

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2010

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

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2010 at the Oak Park Community Center located at 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. All members were present except Commissioners Woo and Tamayo.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. To be announced

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Recognition of Volunteer Don Taggart, Older Adult Services Volunteer**

Rosanne Bernardy, Older Adult Services Superintendent, introduced Mr. Taggart and described his long term volunteer time and contribution related to the City's Senior Net Computer Learning Center and various photography courses for seniors. Chair Rewers presented Mr. Taggart with a certificate of appreciation.

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 April 1, 2010

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Hansen/Guadiana:

Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver.

Absent: Tamayo and Woo)

5. **Request to Place Telecommunications Facilities on an Existing Transmission Tower at Ninos Parkway**

Location: Council District 1

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation

Contact: Raymond Costantino, Associate Planner, 808-8826; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Commissioner Azar announced he was abstaining due to a financial conflict of interest because he resides within 500 feet of the proposed project. After making this announcement, and before discussion of the item began, Commissioner Azar exited the meeting room. Commissioner Azar remained outside of the meeting room for the duration of this agenda item.

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner and J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, reviewed the item. Resident Mercedes Azar recommended Clearwire make use of an adjacent pad and equipment enclosure installed by another service provider that appears to be abandoned. Resident Rod Bouvia agreed and requested the area be improved with landscaping and to dedicate new revenue to parkway needs. Staff responded this opportunity would need to be addressed with both companies, and that Clearwire is agreeable to adding landscaping.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the placement of telecommunications facilities on an existing SMUD transmission tower in Ninos Parkway if Clearwire will utilize an existing concrete pad and equipment enclosure, and to return to the Parks and Recreation Commission in the event Clearwire cannot utilize the existing concrete pad and enclosure, or if it is not otherwise possible. (Hansen/Guadiana: Ayes: Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver. Absent: Azar, Tamayo and Woo)

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. **Support for the Master Plan Update for Camellia Park**

Location: 6650 Cougar Drive, Council District 6

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation

Contact: Roy Tatman, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-5326; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808- 1955

Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, reviewed the item. Public process has included input from the neighborhood and Sacramento City Unified School District who operates Camellia Elementary School which is adjacent to the park. Commissioners and staff discussed playfields, tot lot fencing standards, spacing between the play area and picnic area barbeques, overall number of garden plots and how they would be managed, and how to ensure facility access after school hours.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the Camellia Park Master Plan update and to recommend the picnic area barbeques be located as far away from the play area as possible. (Hansen/Heitstuman: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver. Absent: Tamayo and Woo)

7. **Annual Parks and Recreation Commission Budget Workshop**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

Director Jim Combs reviewed the City Manager's FY 2010/11 proposed operating budget and overall approach to reviewing City services in the face of continuing budget deficits. Specific budget and staffing recommendations for Parks and Recreation will be released the first week of June. J.P. Tindell reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Commissioners inquired about the fiscal impacts of compliance with State Proposition 218, and if parks with detention basins could be reclassified as utility facilities. Chair Rewers spoke to the economic benefits of parks and recreation, and the negative impacts of closed facilities and reduced public services, and recommended this item be continued to the June meeting to allow for further discussion.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to continue the item to June 3, 2010 meeting and continue discussion at that time. (Rewers/Guadiana: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Hansen, Beaver. Absent: Tamayo and Woo)

8. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review April and May, 2010

Highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

Director Combs reviewed program highlights, new park amenities, and various volunteer maintenance projects.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Rewers announced the opportunity for a Commission member to volunteer to be on a task force to review and recommend changes to the City of Sacramento's special event policies and procedures. Those interested are to contact him and he will make a selection.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder

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Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:


Jonathan Rewers
Chair

Parks and Recreation Commission