



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 11, 2018, 7:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm** (Present: Chang Frank, Abbott, Patterson, Esbin, Romero, Pearson)
2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES:** November 9, 2017: *Motion made by Commissioner Patterson to approve the minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Abbott; 4 in favor; 2 abstained; Motion carried*
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING/PRESENTATIONS:**
 - 5-1: **Presentation: Albany Teen Center Update by Keenan McCarron (Program Leader)**
Information Only
 - 5-2: **Street Tree Removal Application for one (1) Camphor at 1551 Sonoma Avenue**
Motion made by Commissioner Pearson to approve the street tree removal application for 1551 Sonoma Avenue; Seconded by Commissioner Abbott; All in favor; Motion carried
 - 5-3: **Street Tree Removal Application for one (1) Camphor at 526 Pomona Avenue**
Motion made by Commissioner Pearson to approve the street tree removal application for 526 Pomona Avenue; Seconded by Commissioner Patterson; All in favor; Motion carried
 - 5-4: **Presentation: Friends of Albany Parks Update presented by Brennen Brown (Recreation Coordinator)**
Information Only
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
 - 6-1: **Discuss potential for open space use of Caltrans Right-of-Way (Council Strategic Plan 3.2 C)**
Aleida Andrino-Chavez, Transportation Planner, discussed Park and Ride project and other Caltrans sites.
Information Only
 - 6-2: **Ohlone Greenway Memorial Tree Replacement**
Selected a new location for the replacement of the Koepke Memorial Tree that was removed during the Ohlone Greenway Project. New location will be on the west side of the Bike/Ped path across from new Ohlone Plaza area.

6-3: Dartmouth Tot Lot Project Update

Majority of the Dartmouth Tot Lot Project is complete except installation of a new park sign. Commission considered name of park and sign design.

*Motion made by Commissioner Patterson to approve a recommendation to Council to change the name of the park to Opal's Dartmouth Tot Lot and request feedback from neighborhood prior to the item going to Council; **Seconded by Commissioner Esbin; All in favor; Motion carried***

*Motion made by Commissioner Abbott to approve the design of park sign to match other City park signs (Jewel's Terrace and Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street); **Seconded by Commissioner Romero; All in favor; Motion carried***

6-4: Ohlone Greenway Log Scramble Fence

The playground inspector recommended an additional fence to create a barrier between the log scramble and the street for added safety. Fence has been designed by RGD and Public Works and will be installed by Public Works crew.

Commission provided input to Staff regarding fence design.

6-5: Selection of Chair & Vice Chair

Commission selected Julia Chang Frank as Chair and Harriet Patterson as Vice Chair

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioners announce requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2018 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Please Note: There are no public meetings in August.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: *The Commission/Committee/Board packet is available for public inspection at the Albany Community Center, Senior Center, and City Hall. The agenda and supporting staff reports, if available, can be found on our web page at www.albanyca.org. If you provide your name and address when speaking before the Commission/Committee/Board it will become part of the official public record, which will be posted on the Internet.*