

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Dan Cooper.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONER MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dan Cooper	Chair	Present	
Julie Nassif	Vice Chair	Present	
Patricia Thee	Commissioner	Present	
Sanjay Mathur	Commissioner	Present	
Neel Patel	Commissioner	Present	

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission elect a new Chair.

Chair Dan Cooper nominated Vice Chair Julie Nassif to be Chair. It was moved by Chair Cooper S/by Commissioner Patricia Thee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission elect a new Vice Chair.

Chair Nassif nominated Commissioner Thee to be Vice Chair. It was moved by Commissioner Cooper and S/by Chair Nassif.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of Minutes for the December 1, 2021

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the minutes for the December 1, 2021, regular meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
AYES:	Julie Nassif, Chair, Patricia Thee, Vice Chair, Dan Cooper, Commissioner
ABSTAIN:	Sanjay Mathur, Commissioner, Neel Patel, Commissioner

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Monument to the 3/5 and 2/4 Marines KIA During the Vietnam War

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a presentation from Team Dark Horse founder Mike Bland regarding a recommendation to place a marine monument at the Laguna Hills Community Center.

Team Darkhorse founder, Mike Bland, presented his report to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Superintendent Dan Meehan asked that the Commission provide feedback to staff and Mr. Bland.

Commissioner Cooper and Chair Nassif suggested to Mr. Bland, that the other branches of the military be mentioned on the monument.

Chair Nassif suggested engraving a phrase or a slogan to reference other branches of the military on the bench. She also suggested that the placement of the monument be in front of the soccer field, in the flower bed behind the retaining wall.

Commissioner Patel suggested that the placement of the monument be located in front of the skatepark, along the sidewalk of Paseo De Valencia near the fencing. He suggested that the monument be somewhere that is safe and where the community thinks is the best place for visibility.

Vice Chair Thee commented at Mandeville Park there is a military monument located there. She suggested that the placement of the monument should not be at Mandeville Park.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 Park Quality Control Program Update

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive an update from Parks Supervisor Ryan Hanley.

Parks Supervisor Ryan Hanley greeted the Commission and was available to answer any questions from the Commission.

The Commission gave suggestions to Mr. Hanley. Mr. Hanley mentioned that he appreciates all the work that the Commission does with the Park Quality Control Program. He stated he would follow up with them on all their comments.

RESULT:	RECEIVE AND FILE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Thee, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Neel Patel, Commissioner
AYES:	Julie Nassif, Chair, Patricia Thee, Vice Chair, Sanjay Mathur, Commissioner, Neel Patel, Commissioner, Dan Cooper, Commissioner

4.2 Development of Citywide Local Hazard Mitigation

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss the development of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and provide input on any hazards of concern in the community to be evaluated and mitigated.

Starla Barker presented her report to the Parks and Recreation Commission and answer questions from the Commission.

4.3 2021 Community Services Department Year End Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Julie Nassif, Chair
SECONDER:	Neel Patel, Commissioner
AYES:	Julie Nassif, Chair, Patricia Thee, Vice Chair, Sanjay Mathur, Commissioner, Neel Patel, Commissioner, Dan Cooper, Commissioner

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Patel had comments about agenizing items on a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The comments included painting trail underpasses and utility boxes projects, an analysis of the City's landscape budget and use of ARPA funds, landscape improvements to school district property at school entrances, transfer of \$5K from firework display to the Rooted Campaign, and host an Instagram contest to promote the City.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission at this session, Chair Cooper declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

David Reynolds, Deputy City Manager

ATTEST:

Patricia Thee Vice Chair

Approved at meeting of April 6, 2022