

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
April 5, 2007**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on the above date at George Sim Community Center, 6207 Logan Street, Sacramento CA 95824.
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		<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2007 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The March 2007 draft meeting minutes were approved as mailed.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION UPDATE

Chair Cooke and Vice Chair Williams met with the facilitator and staff to further discuss desired outcomes, specific directives and agenda development in regards to upcoming planning session. The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2007, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Further details and location information will follow.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Irene Rowland, who lives adjacent to George Sim Park, spoke to several issues regarding the park including disruptive noise levels in the evenings, garbage being thrown in her yard, the chain link fence near her property line, and suggested that lights would be helpful at both ends of the community center. Staff is aware of the problems and will follow up.

Mr. Ron Emslie spoke to the broken and/or missing furniture issue at Oak Park Community Center and a lack of sufficient seating space within the center. Mr. Emslie also spoke to maintenance issues at McClatchy Park; specifically regarding the issue of broken lights taking too long to be repaired. Ms. Clara McKeitheren also shared concerns with the broken and/or missing furniture at Oak Park Community Center as well as requested that staff and volunteers working at the center wear name badges so visitors can easily identify those individuals. Staff will follow up on these concerns.

Ms. Genny LaMore spoke to the need for dog parks for small dogs or separate areas in existing dog parks for both small and large dogs. Staff reported there are proposed future dog park sites which will address this issue. Chair Cooke recommended requesting the additional dog park needs through the Department of Parks and Recreation Master Plan update process and working with her neighborhood association to assist with these efforts.

**SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

6. OVERVIEW OF WILLIAM LAND PARK AND PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL CITY PARK OPERATIONS

Carol Stiver, Park Supervisor, gave a brief description of her background and reviewed her responsibilities including the parks under her supervision. Commissioners discussed the need for a parks responsibility list, concerns with balloons and streamers being left in trees after events at Land Park, an update on the pond conditions at Southside Park, and thanked staff for improvements completed at Belle Cooleage Park.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

7. PARK DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENCY WITH THE GREENPRINT INITIATIVE

Vice Chair Williams asked staff for clarification on how future master plans will reflect being consistent with the “Greenprint Initiative” and whether that information will be noted in a staff report or directly on the master plan itself or perhaps both report and master plan. J.P. Tindell, Interim Planning & Development Manager, said she will work with staff to identify where this information should be recorded and follow up with the Commission.

8. COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO GRANT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COVER THE KIDS (CTK) SACRAMENTO’S HEALTH INITIATIVE

Motion approved to support the grant application for the expansion of Cover the Kids Health Initiative.

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

9. PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL GRANT REPROGRAMMING

Received and filed.

10. URBAN FOREST SERVICES AUTOMATED WORK ORDER AND INVENTORY PROGRAM UPDATE

Vice Chair Williams asked for clarification on the software application options being proposed for the inventory program. Joe Benassini, Urban Forest Manager, briefly reviewed with the Commission the two software program options available to the City, the benefits each program has to offer, evaluation of cost effectiveness, and compatibility to interface with any future phases to city-wide applications.

Commissioner Raya asked for a brief update from Mr. Benassini regarding the Urban Forest Enhancement Program. Mr. Benassini reviewed the implementation of Phase I and Phase II of the program including timeline and funding pieces of each phase, and stated that once the software is in place the tree inventory process can begin. Additional funding resources will be needed for the implementation of Phase III.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

### 11. SACRAMENTO START EVALUATION

Mike Newlin, Evaluation Director at Duerr Evaluation Services, reported on the highlights of the 2005/06 START program evaluation findings including the purpose of the evaluation, evaluation data elements, participation levels, academic achievements, attendance records, and student behavior findings. Commissioners discussed with Mr. Newlin existing State benchmarks which could assist in improving overall proficiencies and academic achievements, increasing performance levels, and possible expansion of next year's scope of evaluation process. Chair Cooke commented on the good job and benefits of the START program, and to the possibility of program expansion.

### 12. SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Dave Mitchell, Recreation Manager, updated the Commissioners on the on-going efforts to strengthen relationships and improve the delivery of services in recreation programming for the Southeast Asian community. Staff has partnered with the United Hmong, Mien and Lao Community Against Gang Violence Taskforce (HML Taskforce) to establish an Ad-hoc Committee to create a plan of action, provide more diverse recreation programming, encourage additional job opportunities for youth, develop a greater sense of trust, and improve the marketing of programs and events. In addition, the HML Taskforce is creating a Youth Advisory Committee, which will meet regularly with staff to further discuss these issues.

Commissioners discussed the need to ensure that staff has training in customer service skills needed to welcome the Asian community, introducing programs with a focus on community cultures, hiring staff that reflect the community, and developing partnerships with the community colleges to help with these efforts.

Staff will report back to the Commission with an update as well as expanding efforts to the north area community in the near future.

### 13. CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER UPDATE

J.P. Tindell, Interim Planning & Development Manager, provided a brief update on the status of the City's participation in the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) project. Ms. Tindell and Commissioners discussed site selection, land acquisition, project costs, financial benefits to the City, evaluation by the State for other potential sites within the Sacramento area, and possibly partnering with the Indian gaming community.

City staff will be meeting to develop recommended next steps and can return to the Commission with another update.

**COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Mitchell, Recreation Manager, announced there will be a presentation next month at George Sim Community Center to review with the community the upcoming Center expansion project including plans and design concept.

Vice Chair Williams commented on the good repair job done to one of the bowls at Granite Regional Park's skate park. Commissioner Tamayo commented on the on-going need for additional smaller skate parks in City parks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

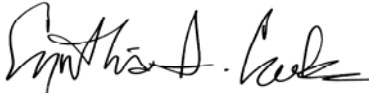
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Marcy Tierce, Administrative Analyst  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



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Cindy Cooke, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission