



**Meeting Minutes of the
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission**

December 3, 2020

6:00 p.m.

City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers

Open Session – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Good at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Aguilar, Flores, Good, Guerrero, Kletzman, Lavelle, Loew, Mehta, Murphy and Rhodes

Absent: Commissioner Law

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Special Presentation/General Communication

**A. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Volunteer Recognition Awards –
Categories: Community Enrichment and YPCE**

- Chalk It Up (District 4)
- D7 Teen Mental Health Focus Group (District 7)
- Jeff Ennis (District 7)
- African American Consortium (District 8)
- Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce (Citywide)
- Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce (Citywide)
- Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Citywide)

Commissioner Rhodes gave praise and recognition to African American Consortium.

Vice Chair Lavelle gave praise and recognition to Jeff Ennis and high school students from D7 Teen Mental Health Focus Group.

Commissioner Murphy gave praise and recognition to Chalk It Up.

B. City Staff Introduction

New City arborist, Tyler Kern introduced himself to the commission. He has 10 plus years of experience with arboricultural for a local municipality and university. He has expertise in risk assessment, and participated in multiple tree planting and oak mitigation projects in the past.

Consent Calendar

1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission meeting minutes for November 5, 2020

Contact: Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst (916) 808-6402 , Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission meeting minutes.

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Loew)

Motion carried 10-Yes 0-No 1-Absent (Law)

Discussion Calendar

2. Youth Sports

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational.

Contact: Kris Wimberly, Interim Superintendent, (916)808-6172, Department of Youth Parks, & Community Enrichment

This agenda item is deferred to year 2021.

3. Civic Engagement Program Updates

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational.

Contact: Kris Wimberly, Interim Superintendent, (916)808-6172, Department of Youth Parks, & Community Enrichment

Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC) Chair Emily Kawada and Vice Chair Noami Piper-Pell provided highlights of recent commission accomplishments.

Kris Wimberly, Interim Superintendent, provided demographics of the SYC. She presented statistics of commissioners' age, gender, employment status, grade, and ethnicity.

Maria Vides-Medal, Program Coordinator and Mauro Rodriguez, Senior Liaison, explained how Summer @ City Hall was still able to operate program virtually in time of Covid-19. Workshops were modified allowing youth students to learn the curriculum of the program.

4. Wood Park Master Plan Amendment

Location: Council District 8

Recommendation: Pass a motion supporting the City Council's adoption of Wood Park Master Plan Amendment

Contact: Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect, (916)808-5540, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect, mentioned the community is requesting Wood Park be revitalized with additional amenities. Additional features being requested include fitness stations, dog park, jogging path with mile markers, community garden, newly stripped basketball court, bench seating, water efficient garden, shade cover seating area, new concrete park sign, and new ADA panic table.

Commissioner Gurrero asked, if the basketball backboard can be upgraded to pixie glass. Tin-Wah responded that this upgrade can be included as long the budget allows for this additional cost.

Commissioner Rhodes commented that this park is in a beautiful community. The upgraded amenities will bring out more residents to the park.

Commissioner Flores asked how was the civic engagement to the community with the challenge of Covid-19. Flores recognized that the outreach this time is different because information is shared mostly through virtual meetings. Tin-Wah mentioned that notices were posted at the park, the park's webpage, and also councilmember reached out to member groups in the neighborhood. Raymond Constantino, Park Planning & Design Manager, mentioned also that the councilmember did a community survey for input of the features that will be added to the park.

Action: Motion to support the City's Council's adoption of Wood Park Master Plan Amendment.

Moved/Seconded (Rhodes/Flores)
Motion carried 10-Yes 0-No 1-Absent (Law)

5. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Update on COVID-19 Related Impacts

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director, mentioned that the Governor announced the new regional stay-at-home order go into effect when the region's projected ICU capacity meet or exceed below 15%. It is projected that Sacramento and nearby areas will reach this threshold by end of December.

Once the threshold reached, the stay-at-home order will continue to keep community centers closed, the childcare type program remain unaffected, essential workers performing maintenance duties will continue, permitting and events will be limited to avoid gathering, and playgrounds will be closely monitored.

Commissioner Loew asked how does the department make decision to close some City's amenities such as the basketball courts. What is the threshold? Is this objective or reactive driven? Director Lara explained that there needs to be three or more compliants before taking action. Also when park rangers have to keep going back to educate people that they are not complying to the public health order.

Vice Chair Lavelle asked is there evidence of contact tracing of Covid having to do with parks? Director Lara noted that he is not aware of such evidence. He is aware the evidence of people socializing at home hearing from the news. He also mentioned the touching of a surface is not as severe comparing to breathing the same air.

Commissioner Flores asked is there any department staff may have been reported sick at work or at home? Director Lara responded that he is not aware of staff infecting each other. Staff are told to monitor themselves if they are in close promitivity with someone who is tested positive with Covid. The City does contact tracing by coordinating with the county and the City's Human Resources and Risk departments.

6. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for November

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director, provided highlights for the year 2020. He applauded his executive team for doing an outstanding job this year. The department is working on a formal staff recognition process. For career staff, there were 23 internal promotions and 11 new hires although with hiring vacancy freeze implemented. Another metric is YPCE has 135 career employees with 15 or more years of City service.

Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, gave recognition to administrative and human resource staff, Joan Domminno-Day and Luz Moralez-Lopez.

Park Ranger Supervisors, Robert Convey and Danielle Luther gave recognition to Jenifer Estrada and Antonia Wilson.

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Jackie Beecham, Recreation Manager, gave highlights to her Community Enrichment division. The team and employees receiving recognition includes Ken Munguia, Hagglingwood Community Center team, Javier Rivas, and the division leadership team.

Monica Blanco, Recreation Manager, gave highlights to her Youth division. The team and employees receiving recognition includes Expanded Learning team and Kevin Calhoun.

Tony Ulep, Park Maintenance Manager, gave recognition to Steve Lopez and Will Maynard.

Raymond Constantino, Park Planning & Design Manager, gave recognition to Dana Repan and Brianna Moland.

Vice Chair Lavelle and commissioner Mehta gave praise to Director Lara and Shannon Brown for the hardwork done behind the scenes.

Commissioner Flores thanked frontline centers staff dealing with the public.

Commissioner Guerrero thanked YPCE staff for doing a great job for district 3. He congratulated Luz Lopez for coming from the WIOA program to now a staff member of YPCE.

Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

Commissioner Guerrero asked how current existing art in the public can be considered as City's inventory. Director Lara will provide a contact from Convention & Cultural department.

Commissioner Guerror asked has there been an increase of illegal dumping and vandalism around the parks. Director Lara responded that there are cleanup efforts happening. Tony Ulep, Park Maintenance Manager, stated that he has not heard of any increase of dumping from staff. He does see dumping in close approximity to the parks, however those cases would be referred to code enforcement. Director Lara suggested to report any illegal dumping to 311 hotline.

Vice Chair Lavelle invited everyone to Holiday Lights at Pocket Canal Parkway on December 12, 2020. There is a mile and half of lights for family to enjoy.

Commissioner Mehta mentioned there is a drive-thru lighting event in Natomas.

Chair Good reminded the commission of the joint meeting with the youth commissioners upcoming next Monday. Also, she asked if the warming centers are part of our department. Director Lara responded that the department will be on standby. The effort will be managed by Shannon Brown.

Chair Good thanked YPCE staff and commissioners for the effort to better of our community. She wishes the community a happy holiday season.

Adjournment

Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m

This is to certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of December 3, 2020 as approved by the Commission.



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