

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SACRAMENTO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 3, 2006**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Cooke at 7:07 p.m. on the above date at the Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Sacramento CA 95817.
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		8	3

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT JULY 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Motion approved to add the following to the minutes for Item #8: Name and Master Plan Support for Meadows Park to include the addition of a second basketball court.

Motion made by: DeBlonk
Seconded: Williams
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lynn, Deglow, Pomer, Guadiana

Commissioner Williams requested the addition of his comment on Item #6 to which was a request that future report titles be more descriptive of the item to be presented.

4. APPOINT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee chairs for the standing committees of the Parks and Recreation Commission were appointed as follows:

Parks and Recreation Planning, Design and Development Committee: Brett Williams
Resource Development Committee: Sheila DeBlonk
Park Maintenance Services Committee: Virginia Guadiana
Programming Committee: Leo Lujan
Urban Forest Services Committee: George Raya

5. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Cindy Cooke was nominated for Chair, and Brett Williams was nominated for Vice Chair. Elections are to take place at the next regular meeting.

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Don Sronce distributed photos of the tennis courts at Reichmuth Park indicating perimeter weeds, and shrubs that had been pruned or removed and no longer provided a wind screen for the courts. Staff will follow up. Deacon Clark spoke to State budget action regarding fruits and vegetables, and encouraged the City of Sacramento to use its resources to get the word out about it as a way to address obesity. A representative from the Oak Park Little League requested support for a snack booth at McClatchy Park to help support the league, and stated concerns about the park restrooms being locked. Staff and Commissioners advised on the matter. Residents recommended the Department of Parks and Recreation rotate community center support staff.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. SUPPORT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2006 ROUND OF THE RECREATION TRAILS AND HABITAT CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAMS

Motion approved to support project recommendations for the 2006 round of the Recreation Trails and Habitat Conservation Grant Programs as contained in the agenda packet.

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded: Lujan
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Lynn, Deglow, Pomer

8. STATUS REPORT ON 24/7 SPORTS FIELDS AT GRANITE REGIONAL PARK

Janet Baker, Park Planning and Development Manager, reviewed actions, challenges, and actions to date. Commissioners requested Park Operations establish an interim wet weather policy for the existing turf field prior to the area going under construction. The relocation, construction and project timeline for the off-leash dog park was discussed. The design, development and management of the skate park was also discussed. Commissioners requested staff bring proposed management and operation policies for the new skate park to the Commission for input. It was recommended staff post project updates on the Department's website for more significant park development projects such as these.

9. OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION UPDATE

Dave Mitchell, Recreation Manager, gave an overview of the item as contained in the agenda packet.

STAFF REPORTS:

10. WORKSHOP ON THE DOCKS AREA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Laura Sainz, Senior Project Manager, City Economic Development Department, introduced the item. A consultant team reviewed the project, project timeline and public input process, land use alternatives, opportunities and challenges including proximity to freeways, the Sacramento River and levee, raising the site to the height of the levee, a north/south grade slope, and working with the existing Pioneer Reservoir.

Discussion with Commissioners centered on the location and balance of parks and open space to developed areas; maximizing river views; plans to activate the area by co-locating park space with a promenade and retail; how to design and activate the area to create a regional destination; engineering challenges with the levee and potential for water seepage; density; parking; traffic and traffic noise, and opportunities for public art.

Chair Cooke requested the future proposed promenade and park/open space placement and design be brought to the Commission for review and input.

11. NAMING WILLIAM LAND PARK SOFTBALL DIAMOND #4 FOR TOM DICKTAKES

Bob Fleming, Park Operations Manager, and Carol Haggerson, Park Supervisor, presented the item and confirmed the request is consistent with the City's park facility naming policy, there is sufficient funding to place a new sign at the field, and that the request is supported by the Land Park Community Association. Chair Cooke recommended all the ballfield signs be replaced at Land Park as they are in poor condition. Commissioners requested staff consider including biographical information on plaques or park signs for park and recreation facilities named for individuals.

Motion approved to support naming the William Land Park Softball Diamond #4 "Tom Dicktakes Field."

Motion made by: Williams
Seconded: Tamayo
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Price, DeBlonk, Guadiana
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lynn, Deglow, Pomer

12. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – GROWTH SCENARIO

Jim McDonald, City Planner, gave an update on the process and land use alternatives. Commissioners and staff discussed how policy on open space and public access would be determined; defining levels of service delivery such as those in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; how existing plans are or are not incorporated into the City's General Plan; density and the creation of smaller parks; overall concern with the update process in limiting discussion to three alternatives; the need for parks and green spaces in future higher density/high rise areas; and the lack of consideration for the community's future park and recreation needs.

The Commission expressed interest in sponsoring a public meeting on the General Plan Update in order to focus more specifically on parks and recreation as part of the overall process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Cooke suggested staff look at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton as a excellent example of how to design a first rate recreational venue within the confines of a less than desirable linear parcel, and the soccer fields drain water very well and have excellent quality natural turf.

ADJOURNMENT:

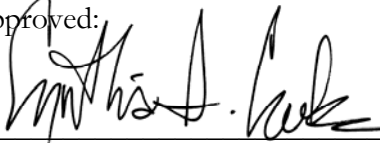
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission