

# SANTEE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

November 2, 2023

## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m. by Dean Velasco – roll call held.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION:** On motion of Dan Bickford and seconded by Dr. Alan Tuthill, the committee voted to approve the agenda and was carried by the following roll call vote: Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Lynda Marrokal: Aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Stephanie Price: Aye; Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Dean Velasco: Aye; Aye–7
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 5, 2023 - ACTION:** On motion of Dan Bickford and seconded by Stephanie Price, the committee voted to approve the minutes and was carried by the following roll call vote: Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Lynda Marrokal: Aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Stephanie Price: Aye; Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Dean Velasco: Aye; Aye–7
4. **VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM UPDATE – Presenter: Vanessa Tang, Marketing Specialist II**  
Vanessa updated the committee on the 1-year-old “Santee Hometown Heroes” Banner program. Banners honor veterans and active-duty personnel and are displayed along Mast Blvd and the Veterans Memorial Bridge. Details of each Hometown Hero is available on the City of Santee website and includes the exact location of banner. Vanessa added that there will be a Veterans Day Flag changing ceremony on 11/11 at 11:11am. Vanessa requested that the Santee Community Foundation continue to support the Hometown Heroes Banner Program with an amount not to exceed \$1200.00 in perpetuity. Discussion was held. On motion of Dr. Alan Tuthill and seconded by Dean Velasco, the committee voted to approve the minutes and was carried by the following roll call vote: Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Lynda Marrokal: Aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Stephanie Price: Aye; Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Dean Velasco: Aye; Aye–7
5. **STAFF REPORT/PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE/INFORMATION -**  
Director of Community Services, Nicolas Chavez shared that a grant request has been submitted to refurbish the turf fields at Town Center Community Park East; Town Center Community park West near fields #1 and #5, a fence will be installed along River Park Dr.; pickleball courts at Big Rock park will be resurfaced in December; the Weston Park EV charging bid closed, more details to come; Public Services had a recent retirement and is now hiring an Irrigation and Landscape Maintenance Worker; Employees will be attending a CPRS conference in November. Nick concluded with the parking issues at Town Center Community Park West and the team is exploring other areas to improve parking.  
Recreation Services Manager, Anne Morrison presented a video on the recap of Brews & Bites fundraiser event. Becky Lowndes, Special Event Supervisor, will be providing more details at the February SPARC meeting. 898 people attended the festival; \$4105 was raised at the Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawing. Holiday Lighting is November 17 at Trolley Square; Selfies with Santa on November 18; Holiday Lighting video was played; Fire Department pancake Breakfast on November 11 at Station 4; recreation classes are ongoing; lots of Halloween activities; seniors took trip to Queen Mary; Holiday Luncheon happening on December 15 seating is limited; Parks are very busy with field and park gazebo rentals. More information can be found at [www.santeerec.com](http://www.santeerec.com) or [www.santeespecialevents.com](http://www.santeespecialevents.com). Discussion was held.  
Public Services Manager, Sam Rensberry shared that the Weston Tree Planting went very well with 33 trees planted and 30 volunteers assisted. Discussion was held.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Dean Velasco shared the certificates of recognition awarded to SPARC from Supervisor Joel Anderson and Senator Brian Jones on behalf of Brews and Bites Festival and Fundraiser.

7. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – Kylee Scholar made public comment.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** –

Next Meeting: January 4, 2024

- December 2023 meeting cancelled.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES

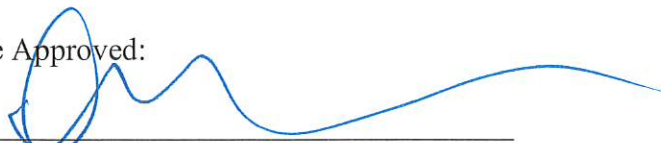
Committee Members:

Dan Bickford	Stephanie Price
Cyndy Carlton	Dr. Alan Tuthill
Lynda Marrokal	Dean Velasco
Kathleen Pishny	

Staff:

Nicolas Chavez, Community Services Director  
Anne Morrison, Recreation Manager  
Sam Rensberry, Public Services Manager  
Alicia Curtis, Recreation Coordinator  
Margie Dice, Administrative Secretary

Date Approved:



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Anne Morrison, Recreation Services Manager