



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

October 1, 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 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Law, Murphy, and Rhodes

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Consent Calendar

1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission meeting minutes for September 3, 2020

Contact: Maggie Le, Support Services Manager, (916) 808-1040, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission meeting minutes.

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Mehta)

Motion carried 7-Yes 0-No 3-Absent (Law, Murphy, Rhodes) 1-Abstention (Loew)

Discussion Calendar

2. Prop 68 Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational.

Contact: Janelle Oishi, Program Specialist, (916) 808-1016, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Janelle Oishi, Progra Specialist, provided an overview of Prop 68 and renovation of Renfree Field was selected as the project that best qualified for a grant application.

Commissioner Loew requested more details on the upcoming community outreach strategy and how it might tie into the Park Master Plan update process. Janelle responded that the Department is doing outreach through a virtual platform due to the current pandemic, as well as surveys and polls to reach County areas and neighboring park districts.

Commissioner Guerrero inquired who would be the author of the grant and Janelle replied that the City would be the applicant. He also inquired whether including a healthcare organization is a requirement or just an added bullet point and is there a healthcare organization associated with the Del Paso site. Janelle responded that it is a requirement to include a healthcare organization amongst the list of stakeholders; however, the State defines a healthcare organization quite broadly and with some of the services the City provides, the City can be considered a healthcare organization. He inquired whether there is a list of parks where there is a requirement for minimum household income and be provided this list. Janelle responded that as part of the initial vetting process a list of parks is developed which includes consideration of medium household income and park acreage per 1,000 people and will have the list sent out to Commissioners.

Mario Lara, Director, requested Janelle to share the top three or four sites that were being considered and Janelle provided that information to the Commission.

Chair Good thanked Janelle for the presentation.

3. Access Leisure Program Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational.

Contact: Rosanne Bernardy, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-1590, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Rosanne Bernardy, Recreation Superintendent, opened up the item and Jenny Yarrow, Recreation General Supervisor, provided an overview of the Access Leisure Program.

Commissioners Guerrero and Mehta provided supportive comments regarding the program.

Commissioner Flores inquired how virtual programming has been going and how programming will be implemented at Belle Cooleedge. Jenny responded that there has been an increase in participants in the program and for youth programming at Belle Cooleedge, staff has been working with Community Center staff around Super Saturdays. With the updated County Public Health Order and the City moving into the red tier, some in-person programming will be implemented. He also inquired if staff can inform Commissioners when programming begins so they can observe safely while social distancing and Jenny responded that she will have that information provided to Commissioners.

Chair Good inquired which activity is the most popular among the participants in the virtual environment. Jenny responded that it is the Zoom dances and social programs such as Get Fit and movie nights.

4. Measure U Program Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

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

Mario Lara, Director, provided an update on the Measure U Programs.

Commissioner Loew inquired on how the remaining balance of approximately \$3.0 million will be spent and if that could be spent on capital improvements, expanding programs, or deferring maintenance and would like to understand what happens to the remaining balance. Mario responded the department is currently working with the Budget Office on Measure U reallocation. He also inquired about the pie chart referenced in the powerpoint slide and which programs are cost recovery and does the department have a system in deciding how much a program is supplemented by Measure U or General fund and prioritize where those funds go based on a cost recovery model. Mario responded that 4th R is the only program that is cost recovery as that fund is an enterprise fund and all other programs need supplemental funds and funding allocation is guided by YPCE's Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Guerrero provided positive comments about YPCE is providing services that was promised with Measure U funding.

Commissioner Flores inquired about efficiencies in operational costs due to the pandemic. Mario responded that the department is incurring additional costs due to the pandemic; however, there is a hiring freeze and displaced staff from other programs. Mario also mentioned that the department is able to offset some costs attributed to the pandemic through the CARES Act funding.

Vice Chair Lavelle commented that there should be a system to allow the remaining balance of the Measure U funding to be allocated to deferred maintenance.

Chair Good inquired about whether there is any revenue that is collected for permitting and events and what happens to the revenue. Mario responded that the department collects rental fees and if there is security required for the event, fees are also included; thus the department is able to recover some costs but not all costs. She also inquired if Measure U funding is going to be ongoing and Mario responded that he anticipates that it will be ongoing. She also mentioned that deferred maintenance costs has risen and the department will need to figure out how to address the deferred maintenance.

5. Sacramento Valley Station Specific Plan – Park Elements

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Raymond Costantino, Parks Planning & Development Services Manager, (916) 808-1941, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Dana Repan, Senior Planner, opened up the item and Greg Taylor, Supervising Architect, provided a presentation regarding the Sacramento Valley Station Specific Plan – Park Elements.

Commissioner Aguliar acknowledged the particular position of the Sacramento Valley Station and commented that there needs to be an emphasis on educating the community about this project and the historical information about the area. Greg responded that there will be historic information in the station.

Commissioner Guerrero inquired about if City staff is LEED certified and Greg responded that he is and many other City staff that are certified. He also inquired about what the one-week energy storage is and what is the cost for a battery that could store one-week's worth of power. Greg responded that it is part of the living community challenge focused on resiliency aspect and will need to provide the Commissioner with the cost at a later time as he does not have the information readily available.

Chair Good inquired if YPCE will be responsible for the landscaping around the station and Greg responded that they are looking to form a Community Facilities District and create a subdistrict finance plan.

6. 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, provided an update on Department operations during COVID-19 and mentioned that the County Public Health Order has been updated and Sacramento has moved into the red tier and playgrounds are open with modifications. The department plans on updating signage this week at parks. Restrooms will remain open and frequently restocked. He has been meeting with park regional managers to ensure that the department is aligning with other regions to be consistent. There have been a couple guidnaces issued by the County for permitng and events and the department will need to submit applications to move forward with events.

Vice Chair Lavelle commented that the playground issue has been important to him and expressed his appreciation to staff for acting quickly after the new County Public Health Order was announced.

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

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

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

Mario Lara, Director, mentioned that in September, Raymond Constantino, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, has been working on the outreach for the YPCE Master Plan and reminded Commissioners that the survey is still available. They have received 736 respondents so far and the goal is 3,000.

Monica Blanco, the Interim Youth Division Manager provided highlights and mentioned:

- Expanded Learning –
 - Launched Sac CLASS program and created in response to COVID-19 to support K-6 grade students who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 who need most support with academics, social-emotional learning, digital literacy, technology, and wi-fi access.
 - Five 4th R locations have resumed in-person programming.
 - Natomas Unified School District Day Camps program funded by CARES Act funding and located at nine sites.
- Youth Workforce Development –
 - Landscape and Learning virtual interviews were a success and thank you to the Commissioners who assisted.
 - Prime Time Teen – Virtually Connected Work Readiness program will have virtual mock interviews and will send out invitations to Commissioners for assistance.
- Youth Civic Engagement Team – brought in two social work interns from Sacramento State University and created a small unit addressing mental health and wellness.
- Sacramento Youth Commission – next meeting is Monday, October 5th at 6:00 pm.

Jackie Beecham, Community Enrichment Division, provided highlights and mentioned:

- 4 pools operated
 - Approximately 12,000 swimmers attend recreational swimming,
 - Over 1,200 youth participated in swim lessons,
 - Over 2,000 lap swimmers and water aerobics participants,
 - Hoping to offer the annual floating pumpkin patch and doggy dip days under the updated County Public Health Order
- Community Centers
 - Currently supporting Sac CLASS providing a location for the program
 - Community Centers will also serve as voting locations for the upcoming election at several locations
 - Working with County to provide location for flu shots
 - STEAM programs
 - Resumed Artist in Residency program
 - Drive through Halloween event planned
 - Leisure Enrichment will slowly move into indoor activities with safety protocols in place
- Older Adults
 - Virtual programming – 108 virtual programming for participants
 - Wellness calls
 - Delivered over 250,000 meals to seniors
- Camp Sacramento
 - Wrapped up daily rentals for the season
 - 86 daily camp ground rentals throughout the season
 - Wild fires caused a few weekend cancellations

Tony Ulep, Park Maintenance Manager, provided an update regarding:

- Tot lots are being inspected
- Maintenance staff continue maintain parks
- Challenges with smoke and COVID-19
- Working with Midtown Association for Farmer's Market at Winn Park
- Still experiencing civil unrest with minimal damage

Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

Commissioner Mehta thanked Monica and provided positive comments about Landscape and Learning and Prime Time Teen programs.

Commissioner Flores inquired about the voting centers located at community centers and Jackie responded that the voting center information will be provided to the Commissioners.

Item #1

Commissioner Guerrero welcomed Commissioner Loew, acknowledged Vice Chair Lavelle for walking all the parks, thanked Tony Ulep and Danielle Martinez for their assistance in the community for cleaning up graffiti and an illegal dump site, and thanked Jackie Beecham and Director Lara for their support in having the ballot drop off on election day at Ninos Park as well as the continuing expansion of the futsal court at Northgate Park.

Chair Good thanked staff for their work on the Landscape and Learning and Prime Time Teen programs and for staff to verify the dates for the mock interviews. Monica responded with the dates of Monday, November 16th, and Tuesday, November 17th. She also thanked Jackie for her overview of all the recreation programs and Tony and his team for the maintenance of the parks.

Adjournment

Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

For: Maggie Le

Maggie Le, Support Services Manager
Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Approved by:

Rita Good, Chair
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission