

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 6, 2006**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Chairperson Cindy Cooke at 7:00 p.m. on the above date at Johnston Community Center, 231 Eleanor Avenue, Sacramento CA 95815.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Cindy Cooke	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Patrick Lynn	Planning Area 3 – Pocket	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	X	
Brett Williams	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	
Deirdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	X	
Sheila DeBlonk	Planning Area 10- North Natomas	X	
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		10	1

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT JUNE 2006 MEETING MINUTES
Approved as mailed.
4. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS FOLLOW-UP
Michael Sparks, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed and clarified responses to questions submitted by the Commission as contained in the agenda packet. Chair Cooke announced she will ask for nominations for Commission chair and vice chair, with elections the following month.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

A resident requested consideration for lighting the east side of the Sacramento Northern Bike trail near Las Palmas.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

6. OBESITY AND DIABETES EPIDEMIC AMONG OUR YOUTH COMMUNITY- "A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH"

Deacon Clark with the Seventh-Day Adventist Church spoke to the role of the faith community in providing public services and the desire to formalize a partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation on a variety of Department programs and services. Recreation staff will follow up.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. INFORMATIONAL PARK SIGNAGE

Commissioners gave input on the content of new informational park signage as contained in the agenda packet. The Commission's Park Maintenance Committee will meet and review further with staff.

8. NAME AND MASTERPLAN SUPPORT FOR MEADOWS PARK

Commissioners gave input on the proposed park design, uses, adjacencies and tree selection. The park master plan process was reviewed with the Commission.

Motion approved to support the proposed name and master plan for Meadows Park with the following additions: light the basketball courts (2) and restrooms, centralize the location of the restrooms, and select large canopy trees.

Motion made by: Price
Seconded: Raya
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Lynn, Tamayo, Williams, Deglow, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Pomer

STAFF REPORTS:

9. 2006 "RENAISSANCE PARK" PROGRAM PROJECT

Landscape Architect students with the Department's Park Planning, Design and Development Division each presented proposed park designs for four existing parks:

Valley Hi, Hopkins, Johnston and Richardson Village. Color renderings were distributed at the meeting.

The students reviewed their research and approach to each design element with a goal to increase park use and enjoyment for a variety of age groups. Commissioners were asked to score and rank each of the four proposed designs and submit their tally sheets to the Chair.

10. RECYCLING IN PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM UPDATE

Commissioners discussed the program with staff including how the cans are used in the park system, staff allocation to the program, quantity and frequency of safety concerns with trash collection, the potential for combined units, and input on draft signage.

11. FORT NATOMAS "LEATHERS" PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Janet Baker, Park Planning, Design and Development Manager, reviewed the report and emphasized the outpouring of community support for the project. Commissioner Price commented on efforts to salvage hand painted tiles and to try and recreate the tile wall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners agreed to appoint committee chairs at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioners and staff discussed the current condition of the Southside Park Lake, including algae, impacts from summer heat and water fowl. Chair Cooke voiced concerns about the condition of the sports fields at Granite Regional Park and irrigation practices in the park system. Commissioners discussed the design of small public places in context of the need for safe places for teens to gather and recreate for both genders.

ADJOURNMENT:

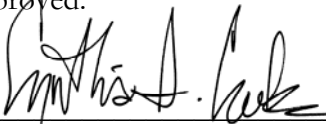
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair

