

DALY CITY RECREATION COMMISSION
DALY CITY RECREATION – VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Recreation Commission Chair Christina Luna at 7:10 pm

ROLL CALL

Recreation Commission Present:

Chair Christina Luna, Commissioner Nate Ortiz, Commissioner Reigil Paniza, Commissioner Hamilton Anoa'i, Commissioner Saul Miranda

Recreation Commission Absent:

Staff Present:

Councilmember Juslyn Manalo, Councilmember Pamela DiGiovanni, Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte, Assistant to the City Manager Leilani Ramos, Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown, Administrative Assistant II Edgardo Bolanos, Senior Recreation Services Supervisor Jennifer Der, Active Adult/Senior Services Supervisor Ann Cooney, Recreation Services Supervisor Angelo Ignacio, Food Service Assistant II Opal Fuller, Senior Services Specialist Karen Parque, Senior Services Specialist Andrea Tsang, Recreation Services Coordinator Brian Sai, Recreation Services Coordinator Brian Flowers, Recreation Services Coordinator Derrick Shiu, Recreation Services Coordinator Jeffrey Parangan

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilmember Juslyn Manalo welcomed and administered the Oath of Office to Hamilton Anoa'i.
Councilmember Pamela DiGiovanni welcomed and administered the Oath of Office to Saul Miranda.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

Chair Luna opened nominations for the election of the Chair. Chair Luna nominated Commissioner Nate Ortiz for Chair. Commissioner Anoa'i seconded; Commissioner Miranda seconded. A roll call vote elected Commissioner Ortiz as the new Chair. Commissioner Luna opened nominations for the election of Vice Chair. Chair Ortiz nominated Commissioner Luna as Vice Chair. A roll call vote elected Commissioner Luna as Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Ortiz asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the February 22, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Vice Chair Luna and seconded by Commissioner Miranda. The Agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ortiz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 1, 2021. Motion made by Vice Chair Luna and seconded by Commissioner Miranda. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-Active Adult/Senior Services update:

Ann Cooney presented about the services and programming the Active Adult /Senior Services provides at the Doelger Senior Center. Programming includes dance classes, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Bocce Ball, Ukulele, various Arts and Crafts, and Billiards. Services include, use of the library, AARP Tax Prep, Grab & Go Hot Meals, and a new Food Pantry. She highlighted the role and importance of the volunteers and how they contributed to the reopening of the center. The Active Adult/Senior Services is having an Open House at Westlake Park on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 11:00AM – 2:00PM.

Opal Fuller presented on the Senior Nutrition Program. She shared that they currently provide 110 Grab & Go hot meals at the Doelger Senior Center & Lincoln Park Community Center, Monday through Friday, 50 emergency Home Delivered Meals to homebound Seniors and 53 Second Course Home Delivered Meals to homebound Seniors. In-person Congregate dining is set to open Monday, April 4, 2022 and the Senior Food Pantry is set to open sometime in the middle of April 2022.

Angelo Ignacio presented on the programming and services Lincoln Park Community Center is currently providing. Programming includes Ballroom Dancing, Line Dancing, Ping Pong and Tai Chi. Services include Grab & Go hot meals, free groceries and AARP Tax Prep.

-Introduction of Recreation Services Coordinators & Senior Services Specialists:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown introduced the four new Recreation Services Coordinators: Brian Sai, Brian Flowers, Derrick Shiu and Jeffrey Parangan; and the two new Senior Services Specialists: Andrea Tsang and Karen Parque; they each spoke about their backgrounds and what their new role in the department is.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Chair Ortiz asked if he could add agenda building to the agenda. Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown said she will check with Assistant City Manager Stephen Stolte & Assistant to the City Manager Leilani Ramos if she can add that. He also thanked the Recreation Division for helping him get to where he is at today.

Commissioner Anoa'i stated he's thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and gave a special thank you to Councilmember Manalo for nominating him.

Commissioner Miranda stated that he's thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and gave special thanks to Councilmember DiGiovanni for the nomination. Also had a question whether mental health services were happening at Lincoln Park Community Center. Angelo explained that while both Doelger and Lincoln are connected by doing Congregate meals, all Active Adult/Senior Service inquiries are referred to the Active Adult hotline and Ann Cooney has been handling outreach for both locations. Also asked what the requirements & limitations are for qualifying for AARP Tax Prep. Ann Cooney explained that the tax service being offered is just a very simple tax form and there are no limitations or age limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Recreation Services Manager Denise Brown announced upcoming events:

- **Spring Fun Day** – April 16, 2022 9am at Westlake Park. Egg hunts for different age groups and a visit by the Spring Bunny.
- **Doelger Active Adult/Senior Services Open House** – April 23, 2022 11:00AM – 2:00PM at Westlake Park

PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS:

A member of the public named Fabiola has concerns about Westmoor Park and has a lot of questions about its decaying state. This is the first time she's been to a Town Hall meeting and is saddened to hear that Lincoln Park is thriving while Westmoor Park is in decay. She hears about 500K from measure Q going to Senior Services and the seniors in her neighborhood have to go around a fence to practice Tai Chi at Westmoor Park. She doesn't understand who gets to pick and choose where the money is getting allocated. She wants more

information about what's going on at Westmoor Park, the EIR, budget for the last 5 years and how much of the budget was actually allocated to the upkeep of the park. A couple months ago, a tree fell and it's still not fixed, tennis courts have been in disarray for more than 5 years. She's wondering where all the money that was talked about going to and why isn't Westmoor Park good enough to put some money into.

A member of the public and former employee of the Parks and Recreation Department, Nick O., said it's good to hear all the things that the Department is continuing to do. He said it's important to think about all our green spaces, especially Serramonte del Rey and Westmoor Park. They have been neglected for a long time and although it's under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson Union High School District, between the transition from the City to the School District it's been forgotten. He feels it's the City's responsibility to the community to make sure that we restore the parks and green spaces. A big part of that is making sure that we're involved in the Community's decisions. He said it's important that members in the community speak up to say they really want to keep Westmoor Park and Serramonte del Rey as community centers. He would like the City's Recreation Division to play a role in that and advise the Jefferson Union High School District on how to build into community benefits what the Serramonte and Westmoor areas deserve. These spaces should be available to build community and not for more housing that isn't affordable.

A member of the public Sabrina B. (She's co-chair of the Equity Committee & co-founder of the Committee for Equity in Women's surfing, founder for Surf Equity, founder for Sport Equity.) read a letter that was sent to the City Council on February 17, 2022 from the Sierra club Loma Prieta Chapter: "If the density at Serramonte del Rey was doubled, then the footprint would be reduced by half and the project would still achieve the same unit potential, this would allow for 9 acres of greenspace. The garden and trees could be preserved as a county park for Daly City. The park could be co-managed by the Association of _____ as recommended by the California Natural Resources Agency. We urge the City to use its authority over public health, safety and welfare to fill essential needs in Daly City for more public park lands. This minor change to the Serramonte del Rey plan will mitigate air quality, traffic & decrease open space problems that will result from the current design. Serramonte del Rey is a 90% market rate housing project. Please include at least 59% affordable housing including very low income, low income and moderate housing as allocated by RHNA.

A member of the public Glen grew up and still resides in Daly City, which he acknowledges is Ohlone territory. He wanted to bring up the community garden at Serramonte del Rey because it has served the community as a recreational space. He wants to know how to get the Daly City City Council to step in and do something about how the Jefferson Union High School District is behaving. They've retaliated against community members including him, whose artwork was removed under the leadership of the JUHSD School Board. He states it's obvious that Daly City residents desperately need these spaces but are allowing the school board to commit harmful acts against the people who actively enjoy these spaces for self-care, building community and to connect with nature. He asks that we don't take these things for granted and not wait to experience the horrendous effects of for-profit development. The video and testimonials shown earlier in the meeting are a great example of why community spaces are so treasured. Just imagine that but outdoors. "Save the Garden!"

A member of the public Hebba is a former student at Westmoor High School, has lived in Daly City her entire life, and is a member of For Daly City. She's here to urge the Recreation Commission to take a stance with the community in order to preserve Daly City's only community garden and Westmoor Park. She conducted a survey amongst community members and local students and nearly all responders emphasized a need for both green spaces and community spaces. She would like the City Council to push for a revision of the Serramonte del Rey development which entails the demolition of the garden and building on top of Westmoor Park. She is urging the Recreation Commission to join the youth and community to protect and promote youth programming, green spaces, libraries, and recreational areas that our city needs so much for mental and physical health. They supported a youth organized rally at the community garden/Serramonte del Rey on February 18,

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2022 and they demanded a preservation of these spaces for them. She wanted to share the voices of the youth and community and demand all hands off the garden which includes halting all proposed closures and removal of security measures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Next Meeting:

March 22, 2022 at 7:00pm

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