



**Town of Atherton**  
**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 2nd, 2022**  
**6:30 pm Zoom Meeting**

Meeting started at 6:31 pm

**1. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Matt Baker (Chair), Taylor Henkel- Absent, Alex Keh, Frank Merrill- Absent, Julianna Robertson (Vice-Chair), Walt Robinson, Marylue Timpson  
Councilmember Liaisons: Rick DeGolia  
Staff: Sally Bentz-Dalton

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

Noah Eisner explained that he is a two-year resident and wants to convert a tennis court in the park to pickle ball courts(s). He mentioned Palo Alto's Mitchel Park has 8 courts. Menlo Park converted 1 of 5 courts to 4 pickleball courts for the cost of \$2,300. He said that more people can use a pickle ball. Tennis is 4 pickle ball can be 16. Noah visited HPP six times to see use at random times. It wasn't used very much. He created a petition on change.org and he has 146 signatures. He respectfully asks that the Committee look at adding pickleball courts.

Billy Chow made comment to consider pickle ball in the next month.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January minutes**  
Approved as amended 1<sup>st</sup> Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Timpson 5-0

**4. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5a. Review and recommend updated Memorial and Donation Policy for Holbrook-Palmer Park**  
Staff provided updates on elements with updated pricing. Many elements were updated with \$500 more. Staff incorporated allowing plaques for trees. Staff received edits for Robinson and Keh.

Robinson asked Mayor DeGolia about the \$10,000 break point. Robinson regarded it so that 2 elements could be purchased, and it wouldn't need to burden the Council. DeGolia said the recommendation is legitimate and if the Council wants different than \$10,000 then the Council can change.

Robinson stated the basic changes is that the Foundation will not be receiving the donation and passing on. A tax deduction can go through the Town.

Alex Keh had clarifications. Why would the Foundation get the maintenance funds? Robinson said that if someone wants to just donate money then that would go to the Foundation. The Foundation just raised \$70,000. There would be no incentive for the Foundation to raise money. The policy is designed to cover specific items. Monetary donations will still go to the Foundation.

Alex Keh wanted to add a provision for raised cost of elements so that staff doesn't have to come back to Park & Rec and Council.

Correction in list of A, B, C no H. In application no need for fax information.

Staff will bring clean copy of policy with all edits to next meeting to go to City Council.

Rick DeGolia discussed trees and shrubs and screening. The policy should address 24" box trees. Staff will add choice for 15 gallon or 24" box and add a fee to incur planting fee.

Baker brought up the plaques and staff said she included it in the cost.

#### **5b. Fence design review for large Oak at Holbrook-Palmer**

The Committee wasn't in favor of the sheep style fence. Staff was directed to come back with a iron fence style that would be less of an eye sore.

Staff will bring back more ideas and get quotes to a future meeting.

#### **5c. Updates on prioritized park projects and goals**

Staff discussed what the Carriage House bathrooms ad hoc committee worked on. Alex Keh presented a thorough and detailed PowerPoint on updated venue pricing. Alex Keh will bring back edits to a future meeting for a vote.

### **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

## **COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS**

**7a. Foundation report:** Robinson mentioned there was no Foundation meeting since last meeting.

**7c. Park goings on reports and Q&A:** Staff opened item to the Committee for questions and discussion.

Walter Robinson asked about the tennis numbers. Staff said numbers are only for private and clinics. Robertson stated that is something we should track. The Committee was wondering about cameras on the court. Staff will investigate the number of reservations through Player Capital Tennis. Staff will check on categories again.

**7c. Park Events Report:** Staff opened item to the Committee for questions.

**7d. Individual Committee Member Comments:**

Baker mentioned Earth Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be between 11 am – 2 pm. They were wondering about a park clean up and if the Committee was interested.

Alex Keh brought up the leaf blower ordinance. Staff said the maintenance will take longer. The Town alerted the possible new companies that electric blowers may be required. The overlay of the tennis court quotes will go to the February 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for approval.

**7. SET/CONFIRM NEXT MEETING**

March 2nd, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Zoom

A decision to meet in person will be month to month.

**8. ADJOURN** - Meeting ended at 8:01 pm with a motion by Keh and 2nd by Robinson – 5-0.