City of
SACRAMENTO
Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission

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CITY STAFF:

Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager

Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street
March 5, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is a commission of the City Council that provides recommendations and advise on policies, projects and other matters pertaining to parks, recreation, trees, and human services affecting the City of Sacramento.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, March 5, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

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

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call / Commissioner Introduction

1. **Waive the Parks and Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure to Allow for the Annual Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**
   Location: N/A
   Recommendation: Waive the Parks and Recreation Commission Rules of Procedure to Allow for the Annual Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in March instead of the April
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

2. **Nominations and Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Serve through March 2016**
   Location: N/A
   Recommendation: Nominate and Elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Serve through March 2016
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. **To be announced**

Public Hearings

2. **None**

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 December 4, 2014 (January 8th and February 5th meetings cancelled)
Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

5. **Designation of Park Site ES-1 as R. Burnett Miller Park and Park Site ES-2 as Alan and Helen Post Park**
   Location: McKinley Village, south of Business 80 and east of the Sacramento American River, Council District 3
   Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation to Name Parks
   Contacts: C. Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, 808-1949

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): January through March 2015 Highlights**
   Recommendation: Review and Comment
   Contact: James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Adjournment

City of SACRAMENTO
Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission

AGENDA

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Historic City Hall Hearing Room 915 I Street, Sacramento

Call to Order – 6:38 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 6:38 p.m. Commissioner O'Toole arrived at 7:00 p.m. All other commissioners were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Marc Brandes expressed concerns about the design of Chavez Plaza Park that reduced turf and enlarged areas with decomposed granite, and recommended the café building be reopened as a community or senior center.

Public Hearings

2. **None**

Special Oral Presentation

3. **None**

Consent Calendar

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4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for meeting on September 4, 2014 (October 2nd and November 6th meetings were cancelled).
   Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172
   Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Dominguez/Mercado: Ayes: Harris, Dominguez, Mercado, Heitstuman, McKinley, Guadiana, Malik; Absent: O'Toole; Abstain: Shettle, Assagai)

5. **Implementation of New Quimby Law – AB 1359**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: For Commission Information
   Contacts: Sheryl Patterson, Senior Deputy City Attorney, 808-5346

   Sheryl Patterson reviewed the item. Citizens expressed concerns about river parkway impacts due to anticipated higher downtown population densities, and concerns about the City Council lowering park acreage standards in future.

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. **Parks and Recreation Commission: 2015 Agenda Items**
   Location: Citywide
   Recommendation: Review and Comment
   Contact: James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

   Commissioners and staff discussed a list of items contained in the agenda packet. Commissioner Malik requested the Sacramento Tree Foundation be invited to give an overview of their organization and services. Staff will follow up.

7. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for October through December**
   Recommendation: Review and comment
   Contact: James L. Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526
   Director Combs spoke to the opening of Guerrero Park and major new facilities within McClatchy Park.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Harris expressed his thanks and best wishes to the Parks and Recreation Commission as he prepares to transition to the City Council.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:

Parks and Recreation Commission

City of
SACRAMENTO
Parks and Recreation

February 25, 2015

Parks and Recreation Commission
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT: Designation of Park Site ES-1 as R. Burnett Miller Park and Park Site ES-2 Alan and Helen Post Park

LOCATION: District 3

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission support naming Park Site ES-1 as R. Burnett Miller Park and Park Site ES-2 Alan and Helen Post Park

CONTACT PERSON: C. Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, 808-1949

FOR MEETING DATE OF: March 5, 2015

SUMMARY:

On February 26, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 2008-112, establishing a Facility Naming Policy. The policy contains guidance when naming facilities or portions of facilities. One of the guiding policies encourages facilities to be named for individuals or families that have contributed significantly to the community or facility.

On August 12, 2014 the City Council approved the master plans for all five parks in the McKinley Village project. At this time, two of the approved park master plans are slated for construction. The Developer wishes to name the two parks as follows: Park Site ES-1 to be named as R. Burnett Miller Park; Park Site ES2 to be named Alan and Helen Post Park.

Staff support the Developer's proposal and are recommending support of the proposed name by the Parks and Recreation Commission as part of the facility naming process.

BACKGROUND:

1) Park Site ES1 – R. Burnett Miller Park

R. Burnett Miller has served our nation and the Sacramento community with distinction. Born in Sacramento in 1923, he graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School. He served with distinction in the armed services during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and, as part of the U.S. 11th Armored Division, liberated the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his distinguished service. He appeared in the award winning PBS documentary *The War* directed by Ken Burns.

Following his graduation from Georgetown University, Burnett returned to Sacramento and joined his family's lumber company, Burnett and Sons Planning Mill and Lumber Company, which was founded in 1869. For 145 years and during the decades it was under Burnett's leadership, this local company has been known for its excellence in craftsmanship and service and for the high quality jobs provided to workers in our community.

Throughout his life, Burnett has been an exemplary community leader. He served on the Sacramento City Council from 1971-1977, representing the 3rd District, in which McKinley Village is located and which, during his tenure, included East Sacramento, McKinley Park, River Park, Elmhurst and parts of Midtown. In 1982, Burnett was selected by the City Council to serve as Mayor of the City of Sacramento through the end of 1983, filling out the term of Phil Isenberg who was elected to the State Assembly. In both of those positions, Burnett served with great distinction and accomplishment, earning the respect and admiration of both his colleagues and the community.

In addition to his service in government, Burnett has championed many worthy local causes and organizations in our community. Among other things, he has been a strong supporter of the arts and cultural activities and has led efforts to raise funds for the Crocker Art Museum, the Sacramento History Center, and many other worthy endeavors. Through his public and community service, Burnett has set an unparalleled example of leadership, engagement, and generosity.

Please see the attached letter (Attachment A) from Mayor Johnson and the living former Mayors of the City of Sacramento in support of the naming of Park Site ES-1 in honor of R. Burnett Miller

2) Park Site ES-2 – Alan and Helen Post Park

Alan and Helen Post were a remarkable couple who contributed significantly to the Sacramento community in the realms of art and public and community service. Residents of the Sacramento community since 1946, Helen passed away in 2010 and Alan in 2011.

Alan Post is perhaps best known for his exemplary public service as California's Legislative Analyst for nearly three decades, a period during which California's government, and particularly the Legislative Analyst's office, was seen a model for the rest of the nation. In 1949, he became the Legislative Auditor (the name was subsequently changed to Legislative Analyst) and served during the tenure of five governors (Warren, Knight, Brown, Reagan, and Brown) until his retirement in 1977. As the head of the non-partisan budget office, he won plaudits throughout the nation for the quality and integrity of his work and for the way in which he used his powerful position for the financial well-being of the state.

While Alan was well known for his extraordinary public service, Alan and Helen were both accomplished artists, well respected and well regarded for their work in the Sacramento community and beyond. Their works were exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the region and state, including, among many others, the Crocker Art Museum.

Helen was an accomplished sculptor. Her works, including the ferrous cement and bronze sculpture at the entrance to the Teichert headquarters on American River Drive and the bronze figures at the Aesclepius Medical Building on J Street, have graced the Sacramento community for decades. Alan was a prolific and distinguished painter whose artistic career spanned more than 70 years. His early works were mostly landscapes consistent with the California Watercolor style, but his subject matter and technique dramatically evolved. Under the influences of Edward Hopper; the works of Matisse, Picasso, Degas, and Beckman, among others; the German expressionism movement; and his extensive travels in Spain, Alan developed a personal and emotional artistic response not only to Mediterranean landscape (reminiscent of early California) but also the modest life of the common Spaniard.

Throughout their lives, Alan and Helen Post were active in the civic life of Sacramento and California. Helen was a founder of the Family Service Agency and was active in many organizations, including the Creative Artists League and the Kingsley Art Club. In 1972, Helen was selected as Sacramento Woman of the Year by *The Sacramento Union.* Alan served on the Board of Directors of the Crocker Art Museum (including as President), the University of California Art Museum, the College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, the Sacramento Regional Foundation Board of Directors, and the Public Policy Institute of California. Among his many awards were the Lifetime Achievement Award of the League of California Cities and the National Public Service Award of the American Society of Public Administration.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The action does not create a financial impact. The cost of the facility sign is provided for in the project construction budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Not applicable.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LBE) CONSIDERATIONS: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Gary Hyden

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Attachment 1 – Parks Location Map

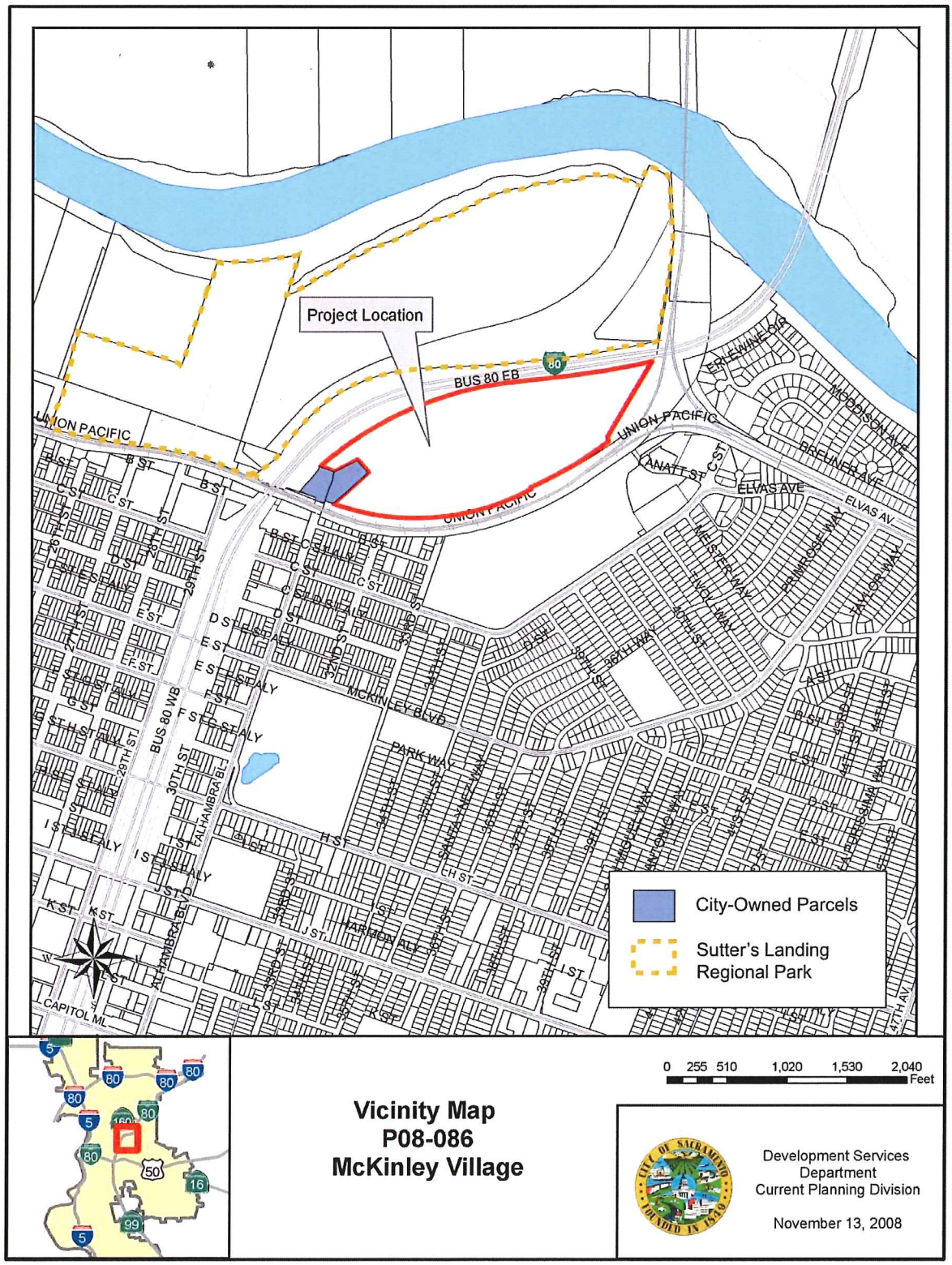
Attachment 2 – McKinley Village Overall Parks Master Plan

Attachment 3 – Park Site ES-1 Master Plan

Attachment 4 – Park Site ES-2 Master Plan

Exhibit A – Mayor's Letter of Support

Attachment 1 Parks Location Map



Attachment 2 Overall Parks Master Plan

Attachment 3 Park ES-1 Master Plan

Attachment 4 ES-2 Master Plan

Exhibit A

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CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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January 21, 2015

Mr. Jim Combs
Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
915 I Street, 3rd Floor
New City Hall
Sacramento, CA 915814

Dear Mr. Combs:

We are writing this letter to express our strong support for the proposal to name the central park within the McKinley Village neighborhood in honor of R. Burnett Miller. Burnett has led an extraordinary life of dedication to our community and we are pleased to weigh in on behalf of this worthy effort to recognize his lifetime of service.

Burnett Miller has served our nation and our community with distinction. Born in Sacramento in 1923, he graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School and began his life of service when he joined the ROTC as a student at Santa Clara University. He served with distinction in the armed services during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and, as part of the U.S. 11th Armored Division, liberating the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his distinguished service.

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For the above reasons, we are proud to join together in supporting the proposal to name the central park in McKinley Village in R. Burnett Miller's honor.

Sincerely,

Kevin Johnson, Mayor of Sacramento

Phil Isenberg, Mayor of Sacramento, 1975-1982

Anne Rudin, Mayor of Sacramento, 1983-1992

Jimmie Yee, Mayor of Sacramento, 1999-2000

Heather Fargo, Mayor of Sacramento, 2000-2008