

**MINUTES
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2022**

1. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order:** Commissioner Winters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Flag Salute:** Commissioner Thompson led the salute to the flag.
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Jannet Benz, Eric Donato, Sundar Sankaran, Larry Thompson, Jessica Williams, Elissa Winters, *Mywand Zazay
*Commissioner Zazay joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
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, Associate Landscape Architect Rico Lardizabal, Park Superintendent Juan Barajas, Recreation Superintendent I Michael Sa, Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Benz to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Sankaran, Thompson, Williams, and Winters
Noes: None
Abstain: Commissioner Donato
Absent: Commissioner Zazay

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Written comments submitted were compiled, distributed to the Recreation Commission and staff, and published in the City's Agenda Center on fremont.gov, and were placed on file.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu, Steve Skala, Nanette Hamilton, Ping Chin and Tarun Vignesh shared a variety of comments and concerns.

Item closed to public.

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 DEDICATION OF PARKLAND

Consider Dedication of 8.84 Acres of Parkland at Paseo Padre Parkway and Stevenson Boulevard

Senior Landscape Architect Tara Bhuthimethee provided a presentation. Staff responded to questions from Recreation Commissioners.

Item opened for public comment.

Naren Immadi and Kelly Abreu shared a variety of comments and concerns.

Item closed to public.

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

1. Recommend City Council make a finding that designation of the 8.84 acres of land at Paseo Padre Parkway and Stevenson Boulevard for park purposes is exempt from the requirements of CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), Sections 15162 and 15163 (Actions analyzed under the General Plan EIR), and Sections 15378(b) and 15601(b)(3), as the dedication is an administrative activity.
2. Recommend City Council adopt a resolution dedicating 8.84 acres of land at Paseo Padre Parkway and Stevenson Boulevard as parkland.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Benz, Donato, Sankaran, Thompson, Williams, Winters and Zazay
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

7. COMMISSION REFERRALS – None

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Director Beranek updated the Commission on the following events:

- Movie at the Park (first event – September 30; second event – October 14);
- “A Celebration of Life, Love and Remembrance” at the Patterson House – October 15;
- Halloween Themed Street Eat Event – October 21;
- “Holiday for the Arts” Gala at the Olive Hyde Art Gallery – October 21;
- Youth Advisory Commission college application workshop – October 23.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Suzanne Wolf, Secretary
Fremont Recreation Commission