



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

**Library | Parks and Recreation Building
City Council Chambers
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Camacho, present
Secretary Battaglia, present
Commissioner DeNardi, present
Commissioner Lock, present
Commissioner Rey, present
Commissioner Uy, present

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Calendar of Events:

Director Mediati gives a brief update on the calendar of events.

2. Administrative Updates

No other updates besides the memo included in the agenda packet.

FRIENDS OF PARKS & RECREATION

No updates at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

3. Motion to approve meeting minutes from the October 21, 2025 and December 16, 2025 meetings.

Motion: Commissioner Uy / Seconded: Commissioner DeNardi to approve minutes for both meetings.

October 21, 2025: Roll call vote: AYES: Vice Chair Camacho, Commissioners Lock, DeNardi and Uy; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Commissioner Rey and Secretary Battaglia.

December 16, 2025: Roll call vote: AYES: Vice Chair Camacho, Secretary Battaglia, Commissioners Lock, Rey and Uy; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Commissioner DeNardi.

4. Election of Officers

Motion to nominate Vice Chair Camacho as Chair by Commissioner Uy / Seconded: Commissioner DeNardi.

AYES: Vice Chair Camacho, Secretary Battaglia, Commissioners Lock, Rey, DeNardi and Uy; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Uy as Vice Chair by Secretary Battaglia / Seconded: Commissioner DeNardi.

AYES: Chair Camacho, Secretary Battaglia, Commissioners Lock, Rey, DeNardi and Uy; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Motion to nominate Secretary Battaglia as Secretary made by Chair Camacho / Seconded: Commissioner Rey.

AYES: Chair Camacho, Secretary Battaglia, Commissioners Lock, Rey, DeNardi and Uy; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lock asks if there are any festivities planned around the opening of the pool. Director Mediati responds that there will be, but they are still sorting out details. Because there will be two phases, the hope is to do a soft opening after phase one and then a larger celebration after phase two. Commissioner Lock asks what the possibility is of holding a free swim day for the public to which Director Mediati responds that it is something they are discussing, and this was suggested by former City Manager Sharon Ranals as well. Commissioner Lock then asks if there is a reason that the existing skate park at Orange Memorial Park has been chained closed. Director Mediati responds that sometimes they close it for maintenance or sometimes on the weekend if the park is not staffed it may remain closed, but other than that if it is during business hours it is probably an oversight.

Commissioner Rey thanks staff for adding more tanbark to the dog park. She shares that with all the rain, there was a lot of puddling in certain areas and asks if staff can look into long term solutions to mitigate that. She thanks staff for updating the calendars and posters in the kiosks. Commissioner Rey shares that she and her dog went to Alta Loma Park and the murals on the snack shack are nice. She shares that the park is under utilized and there is a lot of parking and suggests having an activity there or shifting another event to that area.

Secretary Battaglia shares that she attended Valentines for the Troops event at the Senior Center which is always fun. The Senior Center offers many activities that are all free, which is good because she's noticed that other cities are charging for the same activities. Secretary Battaglia also shares that she attended Nutcracker, which was very good. She has one program suggestion for the seniors for them to write and share a short memoir. She shares that a friend from another city that has come with her to different events here has nothing but positive things to say and thanks staff for everything they do for these events and activities.

Vice Chair Uy shares that he's noticed that we've had some success in the past with programming in the breezeways downtown and suggests figuring out different things to do with the Farmers Market or other markets to utilize the spaces and get more people out in the area. Commissioner Uy shares

that he has heard a lot of people are choosing not to go to Buri Buri or Sellick to play pickleball and will go other places because they feel the nets are not in good condition. He would like to request that when they are replaced, or the permanent courts are built that we speak with professionals to look into getting nets that are a little sturdier. He thanks staff for their work. Director Mediati responds that they are looking at two proposals for activating the breezeways near Miller Parking Garage for some of the things talked about like markets, popups or coffee carts.

Commissioner DeNardi shares that she is excited about the lion dance and craft event that's coming up at the LPR. She has attended this event in the past and thinks it's a wonderful community building event. She also noticed that there will be a Lunar Night Market coming up downtown and it looks like it will be exciting. Commissioner DeNardi also shares that there are athletes training for a Special Olympics bocce tournament and she has invited the athletes and their families to play on Wednesday nights. They were happy to hear that Parks and Recreation offers bocce in the evenings. Commissioner DeNardi learned that San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department offer sensory sensitive times for families that they can register for ahead of time for events that are sensitive friendly and would like to make a recommendation within our Parks and Recreation programs to accommodate the neurodivergent community. She is excited for Linden Park and asks when the groundbreaking is scheduled for that park. Director Mediati responds that they are just stepping into the 100% construction drawing phase and thinks that it should happen within the next few months.

Chair Camacho was asked to remind staff of the K-Pop Demon Hunter movie night request. She suggests doing the sing-along or karaoke and possibly doing a night market in conjunction. She shares that there is at least one City Council member interested in supporting such an event. She then states that at one time there was talk about doing a Parks and Recreation and Library strategic plan and doesn't know if staff thinks it's necessary at this point, but if there are any partnerships or synergies to be made it might be something to revisit. Director Mediati responds that staff are working on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and within that they can look at synergies. Chair Camacho spoke with a San Carlos councilmember who shared that San Carlos and Belmont offer a teen wellness retreat. If this is something the City would be interested in as part of the teen programming, Chair Camacho offers to attend the meeting to get information. Manager O'Brien shares that she went to the one they held last year, and that the funding for that program came from San Carlos and Belmont, and they weren't really looking for large partnerships. Chair Camacho responds it would be good to get more information; we don't necessarily have to join theirs but could possibly hold something similar.

Commissioner DeNardi would like to recommend sound healing for teenagers. It's extremely therapeutic. She also shares that she is excited to be attending a conference to hear Professor Temple Grandin speak.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

No new items from staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Vice Chair Camacho adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jeanette Yoshida
Administrative Assistant II

Kristy Camacho
Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission

Approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission: ____/____/____