

Meeting Minutes of the  
Parks and Recreation Commission

**AGENDA**

Thursday, January 7, 2016

*Historic City Hall Meeting Room, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814*

**Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. Roll Call / Commissioner Introduction**

Chairperson Assagai called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All commissioners were in attendance except Commissioner O'Toole; Commissioner McKinley arrived at 6:45.

**Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

1. Keith McCallin spoke to concerns about opening Chicory Bend Park and Ron Emslie spoke about persons using McClatchy Park.

**Public Hearings**

**2. Appeal of a Decision of the Hearing Examiner to Deny a Tree Permit to Remove a Heritage Tree at 2323 K Street**

**Location:** Council District 4

**Recommendation:** Hear the appeal and deny a permit to remove a heritage Southern Magnolia tree at 2323 K Street

**Contact:** Tim Daley, City Arborist, 808-6336 and Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, 808-6258

City Attorney Sheryl Patterson made introductory comments about the scope of the hearing. Tim Daly, City Arborist, presented the item and Joe Benassini, Urban Forestry Manager, answered questions. Brad McDowell, counsel representing the appellant Thomas Roth testified.

Public comment on this item was made by the appellant and Luis Sumpter, Gary Orr, and Ryan Heater.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to deny the appeal and preserve the tree finding that there is not enough proof of poor health of the tree or risk of damage.

(Heitstuman/O'Toole: Ayes: Assagai, Conroy, Heitstuman, Lenzi, Malik, Murphy, Shettle; Nays: Colley-Perry, McKinley, Singh)

### **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 November 5, 2015

**Contact:** Shannon Brown, Operations Manager, 808-4070

#### **5. Adopt a Meeting Calendar for Calendar Year 2016**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Meeting Calendar for 2016

**Contact:** Shannon Brown, Operations Manager, 808-4070

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve the consent calendar (Singh/Malik: Ayes Assagai, Conroy, Colley-Perry Heitstuman, Lenzi, Malik, McKinley, Murphy, Shettle, Singh)

### **Discussion/Action Reports**

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

#### **6. Parks and Recreation Commission: 2016 Agenda Items**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

**Contact:** Pamela Sloan, Interim Director, 808-8526

Pamela Sloan presented a proposed list of agenda items to be heard by the Commission in 2016. Commissioners requested items be added to this list as follows: Singh wants a staff report on the current status of Chicory Bend in April or March, Malik wants an update and report on the City Community Gardens program, Lenzi wants information on the new tree ordinance being developed by the Department of Public Works in February, Murphy wants to have Sacramento Steps Forward heard earlier in the year, Assagai wants to hear about the Rails to Trails project from the Central City to Land Park.

## **7. Parkland Dedication (Quimby) Code Changes**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

**Contact:** Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation, 808-8722

Mary de Beauvieres presented information on proposed changes to the City's Parkland Dedication (Quimby) code. Proposed changes include when land dedication would be required, how land value is determined, joint use of land, and calculation of private recreation facility fee credits. Next steps include: ordinance changes go to the Law & Legislation Committee and the Planning and Design Commission, then ultimately to City Council. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> to the Planning and Design Commission, Law and Legislation Committee in March, and City Council in April. Greg Sandlund from the Community Development Department answered questions. There was no public comment. Some Commissioners expressed concerns regarding the changes to allow fees rather than dedication of land and the method for determining land values to set the in-lieu fees might result in less parkland in distressed communities.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to have a letter written by the Chair to send to City Council with specific recommended changes and concerns as follows:

Motion No. 1: Current Land Value Used to Calculate In Lieu Fee - Average land value should not be based on census tracts because it is too small.

(Malik/Colley-Perry: Ayes: Colley-Perry, Conroy, Heitstuman, Lenzi, Malik, McKinley, Murphy, Shettle, Assagai. Nays: Singh)

Motion No. 2: Current Private Recreation Facilities Credit - Oppose the increase in Private Recreational Facilities Credits because there will be less park area available to the public.

(Malik/Colley-Perry: Ayes: Colley-Perry, Conroy, Heitstuman, Malik, Murphy, Assagai. Nays: Lenzi, McKinley, Shettle, Singh)

## **8. Parks and Recreation Report (Oral): Commissioner Roles and Responsibilities**

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

**Contact:** Pamela Sloan, Interim Director, 808-8526

Pamela Sloan provided Commissioners with a copy of the City Code that outlines their roles and responsibilities. We are at our midyear budget review, staff has done a good job of keeping on target and staying on top of it. Pamela provided

an update on the Department of Parks and Recreation Director recruitment, that it is in process and the City Manager is pondering his options. The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) will be notified once an appointment has been made. There was a community interview panel on which PRC members participated.

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

Commissioner Colley-Perry reported that she has moved to District 5 and will regrettably no longer serve on the Commission. She was thanked for her service.

Commissioner Singh thanked Shannon Brown for her assistance and influence on youth soccer returning to Reichmuth Park. He also acknowledged Pamela Sloan for mentoring a youth in his community.

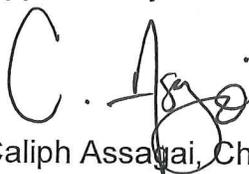
**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Camille Wise, Program Specialist  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Caliph Assafai, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission