

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

**REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2006**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Commissioner DeBlonk at 7:12 p.m. on the above date at Regency Park Elementary School Library, 5901 Bridgecross Drive, Sacramento CA 95835.

2. Introduction of Commission Members, City Staff and 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		9	2

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

Approved as mailed.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Two North Natomas residents asked for the status of developing Alder Park, as the undeveloped site is subject to illegal dumping among other nuisances. Staff responded that

construction of the park will be re-bid in January, and the park will be developed thereafter.

SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

5. OVERVIEW OF NORTH NATOMAS PARK OPERATIONS

Eddie Saenz, Park Supervisor for North Natomas, reviewed his current staffing level, work assignments and operations, and gave contact information to Commissioners and citizens at the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

6. SUPPORT MASTER PLAN FOR DIXIEANNE PARK

Dennis Day, Senior Landscape Architect, reviewed the proposed master plan. Commissioners, staff and citizens discussed pedestrian safety, skatepark design, pathways, projected use patterns and gathering spots.

Motion approved to support the proposed Dixieanne Park Master Plan.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL PARK SAFETY SIGNAGE

Commissioners and staff discussed wording, contact information and design. Staff will follow and up return in December with a final draft.

Motion approved to continue the item to the Commission's next regular meeting.

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

8. SUPPORT A PROPOSITION 50 WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

Motion approved to support the development of a proposal for the 2007 round of the State Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Program for irrigation infrastructure improvements.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

9. CITY OF SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM UPDATE

Bill Maynard, Community Garden Coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation, presented the item. Commissioners and staff discussed City and school partnerships, sharing City standards with school districts, outreach and multi-lingual efforts to engage diverse populations, and gardening areas planned in Ninos Parkway.

10. AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY PLAN UPDATE

Sunny Williams, American River Parkway Plan Update Project Manager for Sacramento County, reviewed the timeline and process to date and various issues, goals and objectives that have been considered. Commissioners discussed trail uses and remaining land issues. The plan will be presented to local elected officials in January 2007.

11. PROPOSED OPERATING POLICIES FOR THE GRANITE REGIONAL PARK SKATEPARK

Commissioners, staff, and skatepark advocates involved in the project discussed overall operations, security, safety, potential for clinics, projected use patterns, gender equity, and allowing rollerblades, BMX bikes, and/or "razors" (small manual scooters) in the facility. Current and proposed State law regarding liability was also discussed.

Motion approved to support proposed six month pilot operating policies and plans for the Regional Skatepark Facility at Granite Regional Park as outlined in the staff report.

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

12. HERITAGE TREE HEARING AND APPEAL PROCESS OVERVIEW

Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, reviewed the City's ordinance, hearing and appeal process with the Commission.

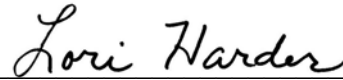
COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tamayo requested the Park Operations Committee meet to formulate a proposed Department policy for integrated pest management with staff, and discussed the occurrence of severe tree topping and pruning in the community and the role of Urban Forest Services in prevention. Commissioner Raya requested supporters of "Gold Rush Park" be invited make a presentation at a future Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

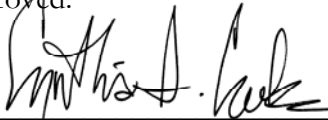
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission