



# Sonoma County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Monday, December 9, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm

This meeting will be held in-person at Regional Parks main offices located at 400 Aviation Blvd, Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

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3rd District

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# Agenda

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement – Bert Whitaker, Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks**
2. **Call to Order & Duties of the Commission – Commission Chair**
  1. To act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation, including the development of recreation, park and open space facilities;
  2. To act in an advisory capacity to Regional Parks Director in the maintenance, development and operation of recreation areas and facilities serving the residents of the county;
  3. To establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the advisory commission.
3. **Comments from the Public –** Public may address the Commission on matters that are not on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to suggest an item for a future Commission agenda may do so during this public comment period. The Ralph M. Brown Act (the State local agency open meeting law) prohibits the Commission from acting on any matter that is not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes each; the Commission Chair or Vice-Chair may adjust the time limit in light of the number of anticipated speakers.
4. **Approval of the Minutes (Action Item) -** of October 8, 2024, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
5. **Commissioner Reports (Informational) – Commission Chair**
6. **Director’s Report (Informational) - Bert Whitaker, Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks**
7. **Draft Annual Report to the Community (Discussion)– Melanie Parker, Deputy Director**
8. **Regional Parks River Shuttle Presentation (Informational) – Sasha Ruschmeyer, Administrative Aide**
9. **Park Construction Updates (Informational) – Kerry Larkin, Planning Technician**
10. **Adjournment – Commission Chair**