



# Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

|                 |               |                   |                      |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| George Azar     | Cindy Cooke   | Jay Hansen        | Brandon Beaver       |
| Jonathan Rewers | Malachi Smith | Virginia Guadiana | (Council District 7, |
| Jeff Harris     | Dave Tamayo   | David Heitstuman  | vacant)              |

## CITY STAFF:

*Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation*  
*Lori Harder, Support Services Manager*  
*Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant*

**February 3, 2011**

**Historic City Hall Meeting Room  
915 I Street**

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

### Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011. All commissioners were present except Commissioner Hansen.

### Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

### Public Hearings

2. None

### Special Oral Presentation

3. None

### Consent Calendar

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item. (Guadiana/Cooke: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Guadiana, Heitstuman; Absent: Hansen, Beaver, Tamayo)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to reconsider the prior action to adopt the Consent Calendar for agenda items 4, 6 and 7. (Harris/Heitstuman: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver; Absent: Hansen)

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to adopt agenda items 4, 6 and 7 on the Consent Calendar. (Harris/Heitstuman: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver; Absent: Hansen)

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

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes for December 2, 2010

**Contact:** Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant, 808-8379

**Action:** Approved as mailed.

**5. Designation of New Synthetic Field at Hagginwood Park as "Grantland Johnson Field"**

**Location:** Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Support Staff Recommendation

**Contact:** Gary Hyden, Supervising Landscape Architect, 808-1949; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, 808-1955

Commissioner Cooke asked for clarification of City policy on naming park facilities in honor of individuals, and if the policy stated it has to be posthumously. Staff will clarify.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support naming the new synthetic field at Hagginwood Park "Grantland Johnson Field". (Tamayo/Hansen: Ayes: Azar, Rewers, Harris, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver, Smith; Abstain: Cooke; Absent: Hansen)

**6. River District Specific Plan and Financing Plan**

**Location:** Council District 1

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Contact:** Mary de Beauvieres, Principal Planner, 808-8722; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning & Development Manager, 808-1955

**Action:** Received and filed.

**7. Chemical Free Maintenance Pilot Program at Fremont Park**

**Location:** Council District 4

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Contact:** Shannon Brown, Parks Maintenance Manager, 808-4070; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

**Action:** Received and filed.

## Discussion/Action Reports

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

### **8. Parks and Recreation Commission Draft Annual Report**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and Comment

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

Commissioners discussed and gave input on the draft report. Comments included focusing on parks and recreation facilities as healthy and safe places, how parks affect property values, information on adopting parks and making contributions, Commissioner contact information, whether a list and/or map of all parks should be included, and to incorporate statements from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Chair Rewers and staff will incorporate changes, finalize and agendaize with the City Council.

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve the concepts in the draft annual report and incorporate comments made at this evening's meeting. (Harris/Heitstuman: Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver; Absent: Hansen)

### **9. Annual Nomination and Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Recommendation:** Nominate and Elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

**Action:** Commissioner Rewers was nominated to serve as the Chairperson, and was elected by a majority of those present. (Nominated by Harris and seconded by Guadiana. Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver; Absent: Hansen)

**Action:** Commissioner Cooke was nominated to serve as Vice Chairperson, and was elected by a majority of those present. (Nominated by Smith and seconded by Guadiana. Ayes: Azar, Cooke, Rewers, Harris, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Heitstuman, Beaver; Absent: Hansen)

### **10. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of January, February, and March, 2011**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

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

Director Combs highlighted upcoming programs, City budget processes, and a local California Park and Recreation Society Conference in early March.

## Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioners requested information on upcoming agenda items and the process to fill the commission vacancy for Council District 7. Chair Rewers requested a review of recreation-related budget reductions and an update on the status of the Parks and Recreation Commission's proposal for a Lighting and Landscape assessment for park

maintenance. Commissioner Tamayo requested an update from the Grassroots Working Group for a Sacramento County Regional Parks and Open Space Funding Initiative, particularly if community survey results have been obtained. Commissioner Harris stated he had been invited by Councilmember Cohn to attend a meeting on the design of a solar farm at Sutter's Landing Regional Park.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission