



AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2026

3:30 PM

***** IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE*****

This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held in **Room 101 at 455 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City, CA, 94063**. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person in Redwood City or remotely via the Zoom platform. Remote public participation is encouraged. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda. A video recording of the meeting will be posted online on the Parks Department website following the meeting.

Representing the people of San Mateo County and in their interest, the Parks Commission acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on matters related to open space, parks and recreation, the fish and game fund, and providing a public and transparent forum on items agendized for its consideration in coordination with the County Parks Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The May 7, 2026 Parks Commission meeting may be accessed through Zoom online at <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91074348972>. The webinar ID is: 910 7434 8972. The May 7, 2026 Parks Commission meeting may also be accessed via telephone by dialing +1 669 900 6833 (Local). Enter the Webinar ID: 910 7434 8972, then press #. Members of the public can also attend this meeting physically in Room 101 at 455 County Center, 1st floor, Redwood City. Virtual public participation is encouraged, due to the small size of the meeting room.

Written public comments may be emailed to parksandrecreation@smcgov.org and should indicate the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.

Spoken public comments will be accepted during the meeting in person or remotely through Zoom at the option of the speaker. Public comments via Zoom will be taken first, followed by speakers in person.

Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments at the end of this agenda.

ADA REQUESTS

Individuals who require special assistance or a disability related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the meeting, should contact the Parks Department by 10:00 a.m. on the day before the meeting at parksandrecreation@smcgov.org. Notification in advance of the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting, the materials related to it, and your ability to comment.

1. Pledge of Allegiance**2. Roll Call****3. Public Comment**

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any Parks-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda.

As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Commission should complete a speaker's slip to make a public comment in person. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes.

4. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes**5. Reports and Presentations**

5.1 SMC Parks Foundation Report

6. Regular Agenda

6.1 Commission Retreat Session 1 (Discussion)

A facilitated workshop to identify Parks Commission priorities and begin development of a workplan for the next 18 months.

7. Commissioner Updates

7.1 Commissioner report on information items, subcommittee, or project updates

8. Items for a Future Agenda

- County priorities update
- Welcome & onboarding of new Commissioners
- County diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Partnerships and connections – have representatives of partner organizations provide presentations to the Commission. Discuss which County department may be able to attend.
- Update on sustainability actions for the Parks Department & alignment with action plan for County Office of Sustainability. Regional transportation and active transportation
- Summary of Revitalize Coyote Point survey
- Subcommittee structure and assignments
- Processes to address public comment
- Address technological gaps to ensure accessibility for public attendees and improve participation at in-person and remote meetings.

9. Adjournment

County of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission

**Paul Faklis, District 1 | Arnout ter Schure, District 2 | Irma Rodriguez Mitton, District 3 (Chair) |
Brooks Esser (Vice-Chair), District 4 | Basem Manneh, District 5**

County of San Mateo Parks Department

Emma Gonzalez, Interim Parks Director

Hannah Ormshaw, Assistant Parks Director

Scott Lombardi, Parks Superintendent

Tracy Nappi, Administrative Assistant I

Instructions for Public Comment During In Person and Remote Participation Meetings

During meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, members of the public may address the Parks and Recreation Commission members as follows:

***Written Comments:**

Written public comments may be emailed in advance of the meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Your written comment should be emailed to parksandrecreation@smcgov.org
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
5. If your emailed comment is received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, it will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission members and made publicly available on the Parks and Recreation Commission website along with the agenda. We cannot guarantee that e-mails received less than 24 hours before the meeting will be read during the meeting, but such emails will still be included in the administrative record of the meeting.

***Spoken Comments:**

In person Participation:

1. If you wish to speak to the Commission, please fill out a speaker's slip. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Commission and included in the official record, please hand it to the staff person for the Parks Department who will distribute the information to the Commission members and staff.



MINUTES

In-Person Only

Thursday, April 2, 2026

3:30 PM

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This meeting of the San Mateo County Parks Commission will be held at **Flood County Park, 215 Bay Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Swearing in of Commissioner Paul Faklis, District 1

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Rodriguez Mitton, Vice-Chair Esser, Commissioner Manneh, Commissioner ter Schure, Commissioner Faklis

4. Public Comment

5. Action to Set the Agenda and approve the March 5, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve March 5, 2026 meeting minutes passes.

6. Reports and Presentations

6.1 Parks Department Report – Interim Parks Director Emma Gonzalez

Highlights include:

- Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach: We have secured approximately \$950,000 in grant funding from the Coastal Conservancy to support the slide stabilization work. Once work is complete, projected opening is July or August 2026.
- Realize Flood Park: The playground is nearing completion, with punch list items underway.
- San Bruno Mountain Day Use Improvement Project: Parks staff is working on compacting and filling the sinkholes. Once the project is complete, we anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony in May 2026.
- Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail Project: Ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 24, 2026 at 9am.
- Realize Coyote Point – Magic Mountain Playground: The Board of Supervisors approved a 3.8 million Measure K funded project for the replacement of the Magic Mountain Playground at Coyote Point. There will be a community engagement period from April 8-22, 2026, where the public will be invited to review and provide feedback on two design concepts before a final design is selected.

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Welcome and onboarding of new Commissioner (Informational)

Paul Faklis

7.2 Consideration of 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting locations (Action)

The June meeting will be held at County Center in Redwood City.

The September meeting will be held at Don Horsley County Park at Tunitas Creek Beach.

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Commission Retreat: Priorities and Work Plan Development (2026-2027) (Discussion/Action)
Proposal to use Debbie Schechter of Schechter Consulting, who has an existing contract with the County of San Mateo, to assist with Work Plan development. Motion passes.

- Work plan would be for 18 months, to go through the end of 2027.
- Debbie Schechter would facilitate the next two Parks Commission meetings, focusing on Commission priorities and SMART goals to create a Work Plan.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

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