

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2009

*Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street*

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

Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Historic City Hall located at 915 I Street. All members were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Mr. Marc Brandes commented on Rea Park and Muir Children's Park, and requested staff investigate outreach methods used in 2005/2006 to notify organizations near Muir Children's Park of park master plan meetings. Commissioners did not request any follow up or reportbacks.

Public Hearings

2. **None**

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Status of the Community Garden Program Review**
Dan Giammona, Park Operations Manager, spoke to the item. The Department of Parks and Recreation's Community Garden Program is under review in response to citizen and commissioner requests made at the August Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Mr. Giammona stated a series of meetings have occurred with gardeners, staff, and Commission members to discuss program management, guidelines, individual sites, public information, roles and responsibilities of staff and gardeners. Commissioners inquired about how garden plot vacancies will be addressed, and any restrictions placed on the J. Neely Johnson garden as Community Development Block Grant funding was used to develop it. Staff will continue to work on the item and return to the Commission in Spring 2010 with recommended changes.

Consent Calendar

4. **Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2009**
Location: Citywide
Recommendation: Approve commission minutes for October 1, 2009 (The November 5, 2009 meeting was cancelled.)
Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Guadiana/Deglow:
Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana)

5. Proposed 2010 Meeting Dates and Locations for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve proposed 2010 meeting dates and locations.

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to approve proposed 2010 meeting dates and locations. (Guadiana/Deglow: Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana)

6. Request to Place a Telecommunications Monopole in Reichmuth Park

Location: Council District 4

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager

Commissioners and staff discussed proposed mitigation for the monopole and how rent revenues would be used.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the placement of a telecommunications monopole in Reichmuth Park; that the rent revenue be used in Reichmuth Park to implement the park master plan, and that mitigation requirements for the placement of the monopole include tennis court improvements and more trees than currently proposed. (Cooke/DeBlonk: Ayes: Raya, Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana)

Discussion/Action Reports

7. Gender Equity in Youth Sports

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, 808-8958, Susan Vieth, Recreation Superintendent, 808-1575

Nell Hessel, Program Analyst, and Susan Vieth, Recreation Superintendent, reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed the State requirement to give equity to competitive sports of interest to girls; how the City of Sacramento will demonstrate efforts made to provide equal opportunity; field and sport facility inventory and quality assessments; use planning; marketing, outreach, and the tracking of the number of sports offerings vs. participation by girls; individual vs. team sports; recreation activities of interest to girls including running and walking clubs, climbing and aquatics; the need to provide safe places for girls to recreate, and the need to provide more running paths around lighted park amenities.

8. Adoption of the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and the National Recreation and Park Association National Environmental Stewardship Ethic

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support for Adoption

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

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support the adoption of the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and the National Recreation and Park Association

9. Permitting and Oversight of Events with Commercial Vendors

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

Contact: Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, 808-8958

Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, reviewed the item which focused on park events managed by the Sacramento Downtown Partnership (SDP). Michael Ault, SDP Executive Director, spoke to the review and permitting process with the City of Sacramento, the overall public benefit of events with sponsors and vendors, sponsor expectations in supporting events, and how on-site sponsorship opportunities are determined and managed. Commissioners inquired about City oversight and thanked the Mr. Ault and the SDP for their efforts to produce and manage public events in parks. Mr. Marc Brandes spoke to the business nature of the SDP and his opposition to certain commercial activities occurring during park events.

Commissioners did not request any further follow up or reportbacks.

10. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. November 2009 department highlights; B. December 2009 department highlights

Location: Citywide

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

Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke to State park bond grant opportunities and park and recreation items coming before the City Council in January.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioners thanked staff for their professionalism, responsiveness and customer service.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation