

**MINUTES  
FREMONT RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, BUILDING A  
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538  
FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

- 1. PRELIMINARY**
  - A. Call to Order**
  - B. Salute to the Flag**
  - C. Roll Call**

Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Commissioner Couthren led the flag salute.

**Present:** Commissioners Jeff Couthren, John Dutra, Brian Hughes, Mia Mora, Larry Thompson, Pavan Vedere and (one vacant)

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Deputy Director Kim Beranek, Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad, Recreation Superintendent II Damon Sparacino, Recreation Superintendent I Lance Scheetz, Recreation Superintendent I Irene Jordahl, Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci, Anna Guiles Management Analyst II, and Executive Assistant Tracey Leung

- 2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Dutra to move action item 6.2 in front of action item 6.1.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Couthren, Dutra, Hughes, Mora, Thompson, and Vedere  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

An asterisk (\*) denotes items heard on consent calendar as the first order of business.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Dutra and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 6, 2017.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Couthren, Dutra, Hughes, Thompson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Commissioners Mora, and Vedere  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None**

### **5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

#### **5.1 DOWNTOWN TEMPORARY PLAZA**

Zack Lewis from Public Space Authority (PSA) gave an updated presentation on the design and activation of the temporary downtown plaza. The Commission then provided PSA with feedback and additional programming ideas.

### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **6.1 RECOMMEND THE NAME FOR THE LINEAR PLAZA WITHIN THE WARMS SPRINGS INNOVATION DISTRICT (17PLN0152)**

Recommend name for the linear plaza/park in the Warm Springs Innovation District, currently under design and construction by Lennar Homes (17PLN0152)

Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci provided a presentation of the naming of the new park and plazas in the Warm Springs Innovation District.

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

- 1) Recommend to the City Council that the linear plaza be named Innovation Plaza.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Hughes, Mora, Thompson, and Vedere  
Noes: Commissioners Couthren, and Dutra  
Abstain: None  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

**\*6.2 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR  
Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar  
year 2018**

On a motion by Commissioner Dutra seconded by Commissioner Couthren, the Recreation Commission elected Commissioner Thompson as the Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2018.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Couthren, Dutra, Hughes, Mora, and Vedere  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Commissioner Thompson  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

On a motion by Commissioner Dutra seconded by Commissioner Thompson the Recreation Commission elected Commissioner Vedere as the Vice Chair of the Recreation Commission for calendar year 2018.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Couthren, Dutra, Hughes, Mora, and Thompson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Commissioner Vedere  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

**6.3 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR  
Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar from January 2019 through  
December 2019**

On a motion by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Vedere, the Recreation Commission accepted the Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar for the year 2019.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Commissioners Couthren, Dutra, Hughes, Mora, Thompson, and Vedere  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Recuse: None  
Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

**6.4 GEORGE W. PATTERSON HOUSE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER  
REPLACEMENT**

The Commission decided to postpone appointing the George W. Patterson House and Advisory Board Member until the two Recreation Commissioner vacancies are filled.

**7. COMMISSION REFERRALS - None**

**8. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Wolf informed the Commission that there would be a March regular meeting on March 7. There would be a date sensitive action item on the agenda, and informed the Commission to reserve time to attend the meeting.

Director Wolf recognized and thanked Commissioner Jeff Couthren for his years of service to the Recreation Commission and the community.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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SUZANNE WOLF, Secretary  
Fremont Recreation Commission