Meeting Minutes
City of Sacramento
Parks and Recreation Commission

AGENDA

June 12, 2014

Historic City Hall Hearing Room 915 I Street, Sacramento

Call to Order – 6:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Harris, Chairperson, at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Guadiana was absent. Commissioner Heitstuman arrived at 7:00 p.m. and Commissioner Ruggieri arrived at 7:35 p.m. All other commissioners were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Marni Leger spoke to the need for restrooms in South Natomas Community Park. Annette Deglow with the College-Glen Neighborhood Association requested the Commission discuss Council actions regarding revenues from telecommunication facilities in City parks and revenues from City owned billboards. Marc Brandes spoke to Chavez, Fremont and Muir Parks and recommended an evaluation of redesigns that either removed seating and/or designated a park for children.

Public Hearings

2. **Request for Reconsideration of the Decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to Deny the Removal and Replacement of Three (3) City Street Trees at 1517 and 1531 N Street**
   Location: 1517 and 1531 N Street
   Recommendation: Support the Request of UrbanCore Development and the Capital Area Development Authority for reconsideration of the Commission's decision to deny the request to remove three (3) City Street Trees based on new information regarding the difficulty and costs to protect the trees during construction.
   Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

   Representatives from the Capital Area Development Authority (CADA) and the project developer described actions taken since the May 1, 2014 tree appeal hearing to comply with the ruling to retain and protect three Chinese Pistache street trees on the project site. They spoke to construction challenges and added cost to protect the trees given the need for site excavation and adequate space for crane operations.

   The appellant, Ms. Leilani Fay, testified and objected to the development and design process, the lack of consideration to preserve shade canopy trees, and to removing the trees in question. Testimony was also heard from Ms. Fay's representative, Council Member Hansen and his staff, and a landscape architect for the project.

Commissioners and CADA staff discussed the project, CADA's overall approach to existing City street trees surrounding their projects, new replacement tree selection considerations, additional sites for street trees in the downtown area, and the lack of setback requirements on new buildings that would better accommodate large tree shade canopies.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the removal of three Chinese Pistache trees and replace them with the largest caliper tree the City Arborist recommends. To mitigate the loss of these three trees and their shade canopy, twelve (12) new City street trees are to be paid for and installed by the applicant in locations selected by the City and in the vicinity of the project site. Specific planting locations, tree species and caliper size are to be determined by City of Sacramento's Urban Forestry Section. (Dominguez/Malik: Ayes: Malik, Dominguez, Ruggieri, Harris, Heitstuman, Shettle, McKinley, Mercado; Noes: Assagai, O'Toole; Absent: Guadiana)

Special Oral Presentation

3. **None**

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for May 1, 2014
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Dominguez/Mercado: Ayes: Ruggieri, Dominguez, O'Toole, Harris, Shettle, Mercado, Malik; Absent: Guadiana, McKinley, Assagai, Heitstuman)

5. **Amend Parks and Recreation Commission Rules of Procedures Regarding a Quorum**
   Location: N/A
   Recommendation: Approve Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Commission Procedures Regarding a Quorum
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve an amendment to the Parks and Recreation Commission Procedures regarding a quorum and majority vote requirements as contained in the agenda packet, with the exception to eliminate the last sentence under *E. Quorum*. (Dominguez/McKinley: Ayes: O'Toole, Malik, Dominguez, Mercado, Harris, Shettle, McKinley; Noes: Ruggieri; Abstain: Assagai; Absent: Guadiana, Heitstuman)

Discussion/Action Reports Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment

6. **McKinley Village Project Park Master Plans**
   Location: South of Sutter's Landing Regional Park across Capital City Freeway (Business 80), Council District 3
   Recommendation: Support McKinley Village Project Park Master Plans
   Contact: Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, 808-1949

   Commissioners and staff discussed restrooms and sports areas.

   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the proposed master plan for parks in the McKinley Village project. (Shettle/Dominguez: Ayes: Ayes: Malik, Dominguez, Mercado, Harris, Shettle, McKinley, Ruggieri, Assagai; Absent: Guadiana, Heitstuman, O'Toole)

7. **Overview of Aquatics Operations (Oral Report)**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Review and Comment
   Contacts: Greg Narramore, Recreation Superintendent, 808-6095, Shannon Brown, Park Maintenance Manager, 808-4070

   Greg Narramore, Recreation Superintendent, and Terri Webster-Schrandt, Program Supervisor, reviewed the item. Commissioners inquired about Measure U supported activities and any effects from the drought on aquatic operations.

8. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for June and July**
   Recommendation: Review and comment
   Contact: James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526
   Director Combs reviewed the outcome of Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget hearings for Parks and Recreation.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Harris expressed his appreciation for Greg Narramore's services.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:

Jeff Harris

Jeff Harris, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission