CITY OF NOVATO
PARKS & RECREATION

# Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services Advisory Commission Agenda

## REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

**Novato City Hall**
**Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Ave**

**Chair**
**Suzanne Crow**

**Vice Chair**
**Michelle Whiteside**

**Members**
**Jane Acker, Isha Dandavate, Erin Lacey, Emily Larsen, Jerome Saddler, Domenique Sciolo, Nancy Weber**

**Staff Liaison**
**Katie Gauntlett**

The Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Advisory Commission welcomes you to attend its meetings which are regularly scheduled the second Thursday of odd months. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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during and after the meeting, will be collected and placed in the public record. Written public comments will not be read during the meeting.

## A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

## B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

## C. PUBLIC COMMENT

*There is a three-minute time limit to speak although the Chair may shorten the time based on the number of speakers or other factors. A speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.*

*For issues raised during Public Comment that are not on the published agenda, except as otherwise provided under the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action can legally be taken. The Board, Committee, Commission may direct that the item be referred to the Staff Liaison for action or may schedule the item on a subsequent agenda.*

## D. CONSENT ITEM

*All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by a single vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion unless specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action. Any Commissioner may remove an item from the Consent Calendar and place it under General Business for discussion.*

**D.1.** **Approve the meeting minutes from March 12, 2026**

## E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

## F. GENERAL BUSINESS

*These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Commission. They will be enacted upon by a separate vote.*

**F.1.** **Consider approving a recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed conceptual Mural Design for the concrete retaining wall located at the Downtown Recreation Center at the Pocket Park Facility, 950 Seventh Street, developed in partnership with the Marin County Youth Commission (MCYC), participating student artists, and local mural artist Heather Phelps; and allocation up to $21,461 from the Public Art Fund.**

- **Staff Report**
- **Attachment 1 – Submitted Inspiration Photos**
- **Attachment 2 – Draft Student Art Work**
- **Attachment 3 – Proposed Mural Design by Artist Heather Phelps**

- Attachment 4 – Art in Public Places, Admin Policy 5.13

**F.2.** **Receive presentations from Parks and Recreation staff providing a preview of Summer 2026 aquatics programs, summer camps, and special events.**

**F.3.** **Receive a presentation, provide direction, and consider approving a recommendation to City Council to approve of the proposed playground design and provide input on potential additional play equipment for Hamilton Amphitheater Neighborhood Park, located at 601 N. Hamilton Parkway, as part of the Hamilton Amphitheater Park Playground Improvements Project, CIP #26-004.**

- Staff Report
- Attachment 1 – Online Engagement Survey Results
- Attachment 2 – Rendering of Proposed Play Structure and Swing Set
- Attachment 3 – Options for Potential Third Play Element

## G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

*This section is used for Commissioners and the Staff Liaison to orally report on topics that can be considered for discussion at a future meeting.*

### G.1. Staff Updates

### G.2. Commissioner Reports

## H. ADJOURNMENT

***Materials that are submitted to members of the Commission after the distribution of the agenda packet will be made available to the public at the time it is provided to the Commission.***

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Alexandra Kambur, Recreation Division Manager