



THE CITY OF  
**EL CERRITO**  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

El Cerrito Community Center – Garden Room  
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530

**This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible**

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**6:00 p.m. ROLL CALL - CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Zuckermann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Present:** Chair David Zuckermann; Vice-Chair Tara McIntire; Members Ben Chuaqui, Avis Codron, Norman La Force, Art Machado, Jun Sunseri.

#### 1. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Chuaqui, reported on his concerns with the design of the proposed Safeway/BART Path and his meeting with the City's Public Works Department. Updated plans will most likely be presented in October.

Vice-Chair McIntire, reported that there was no prior notice at City trail heads informing the public of the fire road maintenance being done.

Chair Zuckermann, reported that there a committee for Measure H, the extension of Measure A, as well as an active website [yesonparks.org](http://yesonparks.org).

#### 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

#### 3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS - None

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved/Seconded:** Members La Force/McIntire. Pass a motion to approve the minutes of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on July 24, 2019. **Ayes:** Chair Zuckermann; Vice-Chair McIntire; Members Chuaqui, Codron, La Force, Machado, and Sunseri. **Noes:** None

#### 5. HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA WAYFINDING SIGN DESIGN AND TRAIL NAME

**Action Proposed:** Review options and provide a recommendation on preferred choice for Hillside Natural Area Wayfinding sign design.

**Contact:** Chris Jones, El Cerrito Recreation Director

**Moved/Seconded:** Members La Force/Chauqui **Action:** Motion to recommend the half slope sign with the coppery color. **Ayes:** Chair La Force; Members Chuaqui, Codron, La Force, Machado. **Noes:** Vice-Chair McIntire and Member Sunseri.

**Action Proposed:** Receive update on Pedro Font; action to recommend alternative name to the City Council.

**Contact:** Chris Jones, El Cerrito Recreation Director

Online search results for Pedro Font was provided showing that naming a trail after him may be a controversial choice.

The trail that the Commission originally recommended to name Huchiun Trail is actually on private property. Without an easement, the City cannot place the trail on wayfinding signage.

Staff recommendation was to change the trail originally called Pedro Font to Huchiun Trail and to remove the trail on private property from the Hillside Natural Area Wayfinding Signage Project.

**Moved/Seconded:** Members La Force/Machado **Action:** Motion to replace recommended Pedro Font name for trail to Huchiun Trail and address formerly recommended Huchiun Trail when and if the City gets an easement for it down the line.

## 6. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION RELATED PROJECTS

The Parks Projects Status Sheet of funded and unfunded capital improvement program projects was discussed by the Commission and Staff.

Staff reviewed the how project and funding prioritization is demonstrated in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, passed by the City Council in April 2019, and the Commission's role in implementing future projects.

Discussion, including a question and answer period followed.

## 7. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Sarah DiBenedetto, Recreation Analyst, announced additional Fall offerings of girls sports, volleyball and basketball, at Korematsu Middle School Gym and tennis programs for youth and adults. She announced upcoming special events and contests: Senior Resource Fair, El Cerrito Rotary Sip & Savor Event – a fundraiser that benefits the Recreation Department's David Hunter Youth Memorial Scholarship Program, Environmental Art & Essay Contest and the Halloween Festi-Fall. She announced the end of a successful summer camp season and the beginning of the school programs.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7pm, City Hall - Council Chambers
- Safeway Trail Project - October
- Other-Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) Policy- October
- Land Acknowledgement- TBD
- Drone Policy - TBD

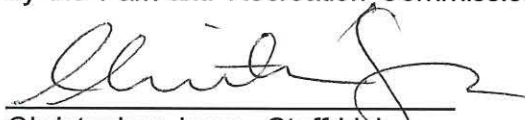
**9. EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER AND SWIM CENTER TOUR**

Commissioners toured the Community Center and Swim Center paying special attention to project areas identified in the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

  
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David Zuckermann Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Park and Recreation Commission meeting of August 28, 2019 as approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.

  
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Christopher Jones, Staff Liaison