

**FINAL MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 13, 2005**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chair John Andrew at 7:08 p.m. on the above date at Pannell Meadowview Community Center, located at 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California 95832.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER2004 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the following amendments:

Page 5, CAC Members Ideas, Questions and Announcements, Paragraph 1 should read as follows:

“John Andrew reminded CAC members and staff the next regular CAC meeting will be held on January 13, 2005 at the Pannell Meadowview Community Center. Sheila DeBlonk commented that her community area would appreciate staff considering the North Natomas area for a possible future meeting location in 2005. Staff will research possible meeting sites.”

Page 5, CAC Members Ideas, Questions and Announcements, Paragraph 2 should read as follows:

“Jordan Lang thanked Jennifer Ragsdale, Administrative Officer with Parks and Recreation, for her assistance with developing a U.S. Soccer Foundation 24/7 grant application. Mr. Lang also acknowledged Greg Narramore, Recreation Superintendent, for his help in resolving a situation at Curtis Park whereby 275 youth were permitted to use the park’s fields, which overwhelmed the neighborhood with parking and other issues. Mr. Lang asked for two report backs: 1) on the existing sports field rehabilitation project at Granite Regional Park and the funding allocated for it, and 2) the timeline and work plan for completion of the Sports Field User Study Phase II per the Department’s Master Plan.”

Motioned: Guadiana
Seconded: White
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent:None

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sarah Soto-Taylor, Chair for the Southside Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA), presented the CAC with a letter voicing the association’s concerns regarding the contamination of Southside Park Lake. On behalf of SPNA and their concerned members, Ms. Soto-Taylor requested the CAC and City Staff respond to the following issues with a presentation to their association:

- How the contamination occurred and what is being done to correct the problem
- Contact information of the various city, county, and state departments involved with maintaining the condition of the lake
- A schedule of water quality monitoring efforts including the acceptable levels of pathogens
- Establishment of an appropriate notification process to neighborhood residents
- Commitment to ongoing efforts to improve the lake

Bob Overstreet, Director of Parks & Recreation, commented that it needs to be made clear what staff can do and cannot do to address some of these issues as most of the issues are related to health and utility concerns. Both the County Health Department and Department of Utilities have been updating the City Council on a regular basis on these very issues. Mr. Overstreet recommended to the CAC to take the citizen's request, and ask staff to determine who can answer these questions and how best to get this information back to the neighborhood.

Staff commented on efforts currently being done to improve the quality of the lake in partnership with the Department of Utilities. Several long-term approaches are being discussed and researched. Staff will be in contact with SPNA to discuss this information in further detail.

CAC members expressed their concerns with the situation particularly the lack of notification to the neighborhood regarding the contamination and suggested a plan needs to be put in place so if this situation should happen again, those facilities would close until they are proven not to be a public threat. Members voiced a need to deal with these issues adequately and in a timely manner, and a report back from City staff was requested. Bob Overstreet stated he would follow up with the appropriate departments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. ACCESS LEISURE PROGRAM

Annie Desalernos, Program Supervisor with the Department of Parks and Recreation, presented an overview of the Access Leisure Program with the Recreation and Human Services Division. Ms. Desalernos commented that the mission of Access Leisure is to provide and facilitate recreation programs and service for people with disabilities so as to optimize the experience of living. Through both recreational and competitive sports programs, social and leisure opportunities and camping experiences, Access Leisure provides a variety of programs and activities for participants to develop life long skills, self-confidence and create new friendships. Programs include social programs and dances, varied sports programs including wheelchair basketball, power soccer, goal ball and an open gym program.

Ms. Desalernos shared a video highlighting one of their programs, Track & Field A.C.T. ("Ability to Compete Together") Games as well as some additional information on other programs. Community volunteers are used on a regular basis to assist with various Access Leisure programs.

Ralph Pettingell, Recreation Manager with the Department of Parks and Recreation, commented that Access Leisure provides wonderful opportunities to the community. Mr. Pettingell thanked Ms. Desalernos and her staff for their hard work and efforts that contribute to the success of the program.

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. CONFIRM REVISED CAC MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2005

Meeting locations confirmed.

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Raya
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent:None

7. TRANSMITTAL OF PARK, PLANNING, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION'S NEW INFORMATION BROCHURE

Received and filed.

8. PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AND NAME FOR WESTHAMPTON PARK

The name "Westhampton Park" and park master plan supported.

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Raya
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent:None

9. STAFF RESPONSES ON CAC REQUESTS FOR REPORT BACKS

Chair John Andrew suggested the Department seek reimbursement from the State of California for the "O" & "K" Streets Mall maintenance responsibilities as part of the City's budget process. Chair Andrew asked staff to report back to the CAC to address what the actual impact is of the Freeport and Captain's Table projects on the Sacramento Greenway, particularly with the bikeway. George Raya, CAC Tree Subcommittee, commented on the following items: 1) the English Elm tree project is being drafted for City Council review sometime in March, 2) general discussion of the recent tree appeal hearing resulted in further research to look at what other City boards and commissions processes are and to particularly look at design and review procedures, 3) the potential of an Urban Forest CAC once the new Commission is officially formed is in the development stages. CAC members received an update from staff on the issuing of a pruning permit to Mr. Quinn.

Cindy Cook was concerned about the teen programming expansion at Sam Brannan Middle School being declined by school staff. Sylvia Fort, Recreation Superintendent with the Department of Parks and Recreation, offered to talk to the school principal again and will survey the youth at Belle Cooleage Library and/or Center regarding program activities.

Jordan Lang asked for an update on the Sports Field Study Phase 2. Staff indicated they are working on this and exploring the possibility of hiring a graduate student to be dedicated to this project.

George Raya asked for an update on the trees at Cabrillo Elementary School that were severely cut back. Staff responded they met with school district staff and discussed removing the trees and planting replacement trees. Staff will work with the school district to improve future pruning methods.

Dave Tamayo suggested staff consider a few upcoming conferences on tree maintenance and landscape architecture issues related to the Pest Management Program and will follow up with staff interested in more information.

10. INFORMATION ON PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR JIBBOOM STREET PARK

Received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS:

11. UPDATE ON INDEPENDENCE FIELD

Alan Boyd, Recreation Superintendent with the Department of Parks and Recreation, provided the CAC with an update on the development of Independence Field, a fully accessible little league baseball field at the Sam Pannell Meadowview Community Center. The field is scheduled to open on July 4, 2005. It is anticipated that various organizations serving people with disabilities will utilize the facility for programs in addition to those organized and operated by Access Leisure program. Boyd shared a design-drawing plan of the field with the CAC.

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Deglow asked for an update on resolving encroachment on City park property in his neighborhood as homeowners have taken no apparent action. Mr. Deglow suggested that if there is continued resistance by residents to remove the fences they put up on City property, that City staff propose a process to assess the homeowners until the encroachment is stopped.

George Raya shared a City tree brochure from 1968 titled, "The Right Tree in the Right Place," and the possibility of bringing back this concept with an updated brochure.

Deirdre Price commented that water meters were an issue at a previous Area Team meeting at which someone in the audience shared concerns about a potential increase in cost to water her heritage tree. Staff stated that most heritage trees require little water.

Cindy Cooke shared an article in the *Neighbors* section of the *Sacramento Bee* entitled "Park Plans Move Ahead" regarding park planning for "Gold Rush Park." The Gold Rush Park Project Foundation, who is heading the project, is in the process of having the neighborhoods surveyed to gather public input, and create a design and concept along with funding options for the park. Ms.

Cooke stated concerns about the CAC not being included in the process, and asked if staff were aware of this group and their plans. Bob Overstreet stated that staff has discussed the proposed park and will continue to watch the project.

Bill Maynard mentioned the American River Parkway group came to a recent neighborhood association meeting and shared their plans for the parkway. They are starting off a big project push on January 29, 2005 at Cal Expo. There will be tours all along the bike paths and trails. Mr. Maynard asked about the Sacramento Trapshoot Club at Del Paso Regional Park that was recently in the newspaper regarding the possibility of the City instead leasing the land to a car dealership. Bob Overstreet stated the City's Attorney Office made a ruling in the early 1990's that this land was not designated as parkland and was not part of the park.

Virginia Guadiana thanked staff for the work done at the corner of 47th Avenue & 24th Street and commented on how beautiful the area was landscaped.

Jordan Lang thanked the CAC for the opportunity to be part of this group, and get to know and work with this fine group of citizens as well as the Department staff.

George Raya expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Chair John Andrew's leadership.

The CAC agreed to cancel their February meeting and reconvene on March 3, 2005.

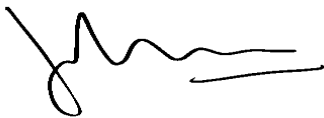
ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcy Tierce, Parks and Recreation

Approved:



John T. Andrew, Chair
Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation