COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
PARKS COMMISSION

District 1: VACANT
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District 3: Irma Rodriguez Mitton
District 4: Brooks Esser
District 5: Basem Manneh

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455 County Center, 4th Fl.
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MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting **Thursday, October 2, 2025** **4:00 PM**

***** IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE*****

*This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held in **The Boards and Commission Meeting Room, 400 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City, CA, 94063**. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person in Redwood City or remotely via the Zoom platform.*

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**
   Present: Chair Rodriguez Mitton, Vice-Chair Manneh, Commissioner Esser

3. **Public Comment**

4. **Action to Set the Agenda and approve the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes**

5. **Reports and Presentations**

5.1 Parks Department Report – SMC Parks Director Nicholas Calderon
Highlights include:

- Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach: utility poles have been removed; utilities now located in underground trench. Landslides scheduled to be repaired in 2026.
- Flood Park playground: Construction has started and play equipment has been ordered. Anticipated opening date in Q1 of 2026. SMC Parks Foundation will be selling commemorative pavers to be placed at Flood Park playground; funds will help with maintenance of the playground.
- Coyote Point playground: In the process of contracting with a design-build entity to replace playground. Anticipated start date of April 2026.
- San Bruno Mountain Day Use Area: Anticipated opening by end of year.
- Department is supporting nomination of Sam McDonald Park for National Register for Historic Places
- Three fuel reduction projects underway:
  - Junipero Serra Park – completed shaded fuel break project
  - San Bruno Mountain – shaded fuel break project started in September, complete by end of October
  - Pescadero Creek Park – started forest health grant multi-year project

Public comment:
Jane from Boardsports: operates a windsports concession at Coyote Point. Used to operate a snack bar as well. Expressed interested in bringing this back in the interim.

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 SMC Parks Foundation Presentation, recipient of 2024 Fish & Game Propagation Fund grant – SMC Parks Foundation Director Michele Beasley

- Funds spent on upgrades to Memorial Park Nature Center, with a focus on interpretive panels on fish and wildlife in Pescadero Creek, the surrounding riparian areas, and the redwood forests. Also funding a 3D topographical map of the Pescadero Creek Watershed.

6.2 Partner Presentation: Friends of Edgewood (FoE) – Peter Ingram (President of FoE) and Barrie Moore (Vice-president of FoE)

- FoE founded in 1993 and is an all-volunteer organization with approximately 140 active volunteers focused on protecting and educating people about the unique biodiversity of Edgewood.
- 30+ programs focused on land and wildlife stewardship, nature education, and interpretive programs.
- Over 14,000 volunteer hours in 2024.
- Members have raised $1.5 million over the years to support Edgewood and FoE programs.

7. Items of Outstanding Business

7.1 Update on Commissioner vacancies

- Vacancy for District 2 is posted.
- In the process of interviewing for District 1 vacancy.

8. Commissioner Updates

8.1 Commissioner report out on information items, subcommittee, or project updates

9. Items for a Future Agenda

- County priorities update
- Welcome & onboarding of new Commissioners
- County diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Partnerships and connections – have representatives of partner organizations provide presentations to the Commission. Discuss which County department may be able to attend.
- Update on sustainability actions for the Parks Department & alignment with action plan for County Office of Sustainability. Regional transportation and active transportation
- Summary of Revitalize Coyote Point survey
- Subcommittee structure and assignments
- Processes to address public comment
- Address technological gaps to ensure accessibility for public attendees and improve participation at in-person and remote meetings.
- Park vendor RFP processes and updates.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:33pm.

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

Vacant, District 1 │ Vacant, District 2 │ Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) │ Brooks Esser, District 4 │ Basem Manneh (Vice-Chair), District 5

County of San Mateo Parks Department
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