



Meeting Minutes
City of Scotts Valley
Parks & Recreation Commission
DATE: May 19, 2022

CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY

Recreation Division
361 Kings Village Road, SV
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

MEETING LOCATION

Zoom Mtg.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85492437546>

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Present:**P&R Commissioners**

Dave Sanguinetti, Chair
Gillian McGlaze
Martin Spierings

City Staff Members

Chris Lamm, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Char Ashfield, Administrative Secretary

Meeting called to order at: 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda:

M/S: McGlaze/Spierings to approve April 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Carried: 3/0

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda: None

Parks and Recreation Update:

- PWD Lamm informed the Commission that Commissioner Seib has resigned. Councilmembers Johnson and Reed have been reminded that they need to appoint new commissioners as soon as possible.
- Applications for the Recreation Administrative Assistant job have been received and interviews will take place next week. We are hoping the new employee will be on board by mid June.
- The Recreation Division Manager position has gone out to hire.
- Planning for the Fourth of July celebration (to be held on July 3rd) is underway. Since we no longer have the recreation temp staff to man the event, volunteers and volunteer captains will be used. Anyone interested is asked to contact PWD Lamm.
- The City was informed that the \$757,000 grant for the replacement of the 5-12 year old playground structures has cleared the first hurdle for funding.

Public Comment Time: Ellen Buckingham expressed her opinions regarding her perception of the City's ADA non-compliance and difficulties linking to the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings via zoom (emails attached). Chair Sanguinetti acknowledged her frustration, informed her that the linking difficulties have been rectified and agendaized ADA compliance for the June meeting.

Regular Agenda:

1. **Appointment of Vice-Chair:** Commissioner McGlaze volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair.
2. **Bocce Committee Update:** Commissioner McGlaze brought the Commission up to date on her meeting with bocce representatives from the Senior and City bocce leagues. They will confer with their members and bring more information on easily maintained bocce court surfaces to their next meeting with Commissioner McGlaze on June 2nd.
Public Comment: Ellen Buckingham expressed her displeasure with the sound volume of the meeting. She was informed that the volume is controlled by individual attendee's computers.
3. **CIP:** PWD Lamm reviewed the CIP with the Commission and asked for questions and comments. The Commission asked various questions regarding priority and flexibility. M/S: McGlaze/Spierings to accept the draft CIP as present by staff.
Carried: 3/0

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Public Comment: Ellen Buckingham expressed her opinion regarding the City's ADA noncompliance and the need for motion activity for the disabled. Chair Sanguinetti expressed the Commission's support and budget constraints.

- 4. Committee Updates and Assignments:** Since two commissioner seats are vacant, committee assignments will be updated when these seats are filled.

Trails: Chair Sanguinetti informed the Commission that he contacted the Land Trust regarding the scheduled maintenance for the Glenwood trails. The brushing is scheduled to take place next week.

Future Agenda Items:

- ADA Review
- Synthetic Turf at Siltanen

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Char Ashfield

From: Ellen Buckingham <ellenb@cruzio.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:31 PM
To: SVPR-rec
Subject: public comment to be read on 05/19/2022

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To the parks and rec commission,

You put the wrong email address in the agenda section so our email comments are being returned to the public.

This is to be read and included in the minutes of the 05/19/2022 meeting.

Sadly at your last meeting several other members of the public were unable to join the zoom meeting because you put the wrong link where you stated "click here to join" There was a correct address in a different area of the agenda, but this was not a hyperlink. Unfortunately, parks and rec is excluding many disabled community members by making it tedious and impossible for some to join in these meetings. This has happened before and I am beginning to question why this is a repeat problem. The legality of these meetings is also in question.

Over the years, I have compiled lists on how to make some parks and rec activities more accessible. Sadly, several suggestions have been ignored causing exclusion of disabled community members. A mandated Access Audit and Transition Plan was done on Scotts Valley in March of 2016. This was done to bring the city in compliance with ADA requirements. The city is far behind in the suggested timeline for the multitude of failures in meeting ADA mandates. Even the disabled parking places at Siltanen Park are not compliant and therefore not enforceable. In the March 2021 meeting, one proponent of more inclusive parks suggested it might draw more people with disabilities to our parks if we could install a wheelchair swing or We Go Round. A Parks and Rec commissioner indicated it would be negative draw. This kind of ableism seems to go unchecked by commission members and the city. Your focus is clearly in other areas exclusive of the disabled in our community.

I brought up on numerous occasions that having a disabled section in the 4th of July parade and fire works is only part of the solution. You need to **publicize** that there is disabled parking and an accessible section **in all flyers and advertising** of the parade and fire works. Last year and other years there was a significant lack of publicity for the disabled section and so many people would not attend due to not wanting to fight traffic and not know if there would be a place to park or to let down a wheelchair lift. I realize it may be extremely difficult for those on the commission to understand what it is like to require a lift system to access a wheelchair and a then secure 4 tie downs to safely be transported to an activity. It is critical that **some effort be made to include people of all abilities and publicize that an event is accessible**. The disabled section last year had many nondisabled people in it. Why not have people there to point out that the section was for disabled only....not to question what their disability is...just to point it out from the entry points would suffice. I will continue to lend my access ramp for the parade disabled section as I have for the last several years.

I suggest each and every member of the P and R commission do some work to educate yourselves on issues of access and disability. Clearly this is needed. You might start with watching Crip Camp. Keep in mind that the final passages of the 504 act and ADA is not the be all and end all. Playground equipment, for example, that is considered ADA compliant is not accessible to most in wheelchairs. "Accessible by transfer" assumes for example that the person has sufficient upper body strength and control to hold on to a spring horse.

Siltanen park has a ramp that goes nowhere near the disabled swing. It dumps the wheelchair user directly into wood chips (which by the way are considered ADA compliant!) Every try pushing a wheelchair over wood chips? The sand area has PIP in a small section but it leads to the steps. Is a parent in a wheelchair supposed to drag themselves out of their chair and try to pull themselves up the steps to reach their child?? Using PIP as a substrate is a start, however all children benefit from vestibular stimulation. Having inclusive equipment such as a We Go Round would benefit all. I have had to clarify more than once to commission members that inclusive means access to all. It is not designed just for a disabled person. It is used and enjoyed by everyone. Simply placing a wall of spinning objects is not enough and is an insult.

Sadly, there is an extreme lack of diversity and lot of discrimination in Scotts Valley. Scotts Valley is clearly dominated by whites and able bodied in all government sectors. Women have always been a minority on the city council, parks and rec commission and GPAC. Your exclusivity has a significant psychological impact on anyone with differences. It causes mental health issues and even suicides.

When there was a public meeting held in Skypark on what the public wanted, it was made clear by the public that wheelchair access and wheelchair ride-on equipment was a high priority. I find it unfortunate that no one from the commission had ever shown up at our pre-pandemic disabled swim on Friday afternoons. It was a popular and engaging program. You might have learned something had you chosen to join in.

Check out this We Go Round. You will see that the ones who benefit are not just the wheelchair users...

<https://www.playlsi.com/en/ad/we-go-round/>

You can do it right with a little effort, but you need to include the whole community.

Ellen Buckingham

Char Ashfield

From: Char Ashfield
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Chris Lamm
Subject: FW: Meeting

From: Pamela Way <pamelaway@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:38 PM
To: Ellen Buckingham <ellenb@cruzio.com>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Pamela Way <pamelaway@comcast.net>
Date: May 17, 2022 at 2:35:51 PM PDT
To: mlagoe@scottsvalley.org, kpowell@loganpowell.com
Subject: Meeting

Scott's Valley is not in compliance with ADA regulations for playgrounds, parking lots or public buildings. It is not right. I tried to zoom in at the last meeting and it appears that it is the same set up for the next meeting which does not include the public- exclusionary! And no agenda again. Nor did I get a response from anyone by e mail or phone-again excludes the public and those who want input including the disabled and handicapped and people caring for them like me as a Registered Nurse. Perhaps a letter to the Sentinel might correct this error on your part.

Sincerely,
Pamela Way, RN
831-247-0819

Sent from my iPhone

Char Ashfield

From: Char Ashfield
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	Martin Spierings	
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