



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
Site Visit**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Nicole Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Commissioner Sebastian Aldana  
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang  
Commissioner Nicole Clark  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Robin Unander-La Berge  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc  
Parks Manager Simon Herrera  
Recreation Programs Manager Rich Hanna  
Recreation Programs Manager Adam Porte  
Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem  
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack  
Project Planner Sean Stewart  
Project Engineer Keven Strasburg  
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson  
Administrative Assistant Caitlin Lam

**Commissioners Absent**

Chair Evelyn Feck  
Vice Chair Kathy McGill

**SITE VISIT**

1. Willowglen Park, Alameda Park, Parque De Los Niños, and Eastside Neighborhood Park

The Commission received informative presentations about planned and current activities at each of the parks. At Willowglen, Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack presented the shade trees that the Forestry team planted in and around the playground. At Alameda Park, Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem and Project Engineer Keven Strasburg presented the renovation of the Alameda

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Bandstand and discussed what additional work items are planned. At Parque De Los Niños, Project Planner Sean Stewart presented new and improved features including adult exercise equipment, additional concrete paving in the playground area, and a bottle filling station. At Eastside Neighborhood Park, Justin Van Mullem and Keven Strasburg presented the renovated bathroom, improved community garden fencing, and the construction of two new playgrounds joined by a path including adult exercise equipment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:20pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director