



Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS

George Azar
Jonathan Rewers
Jeff Harris

Cindy Cooke
Malachi Smith
Dave Tamayo

Araceli Mercado
Virginia Guadiana
David Heitstuman

Jay Hansen
Brandon Beaver

CITY STAFF:

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

April 7, 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.

Roll Call / Commissioner Introduction - Welcome Commissioner Araceli Mercado representing Council District 7

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Rewers at 7:08 p.m. All commissioners were present except Commissioner Heitstuman. Commissioner Mercado was introduced and welcomed to the group.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. To be announced

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 March 3, 2011

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

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

5. Gifts to Share, Inc. Services and Progress Report for 2008 – 2010

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

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

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

Discussion/Action Reports

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

6. Access Leisure Program, Sponsors and Partnerships

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Information

Contact: Annie Desalernos, Program Supervisor, 808-3809, Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, 808-8958

Staff reviewed services, events, partnerships and sponsorships, described challenges with public funding reductions, and described types of disabilities and customer groups served including veterans.

7. Status of Fiscal Year 2012 Partnership with Sacramento City Unified School District: Sacramento START, Passages and ASES

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Information

Contact: Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, 808-8958; Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Alan Tomiyama and Director Jim Combs gave an update on the item, and responded to Commissioner's questions regarding communications, agreements, timing of SCUSD's actions, any current school year disruption to services, any effects on other school districts, program evaluations, and any opportunities in SCUSD's process to request proposals for after school services.

8. Previous General Fund Reductions and Related Impacts on City Parks and Recreation Services

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

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

Staff and commissioners discussed the report in preparation for a broader discussion at next month's meeting when the upcoming fiscal year's proposed budget will be reviewed. Chair Rewers spoke to potential public safety impacts with reductions in youth services, and that continued funding reductions are causing the City Council to make policy decisions about dropping below baseline levels for basic City services. Commissioner Harris spoke to the increase in volunteerism in the face of service reductions.

9. Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Park Maintenance – Engineering Study and Process

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support Staff Recommendation for the Chair to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee

Contact: Jim Combs, Director, 808-8526

This item was discussed at the Commission's March meeting, and an ad hoc committee was recommended. Following a brief update, Director Combs requested the Commission assist staff with this project. Chair Rewers appointed Commissioners Harris, Beaver and Cooke to serve on the Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Park Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee. Staff will follow up with the committee.

10. Discuss Chairperson's Request Regarding Future Protection of City Parkland and Related Facilities

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and Comment

Contact: Jim Combs, Director, 808-8526

Director Combs introduced the item and spoke to measures other California cities have taken to protect parkland. Commissioners asked staff about measures the Commission could recommend to the City Council including a new ordinance, City Charter amendments, and/or any zoning considerations. Commissioners discussed current and future revenue streams generated from various uses of City parkland and open space and to incorporate this subject into the recommendation.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission chair to forward a letter to the City Council's Law and Legislation Committee to consider the adoption of an ordinance and, at the first opportunity, an amendment to the City Charter to permanently protect parkland from future sale. Further, that all revenues generated in parks and related facilities, including commercial uses within parks, be used for park and recreation purposes. (Harris/Hansen: Ayes: Hansen, Azar, Rewers, Harris, Cooke, Smith, Tamayo, Guadiana, Beaver, Mercado; Absent: Heitstuman)

11. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights of March and April, 2011

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs spoke to recent facility openings, conferences, and a workshop for citizens and organizations that want to volunteer to help maintain parks.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Hansen spoke to a successful volunteer clean-up effort in Southside Park, and that Councilmember McCarty was formulating an initiative tax the sale of sodas with proceeds benefitting youth programs. Chair Rewers requested staff seek input from the Commission on future proposed capital grant projects prior to City Council action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harder

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Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:



Jonathan Rewers, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission