

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

**SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, May 16, 2006**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. A Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Chairperson Cindy Cooke at 6:02 p.m. on the above date in the Commission Chambers in Historic City Hall located at 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>PLANNING AREA</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	<b>X</b>	
Cindy Cooke	Planning Area 2- Land Park	<b>X</b>	
Patrick Lynn	Planning Area 3 – Pocket		<b>X</b>
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	<b>X</b>	
Brett Williams	Planning Area 5- East Broadway	<b>X</b>	
John Deglow	Planning Area 6- East Sacramento	<b>X</b>	
Bruce Pomer	Planning Area 7- Arden/Arcade		<b>X</b>
Leo Lujan	Planning Area 8- North Sacramento	<b>X</b>	
Deirdre Price	Planning Area 9- South Natomas	<b>X</b>	
Sheila DeBlonk	Planning Area 10- North Natomas		<b>X</b>
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	<b>X</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

3. REVIEW OF COMMISSION'S ROLE IN TREE APPEAL HEARING PROCESS

Michael Sparks, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed staff and Commission rules and procedures with the Commission.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

4. POLICY ON “SMALL PUBLIC PLACES FOR SACRAMENTO”

JP Tindell, Principal Planner, reviewed the content of the staff report and clarified the Department is not recommending a citywide reduction in park acreage service level goals or Quimby requirements per thousand residents. The item will be heard by the City Council on May 30, 2006.

Commissioners discussed and gave input on criteria for small public parks and plazas, and how to best approach on a case-by-case basis; proactively targeting neighborhoods to receive input on potential sites for future pocket parks and plazas; opportunities for smaller recreation amenities such as sports courts and off leash dog parks; the need to provide activities for youth and especially teens; the potential for indoor recreation facilities for high density areas; opportunities for design, programming and/or maintenance partnerships with the private sector, organizations and citizens to create unique and inviting public spaces, and the cost effectiveness of designing areas with more trees and less turf and shrubs.

Motion approved to support the proposed policy direction to focus small public parks in higher density areas of the City and park deficient neighborhoods.

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

**COMMISSIONER’S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Deglow stated encroachments on parkland in Glenbrook had been addressed. The last fence has been moved back and realigned with the property boundary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lori Harder*

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:

*Cindy Cooke*  
Cindy Cooke, Chair

