

MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Walia called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Tina Walia, Vice Mayor Kookie Fitzsimmons, Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Yan Zhao
(All Council Members appearing via teleconference)

ABSENT: Council Member Rishi Kumar

ALSO PRESENT: James Lindsay, City Manager
Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
Debbie Pedro, Community Development Director
Nick Pegueros, Administrative Services Director
Kristin Borel, Administrative Analyst II
Emma Burkhalter, Associate Civil Engineer
Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner

Heritage Preservation Commission Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Meet with Commission, discuss priorities and approve the FY 22/23 work plan with input provided by the City Council.

Heritage Preservation Commission Chair Priya Shastri introduced Heritage Preservation Commission Vice Chair Marie Lopresto and Commissioners Rina Shah and Sharon Boyce-Bender. The Commission then presented its proposed FY 22/23 work plan.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

BERNALD/ZHAO MOVED TO APPROVE THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN AND THE REQUESTED ALLOCATION OF \$11,000 IN THE FY 22/23 BUDGET. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Library & Community Engagement Commission Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Meet with Commission, discuss priorities and approve the FY 22/23 work plan with input provided by the City Council.

Library and Community Engagement Commission Chair Eric Lewis introduced Library and Community Engagement Commissioners Robert Gulino and Cristina Meiser. The Commission then presented its proposed FY 22/23 work plan.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **APPROVE THE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Parks & Recreation Commission Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Meet with Commission, discuss priorities and approve the FY 22/23 work plan with input provided by the City Council.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Renee Paquier introduced Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Anna Huang and Commissioners Nimisha Mahavakar, Badrinath Sridharan, and Michelle Wang. The Commission then presented its proposed FY 22/23 work plan.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

FITZSIMMONS/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Public Art Commission Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Meet with Commission, discuss priorities and approve the FY 22/23 work plan with input provided by the City Council.

Public Art Commission Chair Siana Smith introduced Public Art Commissioners Ramya Vasu and Gloria Wu. The Commission then presented its proposed FY 22/23 work plan.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

FITZSIMMONS/ZHAO MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN**. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Traffic Safety Commission Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Meet with Commission, discuss priorities and approve the FY 22/23 work plan with input provided by the City Council.

Traffic Safety Commission Chair Belal Aftab presented the proposed FY 22/23 work plan.

Mayor Walia invited public comment.

No one requested to speak.

ZHAO MOVED TO **MAINTAIN 7 MEMBERS ON THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION AND APPROVE THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN**.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE **THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION FY 22/23 WORK PLAN AND REVISIT DISCUSSION OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSIONERS FROM 7 TO 5 MEMBERS AFTER INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED IN APRIL**. MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

ADJOURNMENT

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 P.M.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO, FITZSIMMONS, WALIA. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. RECUSED: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
City of Saratoga