional review and discussion.

**C. Discussion on Proposed Date and Time Change for Park and Recreation
Commission Meetings**

Director Brandt provided a report detailing a request from the Planning Commission to reschedule monthly meetings to Tuesday evening instead of the existing Monday evening meetings. This change would require the Park and Recreation commission to move their meeting night. The commissioners discussed and request maintaining a 7:00pm meeting time.

M/S – Commissioner Haskins/Kolm to approve a recommendation to change the meeting night of the Park and Recreation Commission to Mondays starting in March 2020, Unanimous

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S—Commissioner Shephard/Haskin to adjourn the December 15, 2020 Meeting, at 8:21 p.m., Unanimous