Special Meeting Minutes
City of Sacramento
Parks and Recreation Commission

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

May 1, 2014

Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street, Sacramento

Call to Order – 6:15 p.m.

This meeting is considered a special meeting as the start time was changed. The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 6:15 p.m. Commissioners in attendance: Ruggieri, Harris, McKinley, Shettle, Mercado, Assagai and Malik. Commissioners O'Toole and Heitstuman arrived at 6:40 p.m. Commissioners Guadiana and Dominguez were absent.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. **None**

Public Hearings

2. **Appeal of a Decision of the Director of Public Works to Issue a Tree Permit to Remove and Replace Five (5) City Street Trees at 1517 and 1531 N Street**
   Location: 1517 and 1531 N Street, Council District 4
   Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation that the appeal of the Decision of the Director of Public Works to issue a Tree Permit to Remove and Replace Five (5) City Street Trees at 1517 and 1531 N Street be Denied
   Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

   Joe Benassini, Urban Forestry Manager, reviewed the item, including the trees in question (a Modesto Ash, Liquidambar, and three Chinese Pistache trees), and landscape plans for the Warren mixed used development project with CADA and UrbanCore Development. Representatives for CADA, the project developer and landscape architect spoke to project history, design, benefits, and previous reviews and approvals.

   The appellant, Ms. Leilani Fay, and other citizens spoke to the City's lack of a required setback to accommodate street trees, the overall loss of tree canopy in the downtown area, and that most of the street trees in question are drought tolerant.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to deny the appeal in part, as follows: 1) The three Chinese Pistache trees are to remain; 2) the Modesto Ash and Liquidambar trees are to be removed, and 3) new trees are to have the largest caliper available, such as three or four inches. (Malik/Ruggieri: Ayes: Malik, Ruggieri, Harris, Heitstuman, Shettle; Noes: McKinley, Assagai, O'Toole, Mercado; Absent: Guadiana, Dominguez)

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 April 3, 2014
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

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

5. **Amend Parks and Recreation Commission's Rules of Procedures to Change Regular Meeting Time to 6:30 p.m.**
   Location: N/A
   Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to amend the Parks and Recreation Commission's Rules of Procedures to change the regular meeting time to 6:30 p.m. (Assagai/Ruggieri: Ayes: Ruggieri, Harris, McKinley, Shettle, Mercado, Assagai, Malik; Absent: Guadiana, Dominguez, O'Toole, Heitstuman)

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. **Name the Multipurpose Room at Oak Park Community Center the Leslie "Sarge" Thomas Multipurpose Room**
   Location: 3415 Martin Luther King Blvd, Council District 5
   Recommendation: Support the Proposed Naming
   Contact: Vincene Jones, Neighborhood Services Manager, 808-5072 and Sylvia Fort, Recreation Manager, 808-8381

Vincene Jones reviewed the request and Community Center staff spoke to "Sarge's" dedication and commitment in volunteering at the Center, as well as serving as a mentor for neighborhood youth.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support naming the Multipurpose Room at Oak Park Community Center the Leslie "Sarge" Thomas Multipurpose Room. (Assagai/Ruggieri: Ayes: Ruggieri, Harris, McKinley, Shettle, Mercado, Assagai, Malik; Absent: Guadiana, Dominguez, O'Toole, Heitstuman)

7. **Update of the City of Sacramento's Tree Ordinances**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Review and Comment
   Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

   Commissioners, staff and citizens discussed the ordinance review process, appeal bodies, proposed Tree Advisory Committee, tree maintenance levels and services, protection of trees including those that were planted to mitigate the removal of other trees, tree removal notification processes and the adequacy and monitoring procedures of protecting trees during construction projects.

8. **Department of Parks and Recreation's Proposed 2014/15 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Review and Comment
   Contacts: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172 and Mary deBeauvieres, Principal Park and Recreation Planner, 808-8722

   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to recommend revenues generated from any additional billboards adjacent to Sutter's Landing Regional Park go towards developing the park, and to assure there is mitigation for any revenue loss from the lease of the three existing billboards on Business 80. (Assagai/Harris: Ayes: Ruggieri, Harris, O'Toole, Heitstuman, McKinley, Shettle, Mercado, Assagai, Malik; Absent: Guadiana, Dominguez)

9. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for April and May**
   Recommendation: Review and comment
   Contact: James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

   Director Combs commented on a groundbreaking ceremony to launch significant recreation improvements in McClatchy Park.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder

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Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:

Jeff Harris

Jeff Harris, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission