

**MINUTES
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Commissioner Mora called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Commissioner Winters led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Jannet Benz, Robby Gill, *Brian Hughes, Mia Mora, Larry Thompson, Pavan Vedere and Elissa Winters
Staff Present: Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Deputy Director Kim Beranek, Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad, Senior Landscape Architect Tara Bhuthimethee, Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci, Landscape Architect II Jennie Suen, Park Superintendent Juan Barajas, Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl, Recreation Superintendent I Michael Sa, Recreation Superintendent I Lance Scheetz and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung
*Joined meeting at 7:26 p.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Gill to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020.

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Gill, Mora, Thompson, Vedere and Winters
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioner Hughes

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu suggested staff consider including Mission Peak and Rancho Higuera in the Master Plan. He also mentioned that the EBRPD/City of Fremont liaison meeting has lapsed for more than 18 months.

Item closed to public.

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS

5.1 Senior Landscape Architect Tara Bhuthimethee gave an update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

5.2 Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci gave an update on park projects status.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ART REVIEW BOARD AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR ART WORK AT DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROJECT, (PWC 8581)

Recommend to the City Council the first and second choice artist for public art work at Dusterberry Neighborhood Park, as recommended by the City of Fremont’s Art Review Board; and to approve and award art contract for the amount of \$55,000.

Landscape Architect II Jennie Suen provided a presentation on the first and second choice artist for public art work at Dusterberry Neighborhood Park. The Commission asked questions and provided feedback.

Commission recommended to have a plaque including the name of the artist, the art work name and a brief paragraph description of the artist’s intent for the art work.

On a motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the Recreation Commission:

1. Recommend the City Council approve the first choice – Joe Thurston and second choice – Adrian Susnea Litman for public art piece at Dusterberry Neighborhood Park.
2. Recommend the City Council authorize City Manager to award art contract to the first choice – Joe Thurston.
3. Recommend the City Council authorize City Manager to award art contract to the second choice – Adrian Susnea Litman – should the City be unsuccessful in awarding to the first choice artist.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Hughes, Mora, Thompson, Vedere and Winters
Noes: None
Abstain: Commissioner Gill
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

7. COMMISSION REFERRALS – None

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Superintendent I Lance Scheetz informed the Commission about the upcoming Car Cinema Outdoor Movie Night and School Pods program.

Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl informed the Commission about the new virtual After School Academy (ASA) program.

Director Wolf updated the Commission of the following items:

- Cooling / Air Quality Centers opening at Warm Springs Community Center and Fremont Community Center;
- Fire evacuation center set up;
- Park messaging for weekend;
- Housing Navigation Center virtual open house;
- Coastal cleanup month – every Saturday in September;
- Mission Peak trail access points.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Suzanne Wolf, Secretary
Fremont Recreation Commission