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Pam Sloan, chair of the Park & Recreation Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Pam Sloan (Chair), Mark Shahan (Vice-Chair), Bill Conway, Eric Broque, Martha Ehrenfeld, Mark Hansen, Trina Slapeka, Alison Vidal **Absent:** Antwan Graves

USTA NorCal President: Christine Costamagna

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Cheryl Silva, Staff Liaison, Troy Rondeau & Summer Verhoeven

1. Chair Report

- Item 1: Committee Chair, Pam Sloan welcomed everyone and presented and an overview of the 2025 Parks & Recreation overview: [Parks and Recreation Committee Overview](#)

2. Introductions – Committee members intro

- Mark Shahan: one of the founders of ACTA (Antelope Community Tennis Association), served as a board member and chair for Sunrise Park District in the past. Mr. Shahan previously coached a high school team in Sacramento and an avid tennis player also a huge supporter of community tennis.
- Bill Conway: Currently a Tennis Director at Reno Tennis Center, previously managed one of the USTA Premiere Facilities in Denver, Colorado, before then Mr. Conway managed Davie Stadium in Oakland and was also served as a Tennis Director at Bay O Vista in Castro Valley.
- Eric Broque: A dedicated volunteer and spent over a decade officiating. Mr. Broque previously coached high school in Berkeley, CA and a big supporter of public parks.
- Martha Ehrenfeld: Ms. Ehrenfeld serves on the board of the Golden Gate Tennis Club, the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation and the SF Recreation and Park Department's Tennis Advisory Committee. Ms. Ehrenfeld advocate for public tennis in San Francisco and also a member of USTA National Public Parks Committee.
- Mark Hansen: A long time tennis pro in the Solano county area. Mr. Hansen has been a board member of RSPA NorCal. Mr. Hansen is currently a Tennis Director at Stone Gate Country Club and at Woodland Park & Recreation in Woodland, CA.
- Trina Slapeka: Ms. Slapeka is a retired professional tennis player and currently the Tennis Director at Davie Stadium. Also coached at Holy Names University in Oakland. She reached a world ranking of 1400 in singles and 948 in doubles.
- Alison Vidal: Ms. Vidal grew up in San Francisco and considered Golden Gate Park Tennis Center her second home. Previously worked at USTA NorCal as a Director of Community Tennis and Partnerships. Ms. Vidal continues her community tennis work promoting and developing all sports at Lifetime Activities as the Director of Events and Community Engagements.

3. Staff Report

- Item 1: Section and National Grants (TVS)
Staff shared section and national grants resources available to all park agencies. USTA NorCal will continue to offer seed funding for communities and parks & recreations to offer low cost programming's in addition to facility improvements and equipment grants. USTA National Tennis Venue Services (TVS) grant increased its funding from 1.4 Million to 10 Million.
- Item 2: 2025 Public Parks Tournaments
USTA NorCal will offer a series of Public Parks tournaments and added 1-new location (Antelope). Public Parks Tournament continue to gain traction and very well attended. Public Parks tournaments also provide a free family day event during the tournament. These events will be held during the summer time at Antelope, Fremont and Stockton. Winning players from their divisions are offered a stipend to attend the National Public Parks Championship in September at Lake Nona, Florida in conjunction with NRPA Conference September 16-18.
- Item 3: Other events
Staff shared upcoming workshops: Play Facilitator (March 13 -14) and CPRS Conference (March 19-20)

4. Old Business

- Item 1:
n/a

5. New Business

- Item 1:
May is National Tennis Month and July is Park Day. Chair (Pam Sloan) asked the committee members to connect with their local parks and rec to potentially host events in May and/or July, staff to send a follow-up email about National Tennis Month and Proclamation information.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Next meeting Thursday, March 13, 2025.