

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2008

*Historic City Hall, Hearing Room
915 I Street*

Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:06 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at Historic City Hall, Commission Hearing Room, located at 915 I Street. All members were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

2. None

Special Oral Presentation

3. **Department of Parks & Recreation’s Employee of the Year – Presented by Jim Combs, Director**

Director Jim Combs reviewed the Department’s Employee Recognition Program, and introduced the first “Employee of the Year” under the program, Ms. Angie Galieote, Administrative Technician. Mr. Combs highlighted Ms. Galieote’s excellent customer service skills, her ability to work smoothly across department operations on a variety of business items, and her positive attitude. Commissioners thanked her for her service.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar were approved by all in attendance upon one motion made by Commissioner Pomer, seconded by Commissioner Guadiana.

4. **Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2008**

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for October 2, 2008

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

Action: Approved without changes.

5. **Support an Application for a Proposition 84 River Parkways Grant for Acquisition of Property for the Sacramento River Parkway**

Location: Riverside Boulevard, Council District 7

Recommendation: Support an application for a Proposition 84 River Parkways Grant for an addition of property for the Sacramento River Parkway

Contact: Camille Wise, Resource Development Specialist, 808-8830

Action: Application supported

6. Pioneer Landing Name and Master Plan

Location: Front & R Streets, Riverfront Promenade, Planning Area 1, Council District 4

Recommendation: Support naming R Street Park as “Pioneer Landing” and Pioneer Landing Master Plan

Contact: Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633

Action: Park Name and Master Plan Supported

Discussion/Action Reports

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

7. Amendment to City Code to Increase Penalty to Harm or Abandon Wildlife in City Parks

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support proposed amendment to the City Code increasing the penalty to a misdemeanor to kill, chase, wound or capture any wild or domestic bird or animal in a city park; or to abandon any animal in a city park

Contact: Alan Tomiyama, Community Recreation and Special Event Services Manager, 808-8958

Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, introduced the item. Mr. Craig Powell, Park Committee Chair with the Land Park Community Association, and Ms. Lisa Nava, District Director for Councilmember Robert Fong, also spoke to the item. The need for the recommendation arose through acts of poaching within William Land Park. Commissioners, staff and guests discussed the overall issue, public education efforts, cultural awareness concerns, enforcement efforts, and the recommended increases to penalties. Separately, increasing penalties for abandoning animals in City parks was discussed, whether or not the proposed penalty was too severe, and whether or not to separate the two issues and focus more attention on poaching issues.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to support a proposed amendment to the City Code increasing the penalty to a misdemeanor to kill, chase, wound or capture any wild or domestic bird or animal in a city park; or to abandon any animal in a City park. (Tamayo/Guadiana; Ayes: Lynn, Lujan, Deglow, Cooke, Tamayo, Price, Guadiana, Noes: Raya, Pomer, DeBlonk)

8. *Parks and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan: Finance Plan & Priorities*

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Support the finance plan recommendations for continued implementation of the adopted *Parks and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan*

Contact: Jonathan Rewers, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590

Jonathan Rewers reviewed the item. Commissioners and staff discussed specific

projects, and the Proposition 1C funding.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to finance plan recommendations for continued implementation of the adopted *Parks and Recreation Safety Implementation Plan* (DeBlonk/Deglow; Ayes: Lynn, Lujan, Deglow, Cooke, Tamayo, Price, Guadiana, Raya, Pomer, DeBlonk)

9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. October 2008 department highlights; B. November 2008 department highlights

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment

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

Director Combs reviewed parks and recreation event and program highlights.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner Price noted that an informal senior program has begun at the South Natomas Community Center, and requested staff promote the dates and times.

Commissioner Tamayo requested staff make a presentation on the Integrated Pest Management Program.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation