



Legislation Text

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The Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division, recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive an overview of County Ordinance Article X Section 2.20.660 through 2.20.740 that creates the Parks and Recreation Commission. This item was continued from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 19, 2019 (Item 3) so that staff and the Commission could have a thorough workshop regarding the role of the Parks and Recreation Commission. (Est. Time: 30 Min.) (Cont. 09/19/19, Item 3)

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division, recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive an overview of County Ordinance Article X Section 2.20.660 through 2.20.740 that creates the Parks and Recreation Commission. The original Parks and Recreation Commission ordinance was originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Prior Code, § 17,101 through 17,109; Code 1997, § 2.33.010 through 2.33.080; Ord. No. 3848, § 1 through 9, 1988) because recreation is so important for the physical and mental health of both the residents of, and visitors to, the County. The Parks and Recreation Commission was established under this ordinance with the purpose of overseeing the development and maintenance of recreational opportunities within its borders.

The Ordinance outlines the criteria for the following: the establishment of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioner appointments, Commissioner terms, Chair and Vice-Chair election, meeting frequency, lapse of membership, and Commissioner duties and responsibilities. Please note, that bylaws do not exist for the Parks and Recreation Commission as the minimum requirements for the general procedures for carrying out the purpose of the Commission are addressed in the ordinance.

Section 2.20.730, Powers and Duties, and section 2.20.750, Parks Manager; duties, were revised more recently per Ordinance Number 5051, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2017 per agenda item 17-0202. Section 2.20.730 specifically outlines the duties and powers of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Duties and powers are as follows:

- A. Act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in formulating and reviewing policies effecting public recreation;
- B. Consult with staff, including the Parks Manager, on methods of financing park and recreation facilities. Study and make fiscal recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on planning acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of said facilities including a long-term capital outlay projection;
- C. Study and review staffing needs of the Parks and Recreation Division and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors;
- D. Review the current sections of the recreation element of the County general plan. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors modifications, updating, and adding new sections to said element as needed or concurrent with other review by the Planning Division;

- E. Review and recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of master plans and policy on usage operations and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities;
- F. Represent the County's parks and recreation plan to public officials and to the general public in order that this plan receive maximum support from public and private sources;
- G. Cooperate with State, Federal, local agencies, and special interest groups to coordinate a park and recreation plan in the County;
- H. Be receptive to gifts, sites, funds, and other assistance for parks and recreation facilities for Board of Supervisors' approval;
- I. Review and recommend to the Board of Supervisors support for legislation favorable to parks and recreation;
- J. Establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the Commission; and adopt bylaws and rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to facilitate the carrying on of a recreation and park system. The bylaws, rules and regulations shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval;
- K. Recommend persons to Board of Supervisors to serve on the Commission when requested by the Board of Supervisors.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

17-0202 - Revised sections 2.20.730 and 2.20.750 per Ordinance 5051

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Chief Administrative Office concurs with the Parks Division recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Good Governance

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