

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 3, 2004**

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 7:12 p.m. on the above date at the South Natomas Community Center, located at 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento, California 95833.
2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, CITY STAFF, GUESTS

MEMBER	PLANNING AREA	Present	Absent
John Andrew	Chairperson, Planning Area 3- Pocket	X	
Cindy Cooke	Vice Chairperson, Member at Large	X	
George Raya	Planning Area 1- Central City	X	
Jordan Lang	Planning Area 2- Land Park	X	
Dave Tamayo	Planning Area 4- South Sacramento	X	
W. Ray White	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	
Vacant	Planning Area 10- North Natomas		X
Virginia Guadiana	Planning Area 11- Airport/Meadowview	X	
Vacant	Member at Large		X
Bill Maynard	Member at Large	X	
TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT- Quorum is 6 members		12	

Guests who attended the May 6, 2004 CAC meeting included John Shiels of the River Oaks Community Association and Dan Gorfain of Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 2004 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the following amendments:

Item 6, paragraph two, was changed to read "Comments from CAC included a note that Pocket Girls Softball had been overlooked in the Meadowview Area portion of the report, as was the Pocket Girls Softball's outreach to the Florin Girls Softball League; further comments included the need for greater field usage and more lit fields; school based programming is important as it is not as dependent on families providing transportation; and the multi-lingual approach is important."

The motion for Item 8 was changed to read "Motion to support Item 8."

The motion for Item 10 was changed to include only the names of those who motioned and seconded for the item to be tabled, rather than listing any ayes, nays, abstentions, or those absent, as no vote was taken.

Item 17, paragraph 3, was changed to read "There was considerable discussion by the CAC. Bob Overstreet, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, indicated departmental support for at least all of the Tier II and some amenities from Tier III. With further discussion, a motion was recommended by the CAC to support Tier IV so that parks can have complete amenities built in."

Amendment to CAC Members Ideas, Questions, and Announcements adds a comment by Leo Lujan stating that "Janet Jewell of the Department of Parks and Recreation was a wonderful representative of her department at the local neighborhood association meeting."

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

4. UPDATE ON THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION'S PROPOSAL TO BECOME A COMMISSION

The City Council's Law and Legislation Committee approved the proposal on May 18, 2004. Two specific issues were addressed by the Committee concerning the ability for a Council member to "call up" an appeal to be heard before the full City Council, and questions on membership and boundaries. This proposal is tentatively scheduled to be heard before the full City Council for final approval on Tuesday, June 29, 2004.

5. SCHEDULING OF FALL SEMI-ANNUAL PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES TOUR

A tentative date of Saturday, October 9, 2004, was selected for the Fall Semi-Annual Parks and Recreation Facilities Tour.

6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dan Gorfain of the Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway, raised concerns about planning and considerations for trails and public easements for recent developments like Freeport Water Intake Project and the Captain's Table Project. Mr. Gorfain feels that a more active role should be taken by the City in protecting public access and trails along the river.

Bob Overstreet, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded by stating the Sacramento River Greenway group has been helpful and involved. The Department of Parks and Recreation is becoming more proactive in the development review process and in working with the Planning Department. Staff will report back on the Freeport Water Intake Project and the Captain's Table Project, and report back on how the Department can take a more active role in public access issues.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FINANCIAL UPDATE

Marian Fahy, Accountant/Auditor for the Department of Parks and Recreation, reported that the FY 2004-2005 Parks and Recreation proposed new CIP budget is \$7.1 million. Those projects will bring the total CIP for the Department to approximately 165 active projects with a total budget of \$75 million from all sources.

In response to questions from the CAC, Ms. Fahy responded that Quimby funds are tracked by Community Planning Area, so funding can be used anywhere within that planning area. Park Impact Development Fees, however, must be used within a few miles of new development. The Land Park Trust fund could be used to rehabilitate restrooms in the park, and would be prioritized through the Park and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) process. However, the City's Facility Maintenance division and maintenance budget is generally rehabilitates restrooms in parks. Staff also stated that a few of the restrooms in Land Park have been improved in recent years.

8. 2004/2005 BUDGET ISSUE AREAS REPORT

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, reported that the proposed operating budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation for FY 2004/2005 includes reorganizations, new revenues, and reductions. The May 25, 2004 written report to Council on the Department's operating

budget was included as information for CAC members. The Department's operating budget will be heard before the full City Council for a vote within a few weeks of the June 3, 2004 CAC meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

9. REPORT BACK ON POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE APPLICANTS

Motion to support Item 9:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

10. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND RENAMING FLORIN RESERVOIR PARK TO THE DANNY NUNN MEMORIAL PARK AT FLORIN RESERVOIR

Staff recommended the CAC review a proposal to rename Florin Reservoir Park in honor of Danny Nunn. Staff also recommended the renaming request be postponed until at least one year from the date of Mr. Nunn's passing, October 16, 2003, which is consistent with the City's Council approved renaming policy; and until approximately \$15,000 in funding has been secured to replace existing signage for the park.

CAC members recommended the item be tabled until the October 2004 CAC meeting in order to meet the criteria of the City's renaming policy, and in order to investigate ways to raise funding to replace park signage in honor of Mr. Danny Nunn.

Motion to table item until the October 2004 meeting:

Motioned: Deglow
Seconded: Pomer

11. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION ON LAND PARK GROUP PICNIC AREA

Motion to support Item 11:

Motioned: Guadiana
Seconded: Cooke
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. WORKSHOP ON 2004 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT

Ms. J.P. Tindell, Department of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultant, asked CAC members to review the draft Policy Chapter of the Master Plan regarding financing; open space; planning; design and development; and the regional system.

CAC members raised questions about the open space section of the draft policy chapter. Questions about open space included how service level goals relate to open space. Staff responded by stating that financial plans and development agreements must be lined up ahead of time so that both goals can be met. The size of the buffers also affects the financing of the agreements and has an effect on service level goals. CAC members also suggested that in addition to stating that the regional system of open space provides “community separators,” that they should also be considered “community connectors.” Comments were also received that regional parks should be in a completely different category than open space because they are such different types of parkland and should not be lumped together.

CAC members will review the rest of the draft policy chapter and return comments to J.P. by June 18, 2004.

Chair John Andrew stated that a draft CAC cover letter for the Master Plan will be provided for CAC review at the July 15, 2004 meeting.

13. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BIKEWAY MASTER PLAN

Ed Cox, Department of Transportation, presented this item to the CAC. Mr. Cox plans on and off street biketrail alignments throughout the City of Sacramento. The three categories of bikeways are: off-street (separated from motor vehicles), on-street (bike lane next to traffic), and neighborhood/residential streets (cyclists use entire street/lane with cars). The proposed amendments to the current Bikeway Master Plan include more trails in the City’s new growth areas including North Natomas, South Sacramento, and Southeast Sacramento. The proposed amendments affect four City Community Plans and therefore must have City Council approval in order to move forward.

Motion to support Item 13:

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

14. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND QUIMBY AVERAGE LAND VALUE RECALCULATION

Staff reviewed proposed new Average Land Values by Community Planning Area to be utilized as an option for the calculation of Quimby Ordinance in-lieu fees when parkland dedications are determined by the City not to be the preferred option.

Motion to support Items 14:

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

15. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND DRAFT CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING PUBLIC USE OF PARKS

This item was continued to the July 15, 2004 CAC meeting.

CAC MEMBERS IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The August 5, 2004 CAC meeting has been tentatively rescheduled to August 19, 2004.

Prior to the regularly scheduled July 15, 2004 CAC meeting at the Southside Park Clubhouse, a tour of the Southside Park Community Garden will be held. Those interested should arrive by 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The CAC meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christie Benavides, Parks and Recreation

Approved:

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