

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

**REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2007**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Cooke at 7:02 p.m. on the above date at City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, 915 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814.

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		10	1

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

The December 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as mailed.

4. CONFIRM 2007 MEETING LOCATION SCHEDULE

The meeting scheduled was accepted by the Commission as outlined in the agenda packet.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bill Grant spoke to senior citizen abuse allegations at the Hart Senior Center and distributed a document he had written to Commissioners and staff.

SPECIAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

6. OVERVIEW OF DOWNTOWN PARK MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

Roger Brown, Park Supervisor, gave contact information and reviewed his responsibilities including the parks and plazas under his supervision. Commissioners and staff discussed future downtown residential development and how downtown parks and park usage may change as a result, and discussed Muir Park playground renovation, use, programming and public outreach process.

7. GOLD RUSH PARK PROPOSAL

Mr. Joe Genshlea and Mr. Bob Waste, representing the Gold Rush Park Foundation, gave a presentation on a proposed "Gold Rush Park" along the southern border of the American River in the City limits. The presentation included the vision, concept, design elements, results of a public survey, economic benefits, residential and commercial financing component, land acquisition strategy and comparisons to large regional parks in other cities.

Commissioners, presenters and staff discussed the overall proposal including how it relates to the General Plan Update process, future placement of a zoo, how other cities with large regional parks fund development and operations, and the perceived challenges for Sacramento.

Commissioners requested staff reportback on whether or not the Commission can agendize and take action on initiatives such as this that come from the community. Staff will reportback at the next regular meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

8. FISHERMAN'S LAKE PARKWAY MASTER PLAN

Commissioner Williams and staff discussed park, open space, and storm water obligations or credits required of the developer. Commissioners Williams and Tamayo requested further information on how park master plans and habitat areas adhere to the Sacramento Tree Foundation's "Greenprint" Plan in plant and tree selection, and other environmental and wildlife protection policies and related public and interest group outreach efforts. Commissioner Williams recommended such policies and plans be included in future master plan reports. Staff will follow up.

Motion approved to support the master plan for Fisherman's Lake Parkway.

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

9. MARSHALL PARK UPDATED MASTER PLAN

A representative of the Marshall School Neighborhood Association spoke to the public meeting process in that a miscommunication had occurred and residents anticipate a final public meeting to see all proposed design elements together in one plan. The master plan development process, and proposed design and location of future amenities including a fountain and walkways, demographics and needs of the neighborhood were discussed. The neighborhood association representative and Commissioner Raya requested staff conduct a public meeting to show the final elements of the proposed master plan.

Motion approved to table the item until a community meeting is held for final input on the proposed master plan.

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

10. WESTLAKE COMMUNITY PARK PHASE 2 MASTER PLAN

Motion approved to support the Westlake Community Park Phase 2 Master Plan.

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

11. SWAINSON'S HAWK PARK (PARK 2A) MASTER PLAN

Motion approved to support the renaming of Park 2A to Swainson's Hawk Park and to support the park master plan.

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

STAFF REPORTS:

12. REPORTBACK ON THE REQUEST FOR A McCLATCHY PARK SNACK SHACK

Janet Baker, Operations Manager, stated that staff will work with the Oak Park Little League and look at a temporary snack facility for this year, and return with funding recommendations for a permanent structure.

13. SMOKING BAN IN CITY OF SACRAMENTO PARKS

Mark Prestwich, City Special Projects Manager, briefed the Commission on a forthcoming staff report requested by Councilmember Sheedy regarding the issue of considering an ordinance banning smoking in City parks. Commissioners discussed enforcement challenges, consideration to ban other sources of smoke such as barbeques, how this proposal addresses health issues including asthma, and how the ban could reduce litter in parks. Mr. Prestwich will incorporate the Commission's comments in a future staff report to Council.

14. K STREET STREETScape AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Melissa Anguiano, City Economic Development Project Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed improvements. Commissioners discussed the challenges of urban plaza design on K Street, funding and maintenance needs, overall sequencing of completing building improvements with new plaza elements to reduce disruption and the need to repair the plaza space, public seating needs, concerns the plan reduces needed green space and the importance of keeping a park feel through natural vegetation and use of deciduous trees (shade in summer and sun in winter). Commissioners referred the item to the Sacramento Youth Commission for input, and spoke to a study that found how such plans can design teenagers out of public places.

15. ALL WEATHER SPORT FIELD FEE STRUCTURE UPDATE – GRANITE REGIONAL PARK

Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, reviewed the item and staff recommendations.

Commissioners voiced concern about the need for a perimeter fence with the upcoming opening of the All Weather Field, and for staff to reportback on fencing options and costs. Chair Cooke stated user groups had not had opportunity for input into the proposed fee structure, raised concerns regarding compliance with a grant agreement with the United States Soccer Foundation, and discussed fee structures for similar fields in the regional area.

Mr. Jordan Lang, representing Sacramento United Youth Soccer, distributed an alternative fee proposal including recommended use of fee revenue which was reviewed and discussed by Commissioners.

Cassandra Jennings, Assistant City Manager and Interim Parks and Recreation, stated staff would address the fencing issue, evaluate Mr. Lang's proposal, and meet with local soccer groups prior to the opening of the field later this month.

Motion failed to support the proposed fee structure as distributed by Mr. Jordan Lang on behalf of the Sacramento United Soccer Club.

Motion made by: Raya
Seconded: Cooke
Ayes: Raya, Cooke, Deglow, DeBlonk
Nays: Tamayo, Williams, Lujan, Guadiana
Abstain: Price
Absent: Pomer

Motion approved to not support staff's recommended fee structure as outlined in the agenda packet.

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

Janet Baker committed to meet with soccer groups prior to proposing a fee structure to City Council, to further research fee structures in the regional area, to further evaluate a perimeter fence and related cost, and to re-evaluate the City's fee structure on an annual basis.

COMMISSIONERS' IDEAS, QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

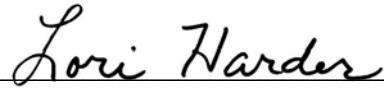
Commissioner Raya requested that larger contractual items be shared with the Commission such as the renewed billboard lease with lease revenues benefiting Sutter's Landing Regional Park. Chair Cooke announced that enforcement of new parking restrictions in William Land Park had

begun with the beginning of the spring semester for Sacramento City College students. Commissioner Williams requested consideration for an earlier opening time for the skatepark at Granite Regional Park, and for more than one portable restroom. Staff will follow up. Commissioner Tamayo spoke to the need for further engagement with Hmong/Mien/Lao populations in the south area including consideration for programming, employment and/or events. He can recommend a representative to speak to the Commission in future. Recreation staff will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

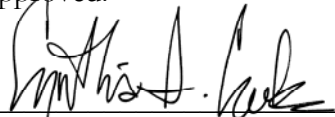
The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved:



Cindy Cooke, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission