

**PARK AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg, Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioners Arbogast, Jimenez, and Shrout
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager, Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor; Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator; Nilo Velazquez, Management Analyst, Jorge Barrera Economic Development Manager
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant and Norma Padilla, Administrative Assistant

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Abercrombie

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Chair opened public comment at 7:01pm. There were no public comments via the audience. Chair Lieberg closed public comment at 7:01pm.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Reviewed and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2024

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written for September 5, 2024, and Commissioner Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **REVIEW AND RECOMMEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) LOCAL FUNDING PRIORITIES THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2030-2031 FOR ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL AND APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE, SCORE, AND RANK THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND MAKE FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Jorge Barrera, Economic Development Manager presented the staff report along with PowerPoint to the commission.

Commission questions followed.

Jorge Barrera, Economic Development Manager answered the question of the commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 6.a for public comment at 7:12pm. Chair Lieberg closed public comment at 7:12pm.

Comments and questions of the commission followed public comment.

Jorge Barrera, Economic Development Manager answered the questions of the commission.

Chair Lieberg would like the scoring sheet revised.

Jorge Barrera asked a follow up question regarding score sheet.

Chair Lieberg reopened public comment.

Veronica Vargas, Tracy Resident mentioned she attended the informal meeting at the Senior Center on their needs. She mentioned there were many items that were brought up that were very important: 1. Pickleball, 2. Refurbish the courts at Gretchen Talley, 3. Bocce Ball, 4. Transportation- rep was great and will be looking into routes, 5. Education programs and classes for seniors, and 6. Food- this was a big deal. The seniors would like to healthier foods with less sugar. They would also like to have a discussion regarding food recovery. Such as reaching out to Panera for healthier options.

Ms. Vargas hopes that staff will compile the list and present it to the commission as there was a huge turnout with great suggestions.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager stated that staff will take the results of the informal meeting along with the community conversation to the commission in December.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie made the motion to approve the Local Funding Priorities through fiscal year 2030-2031 with the following change: move Food Distribution Services from number 4 to number 1 and Homeless Prevention, Intervention, & Transitional Housing Services from number 3 to number 2. The rest will be following in order with Youth Education and Enrichment Activities being number 3, Seniors and Special Needs Services to number 4 and 5,6, and 7 will remain the same. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote. Passed and so ordered.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to appoint Chair Lieberg and Commissioner Arbogast to the CDBG subcommittee. Commissioner ShROUT seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote. Passed and so ordered.

**b. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE CLYDE BLAND PARK BMX PUMP TRACK CIP 78190**

Nilo Velazquez, Management Analyst presented the staff report and PowerPoint to the commission.

Commission question and comments followed.

Nilo Velazquez, management Analyst and Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation answered the questions and addressed the comments of the commission.

Chair Lieberg open public comment at 7:47pm.

Dotty Nygard, Tracy resident stated what an exciting moment this is for many of us here. Dotty mentioned having solar lighting which could be a cost savings. She explained that the device charging stations would be for multi-use not just for bikes. She suggested when it comes to the

landscape improvements that they be drought tolerant, native plants such as grasses. She also stated that they would like to refrain from the use of bark and rock because kids do have a tendency to go off the track.

Ms. Nygard stated she would like to see the adaptive loop which would not only be for the little kids, but also for the physically challenged kids. This would make this project all inclusive.

Ms. Nygard stated they also had ideas for a bike repair station and bike racks, but these are typically standard.

She stated that this is an incredible amenity as it will be for all family use not just the kids.

Mitch Harnett, Tracy Resident thanked staff for bringing this amenity as this will bring the community together. It is a safe place to recreate, be healthy, and get outside. Mitch stated he has visited many pump tracks and has seen the benefits it can bring to a community. There are always smiles and laughter.

Craig Schwab, Tracy resident, congratulated Steve Abercrombie and Dotty Nygard for their new seats on council. Craig stated he is an advocate for this project and would like to volunteer his services as he is a 30-year electrician and would like to extend those services.

James Howland, Tracy resident, would like to also volunteer his services as he is a sound and vision contractor and would like to put speakers on the light poles.

Veronica Vargas, Tracy resident, stated that this is an exciting time to be a commissioner. She said this is going to be an incredible few years with a lot of planning and hard work from staff and council to see this to the finish line.

Ms. Vargas would like the commission to really consider the lighting portion even if it is to have the lighting conduit.

She mentioned that this park has a lot of open space and that there is an opportunity to place the adaptive track in another location that is safer for the little kids and physically challenged.

Ms. Vargas thanked staff and the commission again and stated she is very excited for this project.

Melinda Ramirez, Tracy resident stated she hopes the commission will move this project forward as the community has been waiting along time. She hopes they don't not move it forward based on the request for the adaptive loop as that is not part of the original concept. She hopes that it can move forward in hopes staff can find the additional funds if needed at a later time.

Chair Lieberg closed public comment at 7:56pm and returned it to the commission for comments and questions.

Commission questions followed.

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation answered the questions of the commission.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Jimenez motioned to approve the BMX Pump Track conceptual design with the addition to include the adaptive area to the design and make recommendation to council.

Vice Chair Abercrombie and Commissioner Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote. Passed and so ordered.

**c. APPOINT A TWO MEMBER SUB-COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH STAFF AND THE CONSULTANT FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND DESIGN OF THE AQUATIC CENTER**

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the staff report to the commission.

Commission questions followed. Brian MacDonald answered the questions of the commission.

Chair Lieberg opened public comment at 8:07pm.

Alice English, Tracy resident approached the commission and staff with a clarifying question pertaining to the process on December 5. Brian MacDonald explained that the consultant will come and introduce themselves to the commission and provide the plan for the phase 1 process. She supports the commission in their decisions. Ms. English suggests at least 1 day time workshop.

Chair Lieberg closed public comment at 8:12pm.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Abercrombie motioned to appoint Commissioner Shrout and Chair Lieberg to the subcommittee to work with staff and the consultant for community outreach and design of the aquatic center. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 4,0,0 vote (Commissioner Jimenez left meeting early). Passed and so ordered.

Commissioner Jimenez left the meeting at 8:06pm

**d. DISCUSS THE TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION PROCESS LISTED IN THE CITY OF TRACY SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK AND PROVIDE INPUT TO EXPAND TOURNAMENT OFFERINGS**

Katie Akre, Recreation Coordinator provided the staff report to the commission.

Commissioner comments and questions occurred.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor and Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Supervisor answered the questions of the commission.

**7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation mentioned that Richard Joaquin, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation is in Carmichael receiving an award from the Society of Landscape Architects for the MGRC.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Shrout is looking forward to sitting on the subcommittee for the Aquatic Center so he can learn more and make sure we are making the right decision.

Vice Chair Abercrombie publicly apologize/recognize Katie for a great job she did presenting the MCYSN funds and stated sadly a council member was disrespectful to her in his opinion. He stated that if he gets appointed to council, he will not allow that to happen. He will protect staff. He just

wanted Katie to know that he appreciated her for the work she did and if he had a better idea, he needed to present it.

Vice Chair Abercrombie thanked staff as this will probably be his last meeting if he takes a council seat. Wishes us all the best of luck.

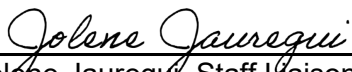
Chair Lieberg congratulated Vice Chair Abercrombie.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:40pm

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Vice Chair Abercrombie and seconded by Commissioner Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:40pm. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 4,0,0 vote. Commissioner Jimenez left before adjournment.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on October 31, 2024. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

  
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Jolene Jauregui, Staff Liaison

Interim Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Director