



CITY OF SOLEDAD

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
248 MAIN STREET
SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA**

WELCOME

Welcome to your City of Soledad Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Your City Committee Members are:

Councilmember Alejandro Chavez

Councilmember Marisela Lara

Citizen Representatives: Mr. Jesus Cuevas; Ms. Lourdes Vargas;

Mr. Victor Penera; Mr. Joel Ramirez; Mr. Jimmy Rodriguez

Due to State, County and local orders and recommendations on protocols to contain the spread of COVID-19, members of the public wishing to make a public comment, please use the link above to participate by video or teleconference.

Debido a las ordines y recomendaciones estatales, del condado y locales sobre los protocolos para contener la propagación de COVID-19, los miembros del público que deseen hacer un comentario público utilicen el enlace de arriba para participar por video o teleconferencia.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time any member of the public may address the Committee on items **not** appearing on this agenda and are items of interest to the public that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers shall have limited time of three (3) minutes. Please be brief and to the point. No action or discussion shall be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda, except that Committee Members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public.

IV. CONSENT

- C-1. Approval of Committee Minutes:**
a. Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020
b. Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020

V. BUSINESS

- B-1. Discuss Soledad General Services Tax Measure “Measure S.”**
B-2. Update on City Park Use Under Specific Circumstances.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S ITEMS

VII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next regular Parks and Recreation Committee meeting would be Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 5:30 PM by video or teleconference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, Brent Slama, Interim City Clerk of the City of Soledad, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda was posted at City Hall by Friday, December 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Brent Slama, Interim City Clerk/Secretary

12/04/2020
Date

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact City Clerk Michael McHatten at (831) 223-5014. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (RCRF 35.102-35.104).

“Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Soledad Parks and Recreation Committee regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at City Hall located at 248 Main Street, Soledad, California during normal business hours.”

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Minutes

City Of Soledad
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

August 11, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Due to State, County and local orders and recommendations on protocols to contain the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was held through Zoom video and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez called the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present by video/teleconference when the meeting was called to order were: Mayor Fred Ledesma, Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Chavez, Citizen Representatives Jesus Cuevas, Jimmy Rodriguez and Victor Penera. Staff present included Interim City Manager Brent Slama, Public Works Director Oscar Antillon, Public Works Supervisor Joel Alvarez and Public Works Executive Assistant Hilda Ramirez

Members absent: Joel Ramirez and Lourdes Vargas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Frances Bengtson, Soledad Mission Recreation District, stated that they are offering new programs outside like yoga at the park for kids and low impact senior stretch and high-risk population. They also have high building blocks to do some engaging play and welcomed everyone to check them out.

Mayor Pro Temp Chavez thanked Ivan and the Youth Council for participating in the meeting.

CONSENT

None.

BUSINESS

B-1. Conceptual plan and survey for Orchard Lane Park

Ms. Beth Matz, Project Manager for BFS Landscape Consultants, addressed the committee and gave a presentation on the proposed park at Orchard Lane. She stated that they received approximately forty-eight survey responses and they are very confident that the needs of the people that took the survey will be met. She said the concept plan was pretty much the same, except that parking was added which was not included in the original park grant application.

Ms. Matz said that there was a schedule on the website and the next step would be to move from the conceptual plan to the design, then construction, with a completion of the park by Spring of 2021.

Mayor Fred Ledesma asked about the amount of picnic areas within the parks because there seems to be an issue with space. He mentioned that Little League park gets overcrowded and he wants to make sure there are plenty of picnic areas.

Ms. Matz said that there were small areas that would accommodate about 4-5 people, medium size areas that accommodate 10-12 people, larger areas to accommodate 25-50 people, and a large area that could accommodate up to 100 people.

Mr. Jesus Cuevas said it was nice that there were small and medium picnic areas.

Ms. Bengtson mentioned that she was concerned about the wind and asked if there were any windbreaks in the picnic areas.

Ms. Matz stated that they did look at reducing the impact of the wind and tried to accommodate by adding physical structures.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said that there was still time to think about making any changes to the large area. He thanked the Youth Council and Parks & Recreation Committee members for all their input that helped transform the concept of a sports park into a into a community park.

Interim City Manager Slama appreciated the feedback and thanked those who participated in the survey. He said that modifications would be made to the plan before it goes Council.

B-2. Use of City parks for youth sports training, conditioning, and physical education under specific circumstances

Interim City Manager Slama stated that there have been many questions regarding the use of parks for sports. He said that due to COVID-19 all parks and indoor activities were closed, which created an issue for the ability to train and perform other activities. He said that currently all fall sports were cancelled until January of next year.

Ben Gutierrez, Soledad resident, mentioned that Santa Clara County allowed practicing while distancing with only ten kids participating in every group.

Interim City Manager Slama said that there is a concern over activities that are allowed because it brings crowds and congregation. He said that the City's official position was to not allow sports.

Mr. Jimmy Rodriguez said that it was almost impossible to meet the allowed standards. He also brought up the issue of liability and who would be held responsible if participants were to get sick. He said that the more people are out, the more time it will take for things to get better.

Public Works Supervisor Alvarez said that his concern was the monitoring of park use if the city were to allow sports training.

City Manager Ledesma stated that he agreed with Mr. Rodriguez, to avoid sports park use in order to keep the numbers down until the county releases the reopening.

Interim City Manager Slama said that if the city issues a permit it may start a liability issue. He said that from an administrative point he does not feel comfortable with issuing permits until the city is free from the county watch list. He said that this item was brought up for discussion only and that there would be no sanctioning for use of the fields.

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S ITEMS

None.

SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next regular Park Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM as regularly scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Approved:

Fred J. Ledesma/Mayor

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