



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2010
Historic City Hall Meeting Room
915 I Street

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2010. Commissioners Smith, Hansen and Woo were absent.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. To be announced

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. None

Consent Calendar

4. **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for September 2, 2010

Contact: Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant, 808-8379

Note that the October 7, 2010 regular Commission meeting was cancelled.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approved as mailed. (Guadiana/Azar: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Absent: Woo, Hansen, Smith).

5. 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates and Locations

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting dates and locations. (Guadiana/Azar: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Absent: Woo, Hansen, Smith)

6. Change to Parks and Recreation Commission's Terms of Office and Commission Rules of Procedure Update

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

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

Action: Received and filed.

7. Update on Clearwire Telecommunications Facility Application for Ninos Parkway

Location: Council District 1

Recommendation: Receive and File

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

Action: Received and filed.

Discussion/Action Reports

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

8. Request to Place Telecommunications Monopole in South Natomas Community Park

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

Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, introduced the item. Commissioners discussed specific community notification, any need for a public meeting, potential use of lease revenues, whether the lease amount adequately mitigates the placement of infrastructure and cell towers in parks, concerns about companies not being required to remove and restore park areas when equipment is no longer in use, any design

requirements, the necessity of cell towers, and processes in other cities. Director Combs stated a citywide telecommunications lease process review was underway and would be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission for input.

Action: Motion approved to support the placement of a telecommunications monopole and associated telecommunications equipment at South Natomas Community Park contingent upon public notification to the neighborhood association prior to the item being heard by the Planning Commission. (Harris/Heitstuman: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Nay: Cooke; Absent: Woo, Hansen, Smith)

9. Proposed Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Farm at Sutter's Landing Park

Location: Council District 3

Recommendation: Review and Discuss

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, 808-1955

J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, and Marty Strauss, Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent, reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed how solar farm siting would be determined within the park, potential length of a lease and use of lease revenues, project process, timeline and environmental considerations, compatibility with current recreation uses, any impacts on future park development, and recommendation to require lessee to remove and restore park areas when equipment is no longer in use.

Action: Motion approved to request staff return to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further input when sufficient engineering drawings have been completed on proposed placement of solar panels in Sutter's Landing Park, prior to consideration of approval of a lease agreement by the City Council. (Harris/Guadiana: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Heitstuman; Absent: Woo, Hansen, Smith)

10. Update on Parks and Recreation Commission's Proposal for a Lighting and Landscape Assessment for Park Maintenance

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Discuss

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

Director Combs stated the City Council will be asked to approve an engineering study next month that would provide for public input, conduct a nexus assessment and provide needed information for Council to consider a Lighting and Landscaping property assessment proposal benefitting park maintenance. If approved, the Commission would be asked to participate in the process and conduct public meetings. Commissioners suggested project bonding opportunities be considered and how businesses and multi-family residences would be addressed. Chair Rewers emphasized the impact significantly reduced park maintenance levels has on surrounding property values.

11. Parks and Recreation Commission: 2010 Review and Planning for 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Discuss

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

Director Combs introduced the item. Chair Rewers suggested the Commission produce an annual report, present it to the City Council in February 2011, and encouraged Commissioners to be present. Commissioners and staff discussed potential 2001 agenda items including current park deficiencies, regional park development financing, potential property assessment outreach benefitting park maintenance, ordinances governing the City's park development funding sources, heritage tree ordinances, integrated pest management, community garden management and special event policy review. Staff will recommend updates to the Commission's Rules of Procedures to maintain consistency with the City Council's rules.

This will be discussed further at the next Commission meeting.

12. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of September, October, and November, 2010

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

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

Director Combs highlighted recent events, park development, and budget related items.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Rewers spoke about absenteeism, the importance of regular attendance and the need to notify the Chair and/or staff prior to the meeting if a Commission is going to be absent. Commissioner Guadiana mentioned a tree planting in Cabrillo Park. Commissioner Azar asked about Ninos Parkway improvements and weed growth around new trees. Chair Rewers requested an update on the chemical free pilot program at Fremont Park.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission