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Thank you.

Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Council Members

Please accept my sincere apology for my behavior yesterday during the PRNS study session. Unfortunately, I was frustrated with all the misinformation contained in the report and I let my emotions get the best of me.

I am truly embarrassed and ashamed of my actions.

Some of the issues in the report that upset me include:

Staffing issues at Prusch have only recently been resolved.

The playground is beautiful but is not fully accessible as claimed. The ground cover cannot be navigated with a wheelchair, walker or braces. The slide gets dangerously hot and has injured children in the past. The dedication of the playground itself was delayed because it could not pass a safety inspection.

Park staff does not clean the bathroom or offices as that task has been contracted out.

Security at all parks is seriously lacking. Recently two Rangers at Kelly Park were attacked.

The caretaker's home at Prusch has been vacant since the former park ranger left a few years ago. Security has been contracted for but break ins and other issues are still an issue.

There are no 4H or FFA animals in the barn due to unreasonable demands by staff. The barn is locked and not open to the public.

Volunteer work that our Foundation has been doing since 2008 is now being done by Park staff at considerable cost.

These few observations from my experience at Emma Prusch Memorial Park leave me with serious concerns about PRNS management and oversight.

Sincerely yours, Sharon McCray

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