



Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar	Cindy Cooke	Araceli Mercado	Jay Hansen
Jonathan Rewers	Malachi Smith	Virginia Guadiana	Brandon Beaver
Jeff Harris	Dave Tamayo	David Heitstuman	

CITY STAFF:

Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager

Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street
August 4, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:06 p.m. All commissioners were present except Commissioners Beaver and Hansen.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Parents with children enrolled in the 4th R Childcare Program at Didion School expressed concerns about a pending transfer of the program supervisor. Commissioners asked about Department notification processes in such cases. Department staff will follow up on the issue.

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. None

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 June 2, 2011

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

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

5. Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission Special Meeting minutes for July 14, 2011

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

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

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. Cesar Chavez Plaza Improvement Plan

Location: 910 I Street (District 1)

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, (916) 808-7633; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, (916) 808-1955

Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, and Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, reviewed the improvement plan and project. Commissioners and staff discussed public use patterns and public safety considerations, visibility, seating, statuary, trees and landscape plant selections. Commissioner Tamayo volunteered to assist Parks and Recreation and the Sacramento Downtown Partnership with sustainable plant selections and related designs.

7. North Natomas Regional Park Future Development

Location: 4989 Natomas Boulevard (District 1)

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, (916) 808-7633; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, (916) 808-1955

Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, and J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, reviewed the plans. Commissioners and staff discussed park master planning and amendment processes, public input on these specific plans, the need for soccer and/or baseball fields in the park and surrounding area, age group and gender equity considerations. Commissioner Heitstuman requested staff review ball field space needs to determine if a youth field could be converted to an adult field in future as the demographics change in the area. Staff will review.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the North Natomas Regional Park Future Development Plan as recommended by staff, and to request staff report back on how the plan affects park and recreation amenity inventory for the North Natomas Planning Area and the North Natomas Regional Park Master Plan. (Rewers/Guadiana: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Mercado, Heitstuman, Guadiana, Tamayo Abstain: Cooke Absent: Beaver and Hansen)

8. City of Sacramento's Sustainability Plan for Parks and Recreation

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

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

J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, reviewed the plan. Commissioners expressed support for the plan and the department's activities.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the City of Sacramento's Sustainability Plan for Parks and Recreation and to recommend staff transmit the report to the City Council. (Tamayo/Guadiana: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Mercado, Heitstuman, Guadiana, Tamayo Absent: Beaver and Hansen)

9. Opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Commission to Sponsor or Support Parks and Recreation Projects and/or Programs (continued from June 2, 2011)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Jim Combs, Director, 808-8526

Staff and commissioners discussed possible projects. Commissioners determined to raise support for a hand tool trailer for use by park maintenance volunteers. Staff will provide more information at the next meeting and request the Chair establish an ad hoc committee to work on the project.

10. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of July and August, 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs spoke to efforts to secure community partners to operate centers and clubhouses, City budget plans, and park safety items.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Chair Rewers thanked the Commission for their proactive work and input during the budget process, and requested updates on the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Project Study and afterschool programming and the Sacramento City and Elk Grove Unified School Districts.

Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission