

**MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 13, 2004**

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. The Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chair John Andrew at 7:10 p.m. on the above date at the Samuel C. Pannell Meadowview Community Center, Conference Room A&B, located at 2450 Meadowview Road.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
John Andrew	Chairperson, Planning Area 3- Pocket	X	
Cindy Cooke	Vice Chairperson, Member at Large	X	
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Vacant	Planning Area 2- Land Park		X
Vacant	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento		X
W. Ray White	Planning Area 5- East Broadway	X	
John Deglow	Planning Area 6- East Sacramento	X	
Bruce Pomer	Planning Area 7- Arden/Arcade	X	
Leo Lujan	Planning Area 8- North Sacramento	X	
Dierdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	X	
Vacant	Planning Area 10- North Natomas		X
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
Dave Tamayo	Member at Large	X	
Bill Maynard	Member at Large		X
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		10	

Chairman Andrew introduced new CAC member Bruce Pomer, representing Planning Area 7.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2003 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve meeting minutes with the following corrections and additions:

Item 9: Weekday Parking in William Land Park

Paragraph two corrected to read: CAC members agreed to send the issue to the existing CAC ad-hoc committee with a goal of drafting a letter for the Mayor's ad-hoc committee.

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Guadiana
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

4. ACTION OF THE CITY COMPENSATION COMMISSION ON MEETING STIPENDS

John Andrew stated the City's Compensation Commission has implemented a meeting stipend for the CAC beginning January 1, 2004, of \$50.00 per meeting, per member, for all meetings, for an amount not to exceed \$250.00 per month, per member. Staff recommended criteria under which CAC members would receive a stipend: for meetings of the CAC that require public noticing (in that a majority of the CAC members are to be in attendance), and that a quorum of the CAC were at the meeting so that action could be taken.

Motion to approve recommendations made by staff for the criteria under which CAC members would receive stipends.

Motioned: Guadiana
Seconded: Pomer
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

5. FOLLOW UP REPORT ON MEETING TOPICS AND LOCATIONS FOR 2004

The CAC accepted a recommended list of meeting topics and locations for the CAC for 2004 with the following comments:

Bob Overstreet, Director of Parks and Recreation, suggested quarterly meetings in the Commission Hearing Room at 1231 I Street, at school facilities and joint use facilities.

Dave Tamayo added to the list of meeting topics under "Programming": #20. Neighborhood Oriented Sports Opportunities" (such as pick-up games).

John Andrew requested that all CAC dates be scheduled for the first Thursday night of the month.

6. FOLLOW UP REPORT ON STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES FOR 2004

The CAC accepted a matrix with subcommittee assignments provided by Chair John Andrew. Pomer and White volunteered to be on any subcommittee in which they were needed.

7. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dean Del Ben, Citizen from the North Laguna Area, shared concerns about planned development in his area. Specifically, he was concerned that no parks were being planned for his neighborhood, which is near the Elk Grove border. He requested information from staff on any park plans prior to development.

Janet Baker, Parks Planning, Design, and Development Manager, responded by stating the Shasta and Jacinto Park Sites are near his neighborhood. Also, due to the Quimby Law and the Park Impact Fee, additional park land dedication will occur. However, multiple occupancy dwellings (i.e. apartments) are not subject to these laws unless they are subdivided, which may hinder the amount of dedicated land. Planned future Light Rail development and road construction may also hinder park development.

8. UPDATE ON PARKING IN WILLIAM LAND PARK

John Andrew stated the ad-hoc subcommittee on Land Park further discussed ongoing parking, traffic and safety issues associated with Sacramento City College’s use of Land Park. Andrew presented a draft letter to Mayor Fargo proposing an interim joint-use agreement between the Department of Parks and Recreation and Sacramento City College. The joint-use agreement would allow the continued use of William Land Park as a parking lot for college faculty, students and staff, in exchange for access to the college’s recreational facilities by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The letter states that tax payers are not seeing the effects of Measure A, a local bond measure which allotted \$13 million to address the college’s transportation, access, and parking issues. In addition, the use of Land Park as a parking lot has negatively impacted the park by increasing maintenance, litter, crime, noise, pollution, traffic, and has deterred park users from enjoying the eastern portion of the park.

Bruce Pomer stated he is on the Board of Trustees for the Los Rios Community College District. He estimates a new multi-level parking garage to house 750 -1,000 vehicles. The new parking garage is planned to take care of the student body’s parking needs and should be built by 2006. A \$15 per semester transit pass was developed by Regional Transit as an incentive for Sacramento City College students to leave their cars at home. He made a suggestion the City implement some kind of parking control mechanism to direct traffic into the college parking lots and away from Land Park.

John Deglow asked if the joint-use agreement would include the Land Park Golf Course, Fairy Tale Town and Sacramento Zoo use, and that the draft letter be researched more and circulated in the Land Park neighborhood prior to sending it to Mayor Fargo.

CAC Members discussed many alternative means of decreasing the amount of student parking in William Land Park. They also discussed how to decrease the amount of students who are driving to school rather than using alternative modes of transportation.

Motion to send the draft letter to the Mayor with clarifications.

Motioned: White
Seconded: Guadiana
Ayes: Andrew, Cooke, Raya, White, Guadiana, Tamayo

Nays: Lujan, Deglow, Price
Abstain: Pomer
Absent: Maynard

Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

9. DEPARTMENT’S OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCE SERVICES

Amy Sexton, Natural Resource Specialist with the Department of Parks and Recreation, described her position which is funded through a grant from the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). Job duties include providing assistance in the development and implementation of open space management plans and to provide expertise in natural resource management in City parks. The five principal tasks which Ms. Sexton will undertake are: Participation in Resource Management Forums, Management of Natural Resources, Planning and Management of City Parkways, Planning and Development of Recreation Trails, and Public Outreach. Ms. Sexton gave information about a 60-70 mile loop that makes up the Dry Creek Parkway. The Dry Creek Parkway stretches out to Folsom Lake and back around to the American River Parkway.

Dave Tamayo requested future updates on the Dry Creek Parkway Plan. Also requested that Ms. Sexton work with Park Maintenance staff on vegetation management, i.e. native and non-native plants. Requested that training or written guidelines be provided.

CONSENT ITEMS

10. UPDATE ON THE CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION’S PROPOSAL TO BECOME A COMMISSION

Motion to accept update on Citizen’s Advisory Committee’s proposal to become a commission.

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Tamayo
Ayes: All
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

11. AMENDMENT TO THE MCKINLEY PARK MASTER PLAN FOR PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

George Raya asked for information on the time line and funding proposal for the project. Mr. Raya mentioned that lights are needed at McKinley Park due to safety issues at night.

Bob Overstreet stated that funding from the project will be provided partially by Council District 3 funds, and partially by revenue from billboards and cell phone antenna towers in the area.

Motion to Accept McKinley Park master plan for phase 2 improvements.

Motioned: White
Seconded: Guadiana
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

STAFF REPORTS

12. STATUS OF PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

JP Tindell, Master Plan Consultant - Stated that next month the CAC will be receiving draft materials on "Policy," and suggested CAC members check the Department of Parks and Recreation's website for updates on the facilities inventory and any additional information. In addition, the 11 planning area maps and the 7 citywide maps will be posted on the Department's website.

John Andrew requested that CAC members write up a one page list of their top 10 policy priorities for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

13. RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING PUBLIC USE OF PARKS

Greg Narramore, Recreation General Supervisor, reviewed proposed amendments to the City Code relating to use of public recreational facilities intended for specific purposes, as outlined in the agenda packet.

Cindy Cooke requested the field condition phone line be translated into Spanish.

George Raya requested information on City codes regarding children's playgrounds.

Motion to support recommendation with the intent of adding three amendments:

In Section 12.72.062-A. . . . "**using or wearing cleats** on a tennis court, . . ."

In Section 12.72.062-A . . . "sleeping **on park furniture**, and sunbathing.."

In Section 12.72.062-B "**for purposes consistent with the intent of the facility as determined by the Director**".

Motioned: Price
Seconded: Guadiana
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

14. REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDED COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN.

Alan Tomiyama, Marketing and Special Event Services Manager, reviewed recommendations to

strengthen community outreach and communications for the CAC, including public service announcements; postings of future meeting dates on the Department's website, at public locations around the City, and on the Department's main voice mail system. Mailings with 2004 CAC meeting dates and locations would be sent to over 900 groups and organizations. In addition, enhanced on-line communication with CAC members would be implemented.

Deirdre Price requested that CAC vacancies be posted at Community Centers.

Leo Lujan requested that, if possible, both Planning Areas and Council Districts for each CAC member be posted on the Department's website.

Motion to approve recommended communications and outreach plan.

Motioned: Guadiana
Seconded: Price
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Maynard

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Tamayo questioned whether the biketrail and property around the Intake Station near the Pocket Area Neighborhood was open to the public and whether river access was available there.

Bob Overstreet responded by stating the current negotiations between the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, the City of Sacramento, and local residents would not allow public access to the site due to its proximity to adjacent homes.

ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christie Benavides, Parks and Recreation

Approved:

John T. Andrew, Chair
Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation