



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Parks and Recreation Commission**

**March 7, 2019**

**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 Flores at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Flores, Good, Guerrero, Lavelle, Malik, Murphy, Rhodes

Absent: Commissioner Kletzman

Late Arrival: Commissioner Aguiar (6:05 PM), Commissioner Law (6:19 PM)

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

Foud Ziaa spoke to the Commission regarding using Richard Village Park to establish a dedicated cricket field.

**Special Presentation/General Communication Estimated Time: 15 minutes**

**A. Parks and Recreation Commission Volunteer Recognition Awards – Category  
“Youth”**

- Green Team (District 3)
- Deeunj Stevenson (District 3)
- Hamza Abdul-Wali (District 2)
- Tatiana Payton (At Large)
- Page Yang (District 8)
- River Swanson (District 4)

All of these youth were presented awards with the exception of River Swanson who will receive his award at William Land Park on Saturday.

Consent Calendar**1. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes****Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes for February 7, 2019**Contact:** Ilee Muller, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-1022, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission minutes.

Moved/Seconded (Aguliar/Lavelle)

Motion carried 9-Yes 0-No

Discussion Calendar      **Estimated Time: 60 Minutes****2. Aquatics Update****Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** Informational**Contact:** Jackie Beecham, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-3818, Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Jackie Beecham and Sjon Swanson provided an overview of the City's aquatics programs, including recreational swim, swim lessons, swim team, lap swimming, and water aerobics. The Aquatics division offers family swim nights every week and once per month each pool hosts a theme night. There are also various special events such as the underwater egg hunt, floating pumpkin patch, and doggy dip days.

**3. The Cove Master Plan****Location:** District 4**Recommendation:** 1) Support the City Council's adoption of the park master plan for the neighborhood park site at The Cove development project; and 2) Support the naming of the park site as Cove Park**Contact:** Jason Wiesemann, Senior Landscape Architect, (916) 808-7634, Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment

Jason Wiesemann, project manager, and David Campbell, landscape architect for the Cove development, provided an overview of The Cove development project located north of West El Camino Avenue, between I-80 and Natomas West Drainage Canal. The proposed Park Master Plan includes the following amenities: 1) Tot Lot with Shade Structure, 2) Covered Picnic Area, 3) Half-Court Basketball Court, 4) Concrete Walkways, 5) Open Turf Play Area, 6) Site Furnishings, and 7) Low Water Use Planting.

Commissioner Malik encouraged staff to consider the value of a full-size basketball court in the future in addition to a half-size basketball court. Staff responded that a portion of the park fees to be paid by the developer will be used at the adjacent Barandas Community Park which is not built-out and adding that amenity will be considered.

Action: Motion to support the City Council's adoption of the park master plan for the neighborhood park site at The Cove development project and the naming the park site as Cove Park

Moved/Seconded (Murphy/Aguliar)  
Motion carried 9-Yes 0-No

**4. The Mill at Broadway Update (Oral)**

**Location:** District 4

**Recommendation:** Informational

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

Ryamond Costantino provided an update on The Mill at Broadway park projects.

**5. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for February**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Informational

**Contact:** Shannon Brown, Interim Director, (916) 808-6076, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Shannon Brown provided an update about the following items:

- Come Out & Play Catalogue
- CPRS Conference & Expo – March 20-21, 2019
- Youth Job Fair - March 16, 2019 from 10 AM – 2 PM
- Recognition of David Bain and Max Mendoza, active in the Airport Little League and neighborhood association, by the City Council on February 26
- Announced Sylvia Fort's Retirement
- Introduced new Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sumiti Mehta
- Announced the launched of the new Youth Division web page

**Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports**

Commissioner Guerrero made the following announcement: Opening Day Parade, Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 9 AM to 3 PM (Parade from Smythe Academy of Arts to Rio Tierra Jr. High School)

Commissioner Malik made the following announcements: Robertson Park Tree Planning, March 23, 2019 and Green Print Leadership Summit, Saturday, May 18, 2019

New Commissioner Sumiti Mehta who attended the meeting was recognized by the Chair.

**Adjournment**

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM

**Item #1**

Respectfully submitted:



Ilse Muller, Administrative Analyst  
Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Approved by:



Joe Flores, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission