

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. The Meeting was called to order by vice chair, Commissioner Fong at 6:00 p.m. at the Rotunda, at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Stacey Wilson
Commissioner Albert Fong
Commissioner Elmer Dolera
Commissioner Elva Arellano
Commissioner Dominic Dursa
Commissioner Juan Mendoza

Absent:

Commissioner Ernesto Yzquierdo
Commissioner Joey Martinez

Staff:

Kristan Lundquist, Interim Community Services
Eric Howard, Deputy Librarian
Jose Areola, CASP Administrator
Sheila Molinari, Community Services Manager
Jill Miller, Senior Planner
Tara Hullinger, Advanced Planning Manager

C. Public Comments

Girls Scouts Troup 30115 want to earn a bronze award. They would like dog waste stations at city parks installed.

D. CONSENT

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 13, 2019

On a motion by Commissioner Fong, seconded by Commissioner Dolera, the minutes were approved. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Presentations

1. Cesar Chavez Artificial Soccer Field Project

Ms. Lundquist introduced Brian Frus from Public Works, and he gave the presentation. The soccer field is slated for Cesar Chavez Park with a grant that was awarded. Public Works will be administering the grant and overseeing the design. Civil Engineering firm, BFS's Larry Foster showed slides with the existing conditions, and plans for the future soccer fields.

Commission action:

Receive presentation

Public comments:
None.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Mendoza asked about containment of balls.

Commissioner Dolera asked which groups will be using the fields, and what is the life expectancy of the turf. Ms. Lundquist said it will be accessible to wide variety of groups. Life expectancy of the turf would be about ten years.

Commissioner Wilson asked if multiple use striping will be done. The public will have input.

2. Request to Rename Monte Bella Park

Ms. Molinari went over the report along with the City's naming policy and application to rename Monte Bella Park to Pastor Herb Valero Park. The application is from Victory Outreach. They wanted to honor slain Pastor Herb Valero for his involvement in the community for 28 years. This fits in the policy to consider naming the park in his honor.

Commission action:

Motion: Commissioner Fong motioned to move forward and support the renaming of Monte Bella Park to Pastor Herb Valero Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mendoza. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:
None.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Fong asked if the neighborhoods were notified. Pastor Henry Campa came to podium and said that the neighborhoods were notified, and signatures were collected. Commissioner Dursa asked how long does the process take. Ms. Molinari said it is quick, about 30 days.

3. West Area Draft Plan and EIR

Ms. Lundquist introduced Jill Miller, Senior Planner and Tara Hullinger, Advanced Planning Manager from Community Development Department. They presented on the Draft West Area Specific Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 45-day public review. It is in the North of Boronda Future Growth Area. It was annexed into the City limits in 2008. The project overview was presented including housing, schools, commercial areas, and an emphasis on parks. A brief background was given regarding the General Plan. Traffic, roundabouts, and access points were discussed.

Commission action:

Motion: Make a recommendation to City Council to support and move forward by Commissioner Fong and seconded by Commissioner Dolera. Motion Passed unanimously.

Public comments:
Jane Wilson (minor) asked why this is getting done.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Mendoza inquired about the commercial area as well the roundabouts.

Commissioner Dursa asked about bike lanes and paths. Will baseball fields be incorporated. Ms. Lundquist and Ms. Hullinger addressed.

F. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Dursa, was a recent ceremony honoring Julio Padilla who started soccer leagues in the 70's. On March 30 there will be a youth summit which he will speak.

Commissioner Dolera likes to see the youth come out and get involved.

Commissioner Mendoza glad to be part of the commission and people in his area are concerned with the traffic on Boronda Road.

Commissioner Wilson was at a recent community meeting and took the questioner. She also requested briefer minutes.

G. Director's Report

Ms. Lundquist reported there were three community meetings in February. Community gave input to create a criteria to rank future projects. The Public Art Master Plan was busy with pop up events, a bus tour, and community events. There will be a presentation on Monday at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Areola spoke regarding the many community events this past month. Next week Youth Leadership Academy will be launching. Saturday Night Teen programs have improved attendance. Summer Activity Guides will be coming soon. Hebbbron Spring Event is coming in mid-April. CASP meetings take place at 7:00 a.m. on first and third Wednesdays. Mr. Howard went over the web page for Salinas Public Library which showcase programs including tax preparation services, and food preparation classes. El Gabilan construction is coming along. Fundraising is taking place, and Friends of the Library have been active participators.

Commissioner Fong announced the Annual Prayer Meeting hosted by Mayor Gunter will be at the PAL Building on April 4 at 7:00 am.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to end the meeting by Commissioner Fong, and seconded by Commissioner Dolera, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.