



Regular Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Tuesday, February 17, 2026
7:00 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. **Public Services Director's Report**

Recommendation:

Receive report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. **Accept January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:

Accept January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

2. **Trail Dog Park Review and Next Steps**

Recommendation:

1. Review Trial Dog Park implementation; and
2. Provide recommendation to the City Council on the Trial Dog Park implementation on a permanent basis.

3. **Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:

Provide Work Plan Updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Parks & Recreation Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- The CRC/AC Membership saw very strong new membership enrollment in January with many new members joining, with a net of 54 new membership units.
- The City has experienced significant issues with pool heating at the Aquatics center over the last month, with significant repairs underway and a new pool heater procured and set for installation in the spring. The instructional pool at the Aquatics Center is currently closed but anticipated to reopen next week.
- Butterfield Park construction continues with a planned opening set for late Spring/Early Summer.
- City staff is working with the Pickleball Club who have raised funding for new lights at the courts. City staff is hoping to install new lighting by the start of summer.
- City staff has responded to a resident interested in partnering to find a place to add court lines for volleyball courts on a surface in Morgan Hill and is reviewing locations where this might be able to occur.
- The 2025 Open Streets Event scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026. We are hoping to have Commissioners support the event if available.
- On Saturday, January 17 Morgan Hill Bible had a group of 40 volunteers at Community Park for a volunteer service day. The group helped to spread mulch, pick up litter throughout the park and paint trash cans. We thank Morgan Hill Bible for their partnership and all their hard work to help the community!

Calendar of Upcoming Items

February 2026

Sunday, February 1st – March 8th:

- [Pickleball 101](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community Park, Outdoor Pickleball Courts
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Pickleball 201](#)
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Monday, February 2nd – March 9th:

- [Pickleball: Beginner/Intermediate Class for Adults](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center Gym
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Monday, February 2nd – April 13th:

- [Adult Basketball Combo League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, February 3rd – February 24th:

- [Bingo at the Community & Cultural Center](#)
 - Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM; Early Bird at 5:45 PM; Regular Games at 6:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, February 4th – February 25th:

- [Adaptive Hang-Out Wednesdays](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Wednesday, February 4th – May 6th:

- [Co-ed Competitive Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Thursday, February 5th – May 14th:

- [Co-ed Recreational Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center

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Saturday, February 7th:

- [Morgan Hill Clean Up: Hale/Santa Teresa/ Monterey Rd.](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00AM
 - Where: Meet at Central High School on Tilton.

Saturday, February 7th:

- [Friends and Love Celebration](#)
 - Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Tuesday, February 10th & 24th:

- [Adaptive Adult Hangout \(14+\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
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Friday, February 13th:

- [Adult Social Dance "Love & Friendship" \(50+\)](#)
 - Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, February 21st:

- [Morgan Hill Clean Up: City Hall/Main/Peak/West Dunne/Hale Extension](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00AM
 - Where: Meet in City Hall Parking Lot on Peak

Saturday, February 21st:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
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Wednesday, February 25th:

- [Senior Center Day Trip to SF de Young Museum & Tea Garden \(50+\)](#)
 - Must be registered.

- Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Where: Pick up: Centennial Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
Destination: SF De Young Museum and Japanese Tea Garden
(50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118)

Friday, February 27th:

- [Adaptive Family Sweethearts Party \(11 and under\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
 - Where: Community and Cultural Center, Children's Pavilion
(17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Day in February:

- [Senior Center Activities](#)
 - Senior Center Monthly Newsletter lists out every activity, date/time, and room.
 - Time: Varies (Senior Center is open 9AM-3PM)
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- [18th Annual 50+ Ball "Broadway Night" Fundraiser Event](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - Where: Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, March 22nd:

- [49ers NFL Youth Flag Football Tournament](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center
(16500 Condit Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

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MEETING MINUTES

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None

RECOGNITIONS

1. Holiday Lights Event Winners

Recommendation:

Recognize award winners.

Chris Ghione presented the winners of the program.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Director's Report

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion van Keulen, Second Zargar, Adopted 5-0.

BUSINESS

1. Accept December 16, 2025 PRC Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Accept December 16, 2025 PRC Meeting Minutes.

Motion Moniz, Second van Keulen, Accepted 5-0.

2. Receive Updates from Partner Organizations

Recommendation:

1. Receive update from the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley;
2. Recieve update from the Morgan Hill Tennis Club; and
3. Recieve update from the Morgan Hill Pickleball Club.

Updates were provided by the three organizations.

3. Receive Youth and Teen Program Update

Recommendation:

Recieve update on Youth and Teen Programming.

Report provided by Jennie Tucker, Chiquy Mejia, and Leo Khooshabeh.

4. Receive and provide comments on proposed development related expansion of Jackson Park

Recommendation:

1. Receive update on development related Jackson Park Expansion; and
2. Provide feedback on initial plans in the park.

Motion to recommend staff's recommendations and additionally recommend the addition of a bathroom on site. Motion van Keulen, Second Zargar, approved 4-0 (Commissioner Monize recused himself from the item).

5. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Commissioners provide Work Plan updates.

Commissioners provided Work Plan updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

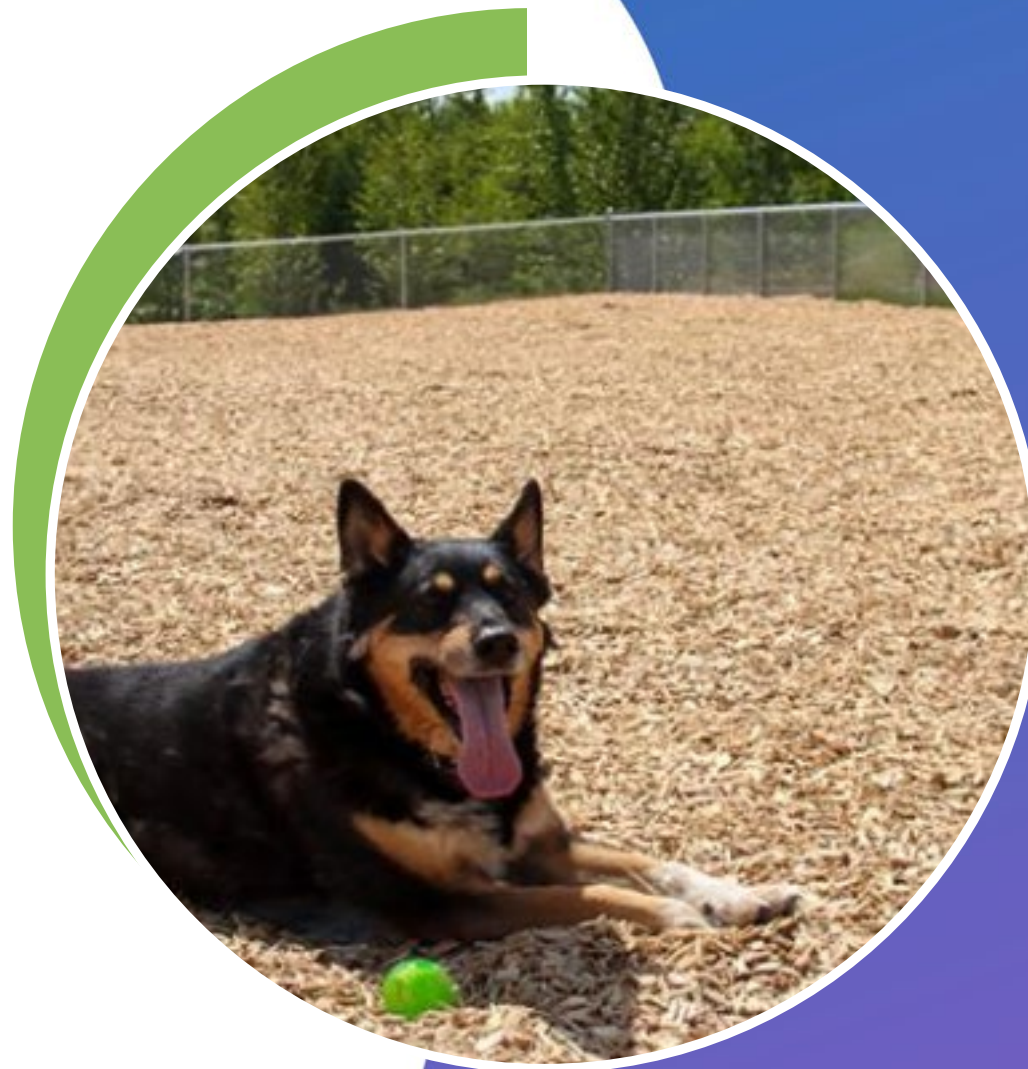
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Parks and Recreation Commission

Trial Dog Park Next Steps

February 17, 2026



Background

- Commission established potential development of downtown dog park in FY20/21 work plan
- Commission worked to identify former Community Garden site
- Future fire station footprint unknown at the time; Council asked to postpone until the station was developed
- Trial started in October 2025

Map



Survey Results

- 34 completed
- 100% in support of dog park
- 81% live in downtown area
- 79% use Community Park Dog Park
- Improvements: Water for dogs, seating
- Mixed reaction on grass vs mulch

Mulch vs Grass vs Turf

- Turf
 - High capital costs
 - Still have to water down and maintain
- Grass
 - Big maintenance expense for irrigation and mowing
- Mulch
 - Free
 - Volunteers help spread it



Cost To Make It Permanent

- Capital Costs
 - Permanent Fencing/Gates - \$35,000-\$50,000
 - Water Service - \$25,000
 - Seating Area - \$2,500
- Ongoing Maintenance Costs
 - Water - \$1,000
 - Backflow Testing/Repair - \$2,000
 - Mutt Mitts/Trash Bags – \$500
 - Landscape Contractor - \$2,376
 - Teammate Time - \$5,000

Next Steps

- February 2026 - Commission Support for Future Project
- March 2026 - Share results with Council – Potential Council Recommendation
- May 2026 - City Manager's Recommended Budget
- August – October 2026 – Install new fencing and water service
- October/November 2026 – Permanent dog park

Questions?

Submission Date	Are you in support of an off lease dog park behind the new Butterfield Fire Station?	Do you live near the downtown area?	Do you own a dog?	Do you currently use the Community Park Dog Park?	Have you used the trial dog park? If yes what do you like about it? What would you improve?	Please provide us any other thoughts on the off leash dog park.
10/4/2025 10:31	Yes	Yes				Very excited for this location. I live right next to it and there are so many dogs in and around down town. I think the biggest issue could end up being that it isn't large enough.
10/8/2025 8:40	Yes	Yes				It's great to have another dog Park, this one closer to downtown.
10/9/2025 13:59	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes. Anywhere for dogs to be off-leash and owners to socialize is good. We need a dozen of these small parks around town. As far as improvements: Somewhere to sit for owners. Didn't notice if there was water available.	Make it larger! Seating.

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10/9/2025 15:49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I have used it. I like the location and shade from the trees. We don't love the mulch - it hides any poop left behind by owners and is also a little difficult to walk on.	
10/9/2025 20:57	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Its great having one near downtown. Can you please add a water fountain or water supply for dogs?	
10/9/2025 21:02	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	I loved it! Thank you for trying out another space for dogs to play.	Thank you so much again for trying this!

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10/11/2025 11:19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	location is amazing. It does need some improvements if and when made permanent. Benches/chairs, watter dispenser/bowl, and some land scaping (the mulch is a bit annoying to walk through but it may be nice to keep if it helps prevent mud during rainy seasons, not sure.) Also the gate is scraping the concrete when you open the door, that will need to be improved when a permanent installation goes in. It is a perfect location since there are so many townhomes around and those dog owners do not have back yards. Additionally, there are a lot of people walking dogs in the downtown area who will love the park. The area its in is always available even when events are going on in downtown (i.e., mushroom mardigras, farmer's market, etc.) so there isn't a point where it will not be available, moreover it'll be	Not sure if you're planning section the park to have a small dog area and big dog area but it would need to really be thought through. There is maybe just enough space to do it but you'll need to make sure the big dogs still have plenty of room.

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10/12/2025 9:15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I really like having the trial dog park. It's a perfect location. Improvement: maybe having a bench or two	

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10/14/2025 9:52	Yes	Yes	No	No	We use the area to walk our dog, but have not used the facility yet. But I wrote to the city council with a proposal for Outdoor Exercise Stations Near the New Dog Park!! Below is what I wrote to the city council. I think it would only add value to the dog park as a full recreational area!	I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to propose a community enhancement that would benefit residents of all ages and promote healthier lifestyles: the installation of outdoor exercise stations near the new dog park, located behind the fire department. This area already has several features that make it ideal for such an initiative: -A circular layout perfect for a fitness circuit -Existing rock structures that could be repurposed for signage or integrated into exercise stations -Walkways, shaded trees, and benches that support rest and observation -A central downtown location where people frequently walk, jog, and gather Currently, the space feels underutilized and lacks landscaping. By adding fitness stations, we could transform it

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10/16/2025 17:11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good location. Everything else isn't great. No watering station for dogs. The mulch is a terrible option for the floor. So many prickly bark and droppings from the trees that hurt my dogs paws. Also it's so difficult to tell where the dog pooped.	It would be nice to have benches for owners or hooks on the fence for leashes
10/18/2025 12:11	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, but the way it's fenced in is very poorly designed. We went to a Offleash drug park in San Francisco called. Like Esprit. It has a fence around the perimeter with two entrances to allow your dog to run free. The entrance was not gated.	
10/18/2025 17:02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Great use of under utilized space, and so great to have a dog Park within walking distance of downtown	
10/18/2025 19:33	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

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10/18/2025 19:35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I like how it's near down town which is perfect. I would add some grass instead of the mulch and add some benches inside.	
10/19/2025 10:46	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, we love it. The current ground cover is fine. It is so nice to have this space downtown where so many people have small backyards.	
10/21/2025 19:17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, we were just there this weekend, and our dog had a great time with the other dogs. The mulch, specifically, is appreciated.	Definitely keep it. Great addition to the neighborhood!

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10/21/2025 19:57	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I have used the trial dog park and I loved it. My dog played with other dogs with respectful owners, and she had a blast. Also I quite prefer the current wood chips ground over grass, which gets messy and muddy very easily. If there's a water spout for dogs to drink water that would be great.	

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10/23/2025 21:34	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We have used the dog park which is absolutely wonderful and a great location. With all the high density housing nearby the dog park and no yards it is absolutely delightful to be able to walk my furry friends to a place where they can feel like they have a place to run around a big area. It is great. I would maybe do bonfire tan bark or just dirt but other than that we feel lucky to have this option.	Please keep this park for our furry community members in the downtown area.

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10/30/2025 18:34	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Great idea, thank you. Discovered the new trial park via The Scoop. I hope it stays. If permanent it would be a great to add a water fountain somewhere in the area, the kind that works for both dogs and people. We also enjoyed walking down the informal path behind the courthouse toward Dunne. Seems like this could be easily developed into a small park.	See above, thanks.
11/5/2025 7:47	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		We should have one more at the Vida park on Sutter. There is a field all the dogs use already.
11/8/2025 10:07	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		

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11/8/2025 10:12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I have used the park. I walk to downtown daily and enjoy the fact that I dont need to drive to the community park. Include benches at different ends of the park for owners.	

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11/9/2025 9:28	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, I've used it and I love it! We were looking for a dog park because our apartment complex doesn't have one, and our dogs needed a place to run "freely". The area size is okay since it let's so see where our dogs are going (no one else was there but if there were more dogs and suddenly they go into a fight or other emergency, I think it will be easier to act). I think the dog park could have a bench for us to sit while we watch our furry friends play, some water station for them, and maybe some cameras in case something happens (dog fights, dog's running out, etc.).	The only thing that worries me is if the other dog owners will be responsible too to maintain the dog park secure, friendly and clean. An example: if they are going to pick up after their dogs (if they are offleash, they might get distracted and not see where they did their necessities), if suddenly a dog attacks another dog and they need to be responsible, etc. Other than that, my family and our two dogs appreciate this new initiative which we love!

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11/12/2025 8:42	Yes			Yes	I like that it has trees for shade. I like that it has plenty of mulch therefor, no mud. I would like to have access to water for the dogs. I would like to have seating/benches.	I think it's a great addition for all the new condos in the neighborhood. Will this dog park be for small or large dogs?
11/15/2025 10:12	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Artificial turf instead of mulch would be great for rainy seasons. Also mulch makes dog poo harder to locate. More lights would be great Its great to have a dog park in downtown. Please make it permanent!	
11/19/2025 17:29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

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11/24/2025 8:43	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I have used the park and have met many new residents along with their dogs. This is a much needed park for those of us that live close to downtown.	
11/28/2025 20:15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes. I like the proximity to the downtown area, providing pet relief (especially off leash). I would add a grass section and benches. The trees should be enough to provide ample shade. The dog park is bit small to divide into a big dog and a small dog section. Maybe fence off another area for smaller dogs.	

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12/9/2025 16:49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I have used the trial dog park and love how is close in distance to downtown. I like that it is big enough for my dog and many like her to have a good time. I have a couple of suggestions for improvement. One being a water station nearby. Second changing the ground to either grass or turf.	
1/10/2026 9:52	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I've used this space. Our city needs this service to support pet owners and the growing amount of residents close to downtown. Great idea!! Let's do this. Would like to have a water source added.	This space is an inclusionary addition. It perfectly complements the playground and farmers markets and another draw to bring people downtown.

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1/10/2026 10:25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We need better signage. I don't think a lot of people know this park exists. You would get more feed back from community if more people knew about. Add signs by playground/farmers market area	I would wrap the fence around to include the cement shaded picnic tables so there's a place to sit or add seating

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1/14/2026 19:42	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I had no idea that there was a trial run and unfortunately found the dog park this week in january, but i love it! The other dog park being on the opposite side of town and how crowded it can be has made me refrain from using it after taking my dog over a year ago and we havent been back since. Its smaller and compact so my dog feels very comfortable. Its right in the middle of morgan hill so a lot more accessible to a variety of people. the mulch however, got stuck in my dogs fur because he is a fluffy dog with hair rather than fur. i'd prefer clover cover or grass, but would still use the park if the change wasn't possible.	Seating inside the park would be nice for owners who just want to sit while their dog roams around. Having water for the dogs would also be amazing! I adore the location and size of the new dog park and i really hope it stays! me and my dog will definitely be a frequent goer!

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1/29/2026 13:29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Love the park location and the amount of t of space. Would love to see a garbage can for the doggie bags and maybe a grassy spot / leveling out of the ground. I saw a big root that could be a tripping hazard and or a spot a dog hurts themselves on.	Keep it:~)!
1/31/2026 10:09	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We have used it. I think it is great. Maybe a grass section would be nice.	We are thrilled with the idea that we could have a dog park so close to downtown.

Fw: Public Comment Submission

From Chris Ghione <Chris.Ghione@morganhill.ca.gov>

Date Tue 2/17/2026 5:55 PM

To Parks Recreation Commission <ParksRecreation_Commission@morganhill.ca.gov>

Hello Commissioners,
Please see the public comment for tonight for Agenda Business Item 2.
Chris

From: No Reply <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 4:41 PM

To: CC Public Comment <ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment Submission

Submitted by: Stephen Adamo

Email Address: sjadamo@aol.com

Commented on event: <https://morganhillca.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1302/overview>

If you are having trouble viewing the URL above, cut and paste the string into your browser window.

User comment: At the risk of being a "naysayer" and especially my first time commenting on a Parks/Rec meeting/item...I hate to "be that guy" ;-). I hope to attend remotely but in the event I can't, I wanted to share these thoughts...which may be better focused on Council but I assume this commission is expected to be budget conscious as well. I have only now "jumped in" so I am certain I am missing something. In any event, it seems to me that during this time when a structural deficit exists for the general fund, we should avoid any increases to GF liabilities that are unavoidable and, focus capital dollars on projects that may relieve the general fund. e.g. spend CIP funds to install synthetic turf or re-surface natural turf and make other "life cycle" capital improvements on existing park infrastructure rather than increasing GF liabilities by adding more that we do not "need". Of course defining "need" is critical. So while it alone won't "save the day", we should not spend \$80,000-\$100,000 to establish a small dog park and in doing so, incur an additional \$11,000 annual GF expenses on a dog park until such time that we have solved the deficit problem. Just one perspective...and I'm not saying this is THE PROJECT to avoid...but I think it's important to note in any recommendation that it comes with spending money we don't have...in theory. While we do have the money now in reserve, it's not good practice and taxpayers expect a more frugal approach and even those supporting "doing more" need to at least be reminded it's coming with the immanent cost of spending what we don't have.

Parks & Recreation Commission

FY 2025-26 Work Plan – Approved by City Council 8.20.25

Project	City Council Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)
1. Motivate the next generation to get more active in Parks and Recreation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Manager (Minimal)	1. Review program opportunities for new youth programming. (Maniar/Vittal/Chabra) 2. Work with City staff to review opportunities to more formally include youth (YAC and other youth) in park planning. (Vittal/Lucido)
2. Support bicycle and trails development efforts	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal)	Work to coordinate with community members on bicycle and trails issues with volunteer Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Group. (Zargar)
3. Support the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge ongoing operations	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Supervisor and Coordinator (Moderate)	Support and enhance the ongoing volunteer and ambassador efforts at the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground, including a youth volunteer program. (Vittal/Maniar/Chabra)
4. Support City in grant opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Moderate) Mngt Analyst (Moderate)	Support City staff in identifying and evaluating grant opportunities and associated projects. (Maniar/Zargar/Chabra)
5. Increase volunteer Adopt a Park Program participation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal)	Support efforts to identify volunteers for tree establishment watering. (Zargar/Moniz)

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6. Support City park planning efforts	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Significant)	1. Commence Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. (All) 2. Evaluate future opportunities for parkland acquisition and development. (van Keulen) 3. Research opportunities for the creation of additional dog parks in existing or new park spaces. (Moniz) 4. Review options for the future of the Community Park Pond. (All) 5. Review and provide recommendations to the City Council on adding restrooms to existing parks, including Diana, Nordstrom and Paradise. (van Keulen/Moniz)
7. Support the Annual Open Streets Event	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Moderate)	Support the planning and implementation of the annual Open Streets Event in coordination with health and wellness community resource fair. (Moniz/Vittal/Chabra/Lucido)
8. Explore Park and Outdoor Recreation Activation Opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal) Recreation Manager (Minimal) Recreation Coordinator (Moderate)	1. Explore the opportunity to develop and implement an "Art in the Park" event, program or improvement. (Moniz/Chabra) 2. Review the opportunity to implement free fitness opportunities in parks in partnership with local fitness advocates. (Zargar) 3. Review the potential to organize social events with DJs and encourage families to picnic at the park for a chance for communal gatherings with sports and activities. (Zargar/Chabra) 4. Review opportunity to implement outdoor education workshop sessions for seniors. (Chabra)
9. Support Community Organizations related to Parks and Recreation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal)	Identify and implement recognition opportunities for non-profit organizations. (Vittal/Chabra)

Staff Resources Required: **0-50 hours = Minimal** **51-100 hours = Moderate** **100+ hours = Significant**