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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

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D. Presentations

D1. Youth Advisory Committee – Bedwell Bayfront Park clean-up day

D2. Staff presentation: Reservation management platform implementation
E. **Regular Business**

E1. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of February 23, 2022 *(Attachment)*

E2. Parks and Recreation Commission work plan update

F. **Informational Items**

F1. Menlo Park Community Campus draft operation plan milestones *(Staff Report PRC-2022-004)*

F2. Department updates

F3. Parks and Recreation Commission tentative agenda calendar *(Attachment)*

G. **Commissioner Reports**

G1. Park tours – Sharon Park and Stanford Hills Park

G2. Individual Commissioner reports

H. **Adjournment**

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A. Call To Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Brosnan, Bryman (exited at 7:20 p.m.), Diepenbrock, Joshua, Thomas
Absent: Baskin
Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Library Director Nick Szegda, Interim Assistant Community Services Director Rondell Howard, Public Works Supervisor - Parks Bill Halleck, Interim Assistant Public Works Director Karen Pachmayer

C. Public Comment

- Jennifer Johnson requested information on the Nealon Park zip line play structure.

D. Presentations

D1. Burgess Park play area and Willow Oaks Park renovation updates

Interim Assistant Public Works Director Karen Pachmayer introduced the item.

Callandar Associates representative Nate Ritchie made the presentation (Attachment).

Public comment:

- Jennifer Johnson spoke in support of accessible elements considerations for any park play structures and the use of rubber surfacing instead of wood chips.

D2. Aquatics program annual report (Staff Report PRC-22-03)

Library and Community Services Director Reinhart and Tim Sheeper from Team Sheeper made the presentation (Attachment).

Commissioner Bryman exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Public comment:

- Jennifer Johnson spoke in support of the planned addition of water therapy classes and the installation of a ramp for accessibility.
- Janet Davis spoke in support of the former wellness class teacher and increasing programs for the elderly.
E. Regular Business

E1. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of January 26, 2022 (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Diepenbrock/ Joshua), to approve the meeting minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission for January 26, 2022 passed 4-0 (Baskin and Bryman absent).

F. Informational Items

F1. Department updates

Director Reinhart provided updates.

Public comment:

- Jennifer Johnson spoke in support of the zip line play feature at Nealon Park being open to the public.

F2. Parks and Recreation Commission work plan update

Director Reinhart provided an update.

Chair Thomas requested that the Work Plan Subcommittee reconvene and add more details to the work plan.

F2. Parks and Recreation Commission tentative agenda calendar (Attachment)

ACTION: By acclamation, the following items were added to the tentative agenda calendar:

- March – Commission work plan

G. Commissioner Reports

G1. Individual Commissioner reports

Chair Thomas reported on the planned park tour for March 26.

H. Adjournment

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Nick Szegda, Assistant Library Director
Burgess Park and Willow Oaks Park Improvement Projects
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
February 23, 2022
INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Combined public outreach and design process for Burgess Park and Willow Oaks Park
- Burgess Park - focused on play area
- Willow Oaks Park - master plan for the entire park and construction of highest priority elements

PROCESS TO DATE

- Conducted site analysis
- Collected community input on play areas and dog park
- Created preliminary plans with design alternatives

PRESENTATION GOALS

- Summarize outreach results and present preliminary designs
- Collect Commission and public comments
PROJECT SUMMARY

- Develop a new design for the existing play area while preserving the surrounding park features.
- Expand improvements outside of the play area as needed to create an accessible path of travel.
- Implement project construction.

PROJECT GOALS

- **GOAL 1**: Encourage community participation throughout the design process.
- **GOAL 2**: Emphasize a unique design theme to create a strong park identity.
- **GOAL 3**: Ensure the play area is accessible and meets the needs of children of all abilities.
- **GOAL 4**: Create an exciting play experience!
What type of theme would you prefer?

- Other
- Nature
- Historical
- Tree House

What type of play equipment would you prefer?

- Other
- Spring Rider
- See-saw
- Spinners
- Sensory Play
- Swings
- Slides
- Climbers

Tree House Theme

- Nature Theme
- Historical Theme

Slides

- Roller Slide
- Traditional Slide
- Tube Slide
- Companion Slide
- Spiral Slide

See-saw

- Group See-saw
- Traditional See-saw

Spring Rider

- Double Rider
- Traditional Rider

Sensory Play

- Metallophone & Drums
- Musical Chimes
- Pulse Table Tennis
- Learning Panel
BURGESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN

BURGESS PARK

BURGESS DRIVE

Pavement node

New play equipment
Rubber surfacing

Engineered wood fiber surfacing

New concrete with curb ramp

Bench, typ. of 3

Thematic play area sign

Play Area Sign

Play Area Fence

Play Area Sign

New play area fence with compliant height and decorative silhouettes

Picnic table, typ. of 4

Existing oak trees to remain

Relocated accessible parking

New accessible parking

Remove accessible parking and retain access aisle for maintenance vehicles

Pavement node

Pavement node

Pavement Node - Stamped Concrete

TENNIS COURTS

Pavement Node - Stamped Concrete
PLAY EQUIPMENT - OPTION 2

- Toddler structure
- Sensory wall
- Youth structure
- Saddle spinner
- Log cabin
- Spring rider
- We-saw
- Bucket swings
- Belt swings
- Friendship Swings
- Swings
  - Bucket swings
  - Belt swings
  - Friendship Swings
BURGESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

STAND-ALONE PLAY COMPONENTS

- Sensory Wall
- We-Saw
- Spring Rider
- Saddle Spinner
- Log Cabin
- Friendship Swing

Inclusive Play Elements
YOUTH PLAY STRUCTURE OPTIONS

OPTION 1

OPTION 2
WILLOW OAKS PARK
## Project Summary and Goals

### Project Summary
- Develop a master plan for park improvements that focuses on the main park use areas and connectivity to the surrounding neighborhood.
- Incorporate previous design and planning efforts.
- Construct the highest priority improvements when funding becomes available.

### Project Goals

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<td>Improve neighborhood connectivity and access into the park.</td>
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<td>Prioritize improvements to focus on areas that will provide the greatest benefit.</td>
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<td>Ensure all park improvements are accessible and meet the needs of users of all abilities.</td>
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What of type theme would you prefer?

- Other
- Futuristic
- Boulder
- Nature

What type of play equipment would you prefer?

- Other
- Spring Rider
- See-saw
- Sensory Play
- Spinners
- Slides
- Climbers
- Swings

Nature Theme

Boulder Theme

Futuristic Theme

Swings

Spinners

Climbers

See-saw

Sensory Play

Spring Rider

Topsy Turvy Spinner

Traditional Swing

Group Swing

Face to Face

Swing Seat

What type of play equipment would you prefer?
**WILLOW OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN**

- **WILLOW ROAD**
- **TENNIS COURTS**
- **New asphalt path**
- **New asphalt path**
- **New tennis courts**
- **New play area fence**
- **New play equipment**
- **Engineered wood fiber surfacing**
- **Rubber surfacing**
- **Two half court basketball courts, avoid tree canopies**
- **Thematic pavement striping with games for school use**
- **Gated entry for closure during school use**
- **New picnic area**
- **New bench seating**
- **New restroom building**
- **Semi-solid fence between areas**
- **Synthetic turf under trees**
- **Existing flag pole to remain**
- **Existing preschool building**
- **New 10’ wide asphalt path**
- **Existing curb to remain**
- **New curb ramp**
- **Relocate backflow preventer**
- **Mulch strip to protect existing trees and provide pavement drainage**
- **New removable bollard at sidewalk**
- **New 10’ wide asphalt path**
- **Existing fences to remain, both sides**
- **New bench seating**
- **Existing tree to be removed, 4 total**
- **New picnic area**
- **Existing flag pole to remain**
- **Drinking fountain**
- **New bench seating**
- **New 10’ wide asphalt path**
- **Existing curb to remain**
- **New curb ramp**
- **Relocate backflow preventer**
- **Mulch strip to protect existing trees and provide pavement drainage**
- **New removable bollard at sidewalk**

**MATCHLINE - SEE ABOVE**
PLAY AREA OPTIONS

OPTION 1

- Climber
- Wobble board
- Youth structure
- Log tunnel
- Toddler structure
- We-Saw
- Friendship Swing
- Belt swings
- Bucket swing
- Wobble board
- Oodle swing
- Stand up see-saw

OPTION 2

- Youth structure
- We-Go-Round
- Toddler structure
- Sensory wall
- Friendship Swing
- Belt swings
- Bucket swing
STAND-ALONE PLAY COMPONENTS

- Stand Up See-Saw
- Oodle Swing
- We-Saw
- We-Go-Round
- Sensory Wall
- Friendship Swing
- Log Tunnel
- Spinner

Inclusive Play Elements
TODDLER PLAY STRUCTURE OPTIONS

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

WILLOW OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
YOUTH PLAY STRUCTURE OPTIONS

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

WILLOW OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
**WILLOW OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**DOG PARK**

- Small dogs entrance
- Seating area, typ.
- Shade structure with seating on concrete
- Fence between large/small dog areas
- Synthetic turf with thematic striping
- Drinking fountain and trash receptacle, typ.
- Large dogs entrance
- Decompose granite perimeter

**Shade Structure**

**Pet Drinking Fountain**

**Pavement Node - Stamped Concrete**

**Wayfinding Signs**
**WILLow Oaks Park Improvement Project**

**Basketball Court Area Options**

**Option 1**
- Two half court basketball courts
- Bench seating
- Thematic pavement striping with games for school use
- Existing fence to remain
- Gated entry for closure during school use

**Option 2**
- Court entrance
- Bench seating
- Existing tennis court fence
- Pickle ball courts
- Court viewing area
- Gate, typ.
- 6' tall fence to separate viewing area
- Picnic tables
- Existing fence to remain
Design is based on previous public outreach, and was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission in May 2017. Drinking fountain added to improve functionality.
PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Preliminary Concept Development**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**
- **Preliminary Master Plan**
- **Council Meeting**
- **Final Master Plan**
- **Construction Documents**
- **We Are Here**

**2022**

**BURGESS PARK AND WILLOW OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**
QUESTIONS & COMMENTS?
AQUATICS FACILITIES

- The City of Menlo Park owns two aquatics facilities – Burgess Pool and Belle Haven Pool
- Belle Haven Pool temporarily closed effective May 30, 2021 for construction of the Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC)
- The MPCC project will include a new aquatics facility on the same site as the old, and is scheduled to open in 2023
- The Burgess Pool is not impacted by the MPCC project and remains in operation.
FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
BURGESS POOL

2021 Facility Improvements – completed
  – Renovation of the chemical room
  – New lawn and irrigation system

Ongoing Facility and Landscape Maintenance
  – New system for maintenance requests
  – Routine landscape maintenance within the fence
  – New night time janitorial crew

2022 Planned Facility Improvements
  – ADA: Lift chair upgrade; lobby renovation
  – New circulation pump for the instructional pool
AQUATICS OPERATOR

- The Burgess Pool is operated by Team Sheeper, Inc. under an operator agreement with the City.
- Operated Burgess Pool since 2006, and operated the Belle Haven Pool from 2012 until its closure for construction in 2021.
- Aquatics programming includes swim instructors and certified lifeguards to provide lap swim, open swim, youth swim team, youth and adult swim lessons, youth camps, masters swim, aqua-fit classes, lane rentals for community swim teams and other community groups.
ANNUAL REPORT

Per the terms of the third party service provider agreement:

▪ Team Sheeper, Inc. “shall prepare and provide an annual report no later than January 30 of each year to City staff, which will be presented to the City’s Parks & Recreation Commission for review and comment by the Commission at its February meeting.”

▪ Attachment A to the staff report

▪ Report and survey were prepared by Team Sheeper, Inc.
CHALLENGES IN 2021

1. Six months of regulated and competitive reservations for pool usage
2. Highly restrictive guidelines impacting and limiting community usage of the facility
3. Pandemic weariness from all involved
4. Six months of unrestricted usage for lap and team swimmers
5. Community and staff members making the awkward transition from isolation to integration in the aquatic setting
6. Working to rebuild a decimated work force and resurrect pandemic deleted programming.
OBJECTIVES IN 2022

1. Retain current aquatics staff
2. Recruit new aquatic staff members and partners to assist in rebuilding legacy programs
3. Provide youth group swim lessons
4. Provide an abundance of low cost open/family swim opportunities
5. Provide a comprehensive water therapy program
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BELLE HAVEN POOL VISITS

BELLE HAVEN FACILITY VISITS

- 2019: 13,034 visits
- 2020: 10,008 visits
- 2021: 8,499 visits
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BURGESS PROGRAM HOURS

Pool Schedule allocation by program for previous year and projections for upcoming year.

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Average swims per member per month: 8.5

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COMPARISONS

Pool Comparison
Average Price of Resident Swim

- San Bruno
- Redwood City
- Mountain View
- South San Fran
- San Jose
- Santa Cruz
- Santa Clara
- Menlo
- Palo Alto
- Burlingame
- Sunnyvale
- Campbell

Average Price Per Swim (based on 8.5 swim per month average)
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RECAP

1. Pandemic and economic downturn impacts are ongoing
2. Continuous adaptation to evolving restrictions and guidance
3. Supportive community of swimmers
4. Swimmers generally feel safe and protected
5. Menlo Park lap swim program is a leader in time and space available to swim
6. Fees are comparable to other area aquatics programs
7. Facility improvements planned in 2022
8. New water therapy program to begin March 1
STAFF REPORT

Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Date: 3/21/2022
Staff Report Number: PRC-2022-004

Informational Item: Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC) Draft Operation Plan Milestones

Recommendation
Staff recommends that the Commission read the attached Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC) draft operation plan milestones (Attachment A).

Policy Issues
As a duly appointed advisory body to the City Council, the Library Commission advises the City Council on matters related to the City’s libraries and library facilities.

Background
On December 16, 2019, Facebook (now Meta) submitted its proposal for exploring the funding and development of a new multigenerational facility to incorporate the former Onetta Harris Community Center, Menlo Park Senior Center, Belle Haven Youth Center (childcare), Belle Haven Pool and branch library.

On January 12, 2021, the City Council approved the architectural control, use permit, funding and improvements agreement for the Menlo Park Community Campus project located at 100-110 Terminal Avenue. The City Council requested further review of several design elements of the proposed pool area. Those items were discussed on January 26, and February 1. The City Council approved the pool design elements on February 1.

City Council created the MPCC subcommittee, comprised of Mayor Nash and Councilmember Taylor, to work with City staff and the community on the MPCC project.

Analysis
Construction of the Menlo Park Community Campus (MPCC) project began in June 2021, ushering in an exciting new phase of the project.

With the new center construction projected to be completed in mid-2023, attention now turns to planning and preparing for opening day. To this end, staff worked with the MPCC subcommittee to develop an initial working draft of the key steps and milestones necessary for a successful opening and start of operations in the new center. (Attachment A)

The working draft is merely a starting point and is subject to change, discussion, and further refinement. This early look at the overall arc of the operations plan process is intended to provide an informative and helpful tool.
**Guiding principles**

Staff worked with the MPCC subcommittee to identify existing City Council policy statements that are relevant to the operations and programming of the new center. As the planning and preparation for the new center opening day proceeds, these City Council policy statements are examples that can help provide guidance for the prioritization and delivery of services in the new center.

The construction and grand opening of a new community campus in Belle Haven is a long-held dream for the community many years in the making. Multiple community discussions and neighborhood voices have helped to establish a clear vision for the new center and bring it to reality. It is a vision of a multi-generational community center that is responsive to and serves the needs of Belle Haven neighborhood residents; a public service and community space that serves and is inclusive of all Menlo Park residents especially neighborhood residents; a new milestone and landmark that moves Menlo Park toward justice and fairness for all residents.

In recognition of this important groundwork and history, the City Council has adopted relevant policy statements that provide guiding principles and priorities for the new center. These policies prioritize access, inclusion, belonging, justice, and fairness for all Menlo Park residents, from all neighborhoods of the City, for City services and decision-making that affects residents’ lives.

The City Council in April 2021 adopted the following statement as part of the City of Menlo Park Cost Recovery Policy:

“The City of Menlo Park provides services and infrastructure that contribute to quality-of-life for all Menlo Park residents. In so doing, the City strives to balance the resources and requirements of each area of the city in an equitable manner for all residents, in all neighborhoods of the City. The City of Menlo Park prioritizes social justice in decisions that affect residents’ lives: the fair, just and equitable management of all institutions serving the public directly or by contract; the fair, just and equitable distribution of public services and implementation of public policy; and the commitment to promote fairness, justice, and equity in the formation of public policy.”

The City Council in October 2019 approved the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, which includes the following statements in its Guiding Goals:

“Menlo Park has a high-quality system of parks and recreation facilities. The City’s parks, facilities, and events bring the community together as ‘One Menlo Park.’ As the City grows and evolves it must ensure that these parks and facilities meet the needs of all members of the Menlo Park community. The system should provide equitably distributed active and passive recreation opportunities which engage users, and which are accessible to residents of all ages and abilities, throughout the City.”

“Each new park or facility, or significant renovation of an existing park or facility should contribute to satisfying the recreational needs of the neighborhood that it serves, and be integrated into a system that serves the entire community. Each improvement should complement the mix of uses in the neighborhood and in the City as a whole.”

“Neighborhood Serving: Strive to distribute parks, facilities, amenities, and programs to serve residents of all Menlo Park neighborhoods. In considering renovation or new construction of parks and facilities, prioritize approaches that balance community benefits with potential neighborhood impacts.”
“Universal Design: Continue to address physical and programmatic barriers to participation for individuals with disabilities. Where feasible, incorporate Universal Design in the development and renovation of parks and facilities, to reduce barriers that limit use by persons of all ages, and physical, perceptual, and cognitive abilities. Develop environments and programs for a range of groups with varying abilities and mental cognitive abilities, which are fully inclusive.”

Next steps
The MPCC subcommittee plans to convene a working group of Menlo Park residents to review and discuss the draft milestones and provide input.

The Library Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission are receiving informational reports in their March agenda packets containing the draft milestones. Follow-up Commission discussions of the draft milestones are tentatively scheduled for their April and May meetings.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to receive an informational report on the draft milestones in its April 12 agenda packet. A follow-up City Council discussion of the draft milestones is tentatively scheduled on May 10.

Public Notice
Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments
A. MPCC draft operation plan milestones

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** DRAFT **
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
OPERATIONS PLAN – ESTIMATED MILESTONES

Work-in-progress
* All dates are tentative and subject to change
(CC) = City Council direction / action

WINTER 2022
- Aquatics – City Council direction (CC)
- Belle Haven Branch Library – MOU renewal (CC)

SPRING 2022
- Aquatics - community survey
- New registration management platform approval – ITMP (CC)
- Proposed FY 2022-23 operating budget (CC)
- Belle Haven School field – community access pilot project (CC)
- Furnishing and equipment – selection begins
- Operations plan
  - Staffing plan development
- Programming plan
  - Fitness center, gymnasium, movement studio
  - Library spaces
  - Teen space, makerspace
- City Council policy updates
  - Athletic field use policy (CC)
  - Commemorative park amenity guidelines (CC)

SUMMER 2022
- Aquatics – study session analysis, RFP development (CC)
- Adopted FY 2022-23 operating budget (CC)
- Master fee schedule (CC)
- Facility naming process initiated (CC)
- New registration management platform implementation
- Topping out ceremony
- Major donors / community fundraising campaign begins
- Furnishing and equipment – selection completed
- Operations plan
  - Library materials – opening day collection
  - Athletic, fitness equipment
  - Volunteers, external partners
- Programming plan
  - Senior programs
  - Dining hall / facility rentals
  - Public meetings
- Departmental policy updates
  - Facility rental / meeting room policy
  - Library collection development policy
- City Council policy updates
  - Cooling Center activation policy (CC)
  - Cost recovery policy (CC)
  - Naming and/or changing the name of facilities (CC)

AUTUMN 2022
- Aquatics – RFP issued (CC)
- Aquatics – operator selected (CC)
**Facility naming – City Council approval (CC)**
**Furnishing and equipment – procurement begins**
**Operations plan**
- Volunteers, external partners
- Staffing
- Athletic field
**Programming plan**
- Art installation / community gallery
- Afterschool center
- Adult literacy / ESL
**Departmental policy updates**
- Exhibits and displays policy
- Volunteer policy
- Facility use guidelines- visitor behavior policy

**WINTER 2023**
- FY 2022-23 budget Mid-year review and adjustments (CC)
- Staffing adjustments (CC)
- Kelly Park field and track renovation plan and timeline (CC)
- Aquatics operator start-up / transition begins
  - Program and hours of operation
  - Staffing
  - Licenses and agreements
  - Operating budget
- Operations plan
  - Security
  - Emergency procedures
  - Disaster response / shelter
  - Energy conservation and use

**SPRING 2023**
- Proposed FY 2023-24 operating budget (CC)
- Prep for Grand Opening (CC)
- TCO / Certificate of Occupancy issued
- Prep for move-out / decommissioning
  - Youth Center portables
  - Belle Haven Branch Library
  - Senior Center interim location at ARC
- Furniture and equipment installation begins
- Library opening day collection delivered
- Operations startup
  - Staff training
  - Licenses and agreements
  - Program and hours of operation
- Programming startup
  - Registration opens

**SUMMER 2023**
- Adopted FY 2023-24 operating budget (CC)
- Grand opening (CC)
- Start of operations
- Vacate Belle Haven Branch Library
- Deinstall Youth Center portables
## City of Menlo Park - Parks and Recreation Commission
### 2020-21 Tentative Agenda Schedule
#### March 23, 2022

*Meetings are held virtually via videoconference at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month unless otherwise specified*

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| January 26, 2022   | • Presentation: New public park on Meta (Facebook) property  
                        • Pickleball pilot program review  
                        • Approve field users for 2022-2023 |
| February 23, 2022  | • Burgess Park play area and Willow Oaks Park renovation updates  
                        • Aquatics program annual report  
                        • Parks and Recreation Commission work plan update |
| March 23, 2022     | • Staff presentation – Registration management platform implementation  
                        • Youth Advisory Committee – Bedwell Bayfront Park cleanup day  
                        • MPCC – Draft operation plan milestones  
                        • Parks and Recreation Commission work plan update  
                        • Commissioner reports – Sharon Park and Stanford Hills Park tours |
| April 27, 2022     | • Staff presentation – Summer camps  
                        • MPCC – Draft operation plan milestones  
                        • Policy review – Athletic field use  
                        • Commissioner reports – Kelly Park, Bedwell Bayfront Park, Burgess Park tours |
| May 25, 2022       | • Select Commission Chair and Vice Chair  
                        • MPCC operational planning – Athletic, fitness equipment  
                        • Policy review – Commemorative park amenities  
                        • Aquatics program update |
| June 22, 2022      | • MPCC operational planning |
| (Joint meeting with Library Commission - tentative) | |
| July 27, 2022      | • Gathering to recognize outgoing Commissioners and to welcome any new Commissioners |
| August 24, 2022    | • Commission work plan 2022-23  
                        • Aquatics program update  
                        • Facility rental / meeting room policy review |
| September 28, 2022 | • Present Commission work plan to City Council  
                        • Volunteer policy review |
| October 26, 2022   | • Facility use guidelines review |
| November 23, 2022  | •   |
| (Date may change)  | |
| December 28, 2022  | •   |
| (Date may change)  | |
| Unscheduled future items (tentative) | • Inclusion Programs/Classes update |