



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

**RECREATION, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

****NOVATO CITY HALL**
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 SHERMAN AVENUE**

February 1, 2018

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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A. ROLL CALL

Chair Nancy Weber

Commissioner Suzanne Crow

Commissioner Gerald Styx

Vice Chair Paula Neese

Commissioner Ryan Bartling

Commissioner Rene Pouteau

Commissioner Dennis Bentley

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 9, 2017.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. READER BOARD INFORMATION

1. Various Program Fliers

F. PRESENTATIONS

1. Margaret Todd Senior Center Presentation – Teresa Ehteshami

G. OLD BUSINESS

There are no Old Business items.

**In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Lori Simpkins at 899-8975. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to help ensure accessibility to this meeting. The Novato City Hall Council Chambers offers a loop system for the hearing impaired.*

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. California Parks and Recreation Society District One Annual Community Service Award Nomination

Approve the nomination of George Silvas in recognition for his work in promoting pickleball in the Novato community.

2. Request to Name the Small Dog Area at Dogbone Meadow Dog Park

Approve the request to recommend City Council approval to name the small dog area of Dogbone Meadow Dog Park to “Brian’s Place” in memorial of Brian Pearson, founding member and former president of Friends of Dogbone Meadow Dog Park

I. REPORTS/INFORMATION

1. Director’s Report
2. CIP Project Updates
3. Upcoming City Council Items
4. Media Articles - Comments from the Director/Commission.

J. COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS

1. Commission Comments/Reports.

2. Upcoming Community Events:

1/20 & 2/17 – Family Movie Night

2/10 & 2/24 – Novato Live: Live Music Performed by Local

Artists

3/3 – Spring Craft Market: Shop for Handmade Gifts from

Local Artisans

K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2018.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There were no Media Articles comments.

J. COMMISSION REPORTS/COMMENTS.

1. Commission Comments/Reports. Mr. Conklin discussed the past Family Fun Performance Night featuring Musical Robot. He stated that there were roughly 80 attendees. He expressed his pleasure with the success of special events this year and his desire to bring recreation staff Kendric Bacceti and Katie Countlett to future meetings to give a presentation on the improvements they have made to the department and how their outreach is benefiting the City by increasing community participation and attendance.
2. Upcoming Community Events:
 - 12/1 & 12/2 – Holiday Crafts Faire
 - 12/2 – Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sherman Avenue
 - 12/16 – Double Feature Event – Movie and Magic Show
 - 12/17 – Sundays on Sherman featuring an ice skating rink in the flex space.

K. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2018

The commission thanked [Name] for her years of service, all that she has contributed to the department and the support she has provided to the Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services Commission.

The entire commission provided a brief introduction of themselves due to the new hires and members that will be attending the commission meetings.

New Commissioner Dennis [Name] was formally introduced to the commission. He provided a brief background of his qualifications, his passion for parks and recreation as former Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Napa, and his desire to provide any expertise he can to benefit the City of Novato.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

STAFF REPORT

MEETING

DATE: January 18, 2018

TO: Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Commission

FROM: Kevin Conklin, Recreation Services Manager

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY DISTRICT ONE
ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION**

REQUEST

Consider George Silvas as Novato's nominee for the 2017 CPRS District 1 Community Service Award.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the nomination of George Silvas in recognition for his work in promoting pickleball in the Novato community.

DISCUSSION

The CPRS District 1 Annual Community Service Award recognizes outstanding contribution by an individual or group to a California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 1 agency and community either by volunteering or making a donation that assisted in "Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs."

Each year, Novato Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department works with hundreds of volunteers. Their commitment to serving the community and to partnering with the City in their volunteer efforts allows us to be to provide a wide breadth and scope of programs and facilities for the public. Each agency within CPRS District 1 selects a candidate or organization to receive the Community Service award in recognition and honor of their work in that community. District 1 is our local chapter of the statewide CPRS professional organization, and hosts an awards banquet and dinner to showcase the work and dedication of our exceptional volunteers.

This year we recommend that George Silvas receive the CPRS District 1 Community Service Award from Novato for his dedication and service to the community in teaching and growing the sport of pickleball in Novato. Pickleball is a game that was created in 1965 by Congressman Joel Pritchard (WA) and a couple of his friends who were looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon with their families. A cross between ping pong and tennis, the game is played on a 44' x 20' court with a net 36" above the ground. Participants use wood or composite paddles and a whiffle ball to hit back and forth to one another over the net. The game is intended for all ages to play, particularly those who have loved the game of tennis but can't quite move as quickly as they once did. Since 2010 the number of dedicated pickleball courts in the United States has doubled to over

4,000 courts and Novato is following the trend.

Over four years ago, the game of pickleball was introduced to our department. PRCS collaborated with George almost immediately. From day one George has had the mindset that anyone can play the game of pickleball and that everyone should. From our meager beginnings, George has grown the program to over 200 players playing at the Hill Gymnasium, Thigpen Courts at Hamilton, and at the Downtown Recreation Center. He has offered his time, skill, and good-spirit to the residents of Novato making them all feel welcome and encouraged. He will typically offer to teach anyone who is interested and we often find him on a court 6 to 7 days a week. George always makes sure that the courts are setup, that everyone is properly equipped, and that everyone has a great time. He provides an exceptional balance of teaching the game with having fun. Since he has developed some great talent here in Novato he now has the added task of teaching to many different levels. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced player, George will treat you with respect and make sure that you leave the court with a great appreciation and love for the game. His tireless effort is an inspiration to our department and we always look forward to working with George.

We feel that George Silvas is a very deserving individual to receive a CPRS Community Service Award. George is a truly amazing example of hard work and dedication to PRCS in “Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs.” His dedication to Novato and to the health, well-being, and happiness of our local community, contributes greatly to making Novato a great place to live, work, and play.



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STAFF REPORT

MEETING
DATE:

TO: Recreation, Cultural and Community Service Commission
FROM: Liz Tran, Recreation Services Manager
SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO NAME THE SMALL DOG AREA AT
DOGBONE MEADOW DOG PARK**

REQUEST

Make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the request to name the small dog area located at Dogbone Meadow Dog Park “Brian’s Place”

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request to recommend City Council approval to name the small dog area of Dogbone Meadow Dog Park to “Brian’s Place” in memorial of Brian Pearson, founding member and former president of Friends of Dogbone Meadow Dog Park

DISCUSSION

Friends of Dogbone Meadow has requested the small dog area of Dogbone Meadow Dog Park to be named “Brian’s Place” in recognition of Brian Pearson’s contributions to the creation of a small dog area at Dogbone Meadow. As a founding member and former President of Friends of Dogbone Meadow, Brian led fundraising efforts to cover the cost of fencing the small dog area. As a result, a separate area was created for dogs that are small, timid, and/or recovering from injuries as well as puppies and senior dogs to enjoy with their human companions. The separate small dog area has made Dogbone Meadow safer and more enjoyable for the community. This request is aligned with the City’s Community Facilities Naming Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

none

ALTERNATIVES

Deny the request to name the small dog area “Brian’s Place.”

ATTACHMENTS

Community Facilities Naming Policy

COMMUNITY FACILITIES NAMING POLICY

1. **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the City of Novato to have criteria for and a process to be used for the naming of community facilities other than streets.

2. **PURPOSE:**

To provide a process for responding to requests to name public facilities and to establish criteria for determining the appropriateness of a name. (*Note:* This policy shall not be used for naming streets.)

3. **PROCEDURE:**

When a request is received to name a facility or portion of a facility, the following steps shall be followed:

- a. The request shall be made to the City Council. In order to review the request, the City Council, at a regular meeting, shall request that an appropriate Commission(s) review the request.
- b. The Commission(s) shall review the request at a regular meeting(s), and it shall make a recommendation to the City Council.
- c. The decision of the City Council, regarding the naming of a facility, shall be final.
- d. Naming Criteria:
 - i. A request to name a facility after a particular person(s) or organization(s), can be considered if that person or organization has been integrally involved with the acquisition, planning, development, construction, or renovation of the facility.
 - ii. A request to name a facility after a person or organization who has made a significant contribution (not financial) to the community, but not necessarily connected to the facility, can be considered.
 - iii. A request to name a facility after a sponsor (person or organization) who has made a significant donation to the facility, can be considered.
 - iv. A request to name a facility after the geographic area in which the facility is located, shall follow the procedure stated items A, B and C.
 - v. A facility cannot be named for a currently serving elected or appointed official.
 - vi. There shall be no other specific criteria. Each facility naming request shall be considered on its own merits.
- e. The ceremony to name a facility shall take place within six months of the final decision of the City Council.

Roderick J. Wood, City Manager